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# MEDICAL ETHICS in 2024

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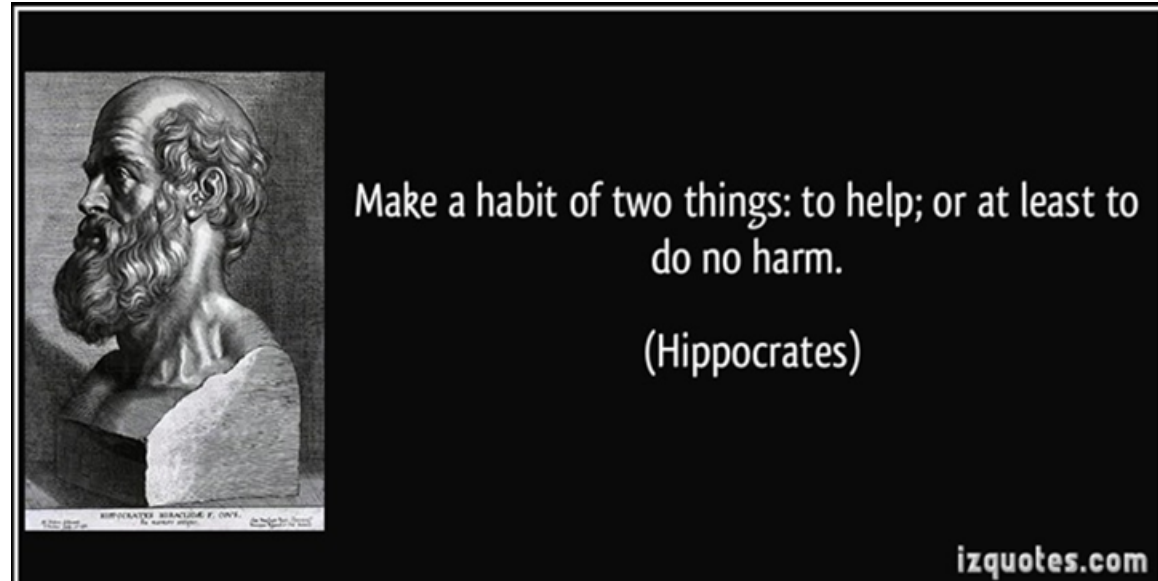
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## MEDICAL ETHICS – 370 BC to 2024 AD

### Hippocratic Oath



A statue of the physician Hippocrates in Larissa, Greece (460 - 370 BC)





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## MEDICAL ETHICS in 2024 Guidelines, Rules & Laws

- Hippocratic Oath
- Nuremberg Code
- The Constitution of South Africa
- SA National Health Act 61 of 2003
- HPCSA Ethical Rules and Guidelines

## MEDICAL ETHICS in 2024

### HPCSA Ethical Rules and Guidelines

- 17 Booklets - <http://www.hpcsa.co.za/Conduct/Ethics>
- Booklet 1 - General Ethical Guidelines for Good Practice.
  1. Respect for persons
  2. Best interests or well-being: Non-maleficence
  3. Best interest or well-being: Beneficence
  4. Human rights
  5. Autonomy
  6. Integrity



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## HPCSA Ethical Rules and Guidelines

### ➤ Booklet 1 - General Ethical Guidelines for Good Practice (continued)

- 7. Truthfulness
- 8. Confidentiality
- 9. Compassion
- 10. Tolerance
- 11. Justice
- 12. Professional competence and self-improvement
- 13. Community



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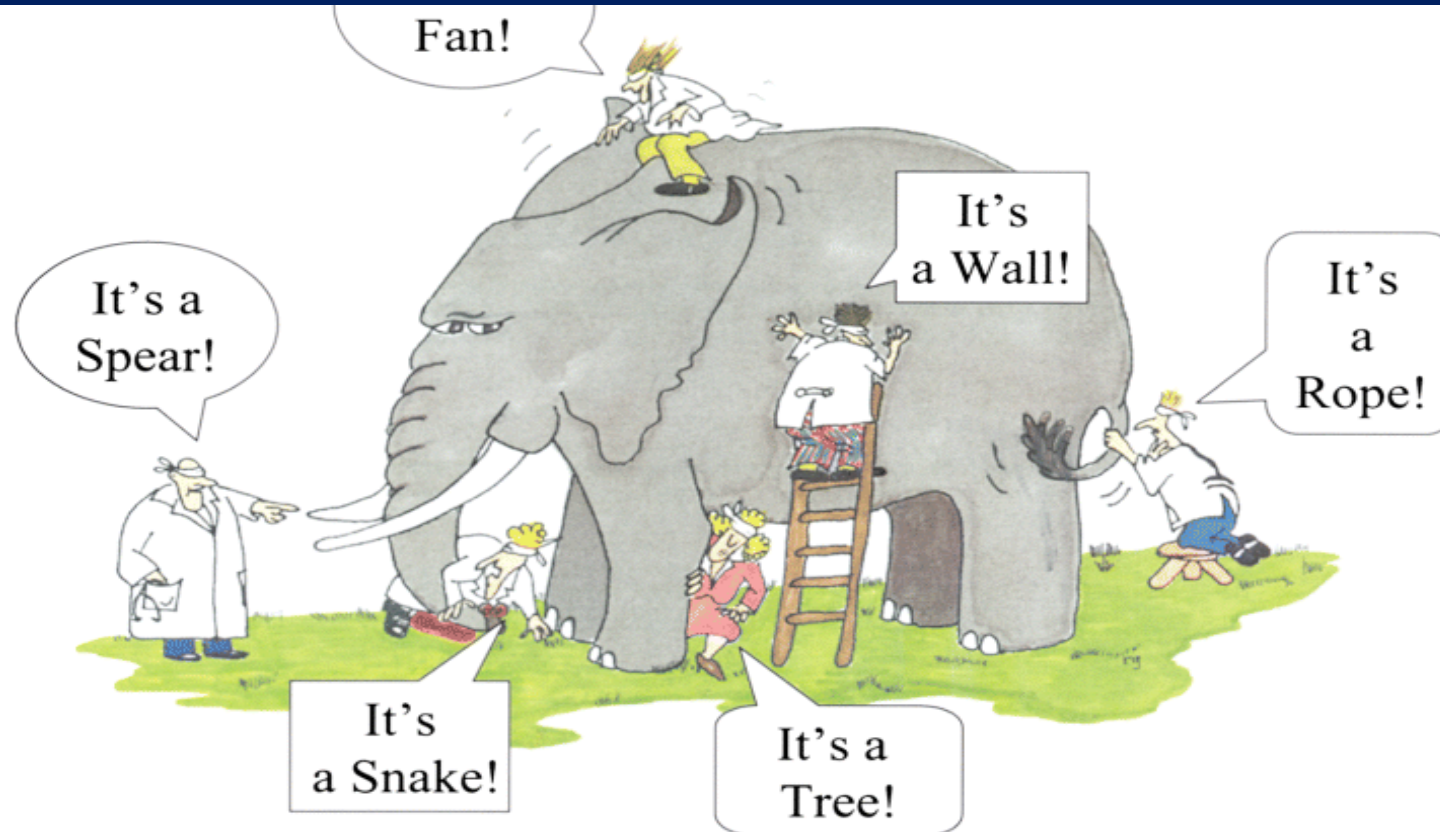
## Foundational Guiding Principles

wrt A: ALL Patients    B: ALL of Humanity    C: SELF

1. Truth
2. Reason
3. Respect
4. Love

## ETHICAL DILEMMA

### Covid Pandemic Declared by WHO - 11 March 2020





## TIMELINE OF RELEVANT EVENTS

- 11 March 2020 – Covid-19 Pandemic Declared by WHO
- 15 March 2020 – RSA National State of Disaster Declared by State President
- 31 December 2020 – **Pfizer 2 Month Study in NEJM (95% Protection Claimed)**
- 26 January 2021 – **GMO Act – New Regulations by Minister for Agriculture**
- 28 February 2021 – Pfizer Post-authorization Adverse Event Reports (1223 Died)  
(Abortion/Foetal Death 84%)
- 1 April 2021 – **Pfizer RSA Agreement Signed by DG Dept of Health**
- 17 May 2021 – Pfizer Vaccine Rollout in South Africa
- 25 January 2022 – Pfizer's "GMO Vaccine" Full Approval by SAHPRA (no further data)
- 15 May 2024 – NHI Bill Signed into Law – State President
- 27 May 2024 – WHO Pandemic Treaty
- 2020 to 2024 – **Behavioural Science Strategies "Safe and Effective" Mantra**





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## MEDICAL ETHICAL TRANSGRESSIONS

### Are Covid-19 Vaccines Effective? 31/12/2020

#### CLAIM

31 December 2020 - Pfizer 2 Month RCT - NEJM (95% Protection Against Covid-19)

#### Efficacy Calculation of 95%

Diagnosis of Covid-19 (PCR Positive)

#### Vaccinated

8 people

#### Placebo

162 people

#### IN REALITY – Pfizer's Data Shows:

#### In Week 4 Only (1 of the $\pm$ 8 weeks)

ILL with Covid-19 Symptoms

#### Vaccinated (17999)

10,439 people (58%)

#### Placebo (17974)

3,775 people (21%)

ILL with Severe Covid-19 Symptoms

684 people (3.8%)

No not disclosed (but <1%)

(severe = prevent daily activity / hospitalised or in bed at home)



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## MEDICAL ETHICAL TRANSGRESSIONS

### Are Covid-19 Vaccines Safe ? 31/12/2020

#### **CLAIM: First 2 Months**

31 December 2020 - Pfizer 2 Month RCT - NEJM (Claimed Similar Safety to Others)

#### **IN REALITY (i.e. Pfizer's own data):**

	<b><u>Vaccinated</u></b>	<b><u>Unvaccinated</u></b>
Any Adverse Events 2 months	<b>4484</b> people	<b>1095</b> people
Severe Adverse Events 2 months	<b>240</b> people	<b>139</b> people
Serious Adverse Events 2 months	<b>126</b> people	<b>111</b> people
<b>Death by 6 Months</b>	<b>20</b> people	<b>14</b> people



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## ETHICAL TRANSGRESSIONS BY RSA GOVERNMENT

### Did you know that Covid-19 “Vaccines” are GMOs?

#### GMO Act 1997-2006. GMO Regulations 26 January 2021.

- **“Organism”** means a biological entity, cellular or noncellular, capable of metabolism, replication, reproduction or of transferring genetic material.
- **“Genetically modified organism”** means an organism the genes or genetic material of which has been modified in a way that does not occur naturally through mating or natural recombination or both.
- **26 January 2021 - New GMO Regulations by Minister for Agriculture.** Not required to inform the public “of genetically modified organisms aimed at addressing, preventing and combating the spread of a pandemic in an instance where a national state of disaster has been declared”



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## ETHICAL TRANSGRESSIONS BY RSA GOVERNMENT Pfizer Agreement with RSA Govt - 01/04/2021

### 1 April 2021 – Pfizer RSA Agreement Signed by DG Dept of Health

- **Aspirational Product** – “Pfizer’s efforts to develop and manufacture the Product are aspirational in nature, and subject to significant risks and uncertainties.”
- **Effectiveness Unknown** – “The long-term effects and efficacy of the vaccine are not currently known. May not be successful due to technical, clinical, regulatory, manufacturing, shipping, storage, or other challenges or failures”
- **Safety Unknown** – “The long-term effects and of the vaccine are not currently known and there may be adverse effects of the vaccine that are not currently known.”
- **Specifications Not Disclosed** – “Attachment A - Specifications” Not attached to agreement.



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## ETHICAL TRANSGRESSIONS BY RSA GOVERNMENT

Insertion of AUTHORITY into  
Medical Ethics, the Scientific Method and Human Rights

- Fearmongering
- Demands for adherence to authority
- Demands for doctors to abandon clinical judgement, reasoning and research
- Censorship of free speech - deplatforming
- Punishment of those who follow their ethical duties
  - Ad hominem attacks / Discrediting / HPCSA disciplinary charges



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## ETHICAL TRANSGRESSIONS BY UK GOVERNMENT

Dr Sidley: UK Government: Behavioural Science Strategies to Mislead Citizens,  
Subconsciously “Nudging” them to Conform to Official Policies

- The official policies harmed the health and human rights of citizens in favour of the interests of Government:-
  - 1. These strategies bypassed natural defence mechanisms by going in under the radar, manipulating citizens without their knowledge or understanding of the fact that they were being manipulated. This violated their right to informed consent.
  - 2. The beliefs and behaviours into which they were being manipulated, although allegedly based on science, were in fact based on flawed modelling, i.e. speculation.



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Dr Sidley: UK Government employed behavioural science strategies to mislead their citizens, subconsciously nudging them to conform to official policies

- The official policies harmed the health and human rights of citizens in favour of the interests of Government (cont):-
  - 3. Information that was foundational to public acceptance of the intended beliefs and behaviours, which was alleged to be confirmed medical/scientific fact, was in fact false.
- In other words, apart from subconscious manipulations of citizens' beliefs and behaviours, the Government lied to them.





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**APPRECIATE the PROFOUND POWER  
of HUMAN RIGHTS**

**FROM WHAT POWER ARE HUMAN RIGHTS DERIVED?**

GOD



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## ETHICAL VIOLATIONS BY GOVERNMENTS

### UNDERSTAND

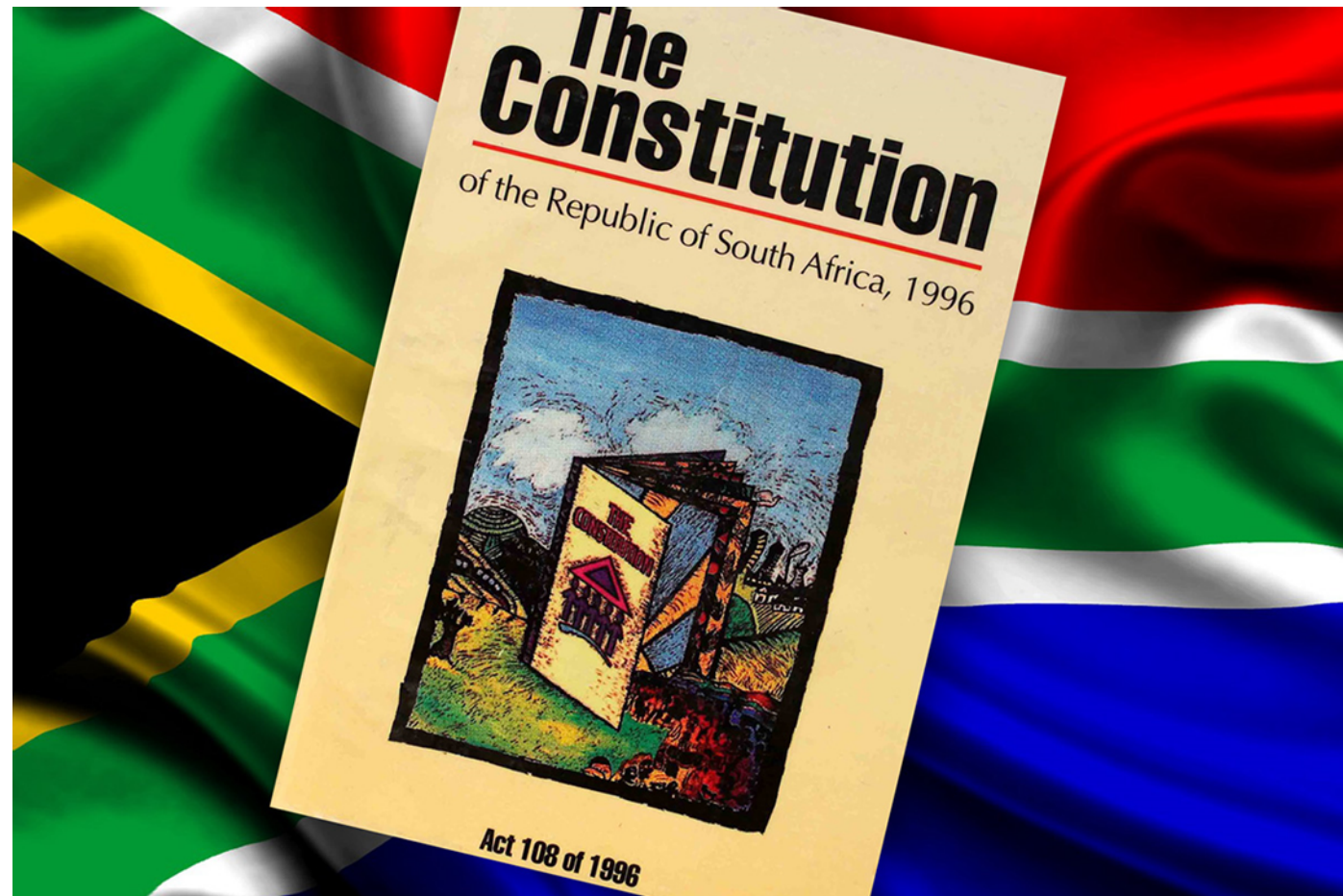
1. Can human rights given by other humans? **NO!**
2. Can human rights be removed by other humans? **NO!**
3. Can human rights be violated by other humans? **YES!**
4. Can human rights be protected by law? **YES!**
5. WHAT LAW PROTECTS HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH AFRICA?



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## Human Rights in RSA are Protected by





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## Constitutional Human Rights Violated by RSA GOVERNMENT

Freedom of Belief and Opinion

Freedom of Expression

Freedom of Choice

Freedom of Association

Freedom and Security of the Person

Psychological Integrity

Just Administrative Action

Life

Equality

Privacy

Access to Information

Informed Consent

Bodily Integrity

Access to Courts



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## CONFLICT - Evidence v Authority “Expert Opinion” – Scientific Humility

### Evidence Based Medicine

- I. Randomised Controlled Trials (RCT) [Prospective & Double Blind]
- II. Cohort Studies
- III. Case-Control Studies
- IV. Case Series
- V. Expert Opinion [without explicit critical appraisal]



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## CONFLICT - Evidence v Authority “Expert Opinion” – Legal Humility

### Rules of Evidence in Court

1. Factual Evidence trumps Opinion Evidence
2. Opinion Evidence is Admissible only if Supported by REASONS
3. Opinion Evidence is Accepted only if the REASONS are
  - a. Logical and Persuasive to a Layperson, AND
  - b. More Logical and Persuasive on the Balance of Probabilities than those of the Opposing Expert Evidence





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## CONFLICT RESOLUTION FINDING the TRUTH

- Engage in factual discussions: with those with whom you agree and disagree
- Ask “why”: what are the reasons for the “expert opinion”?
- Analyse, on the basis of reasons: whether the “expert opinion” is based on:
  - Authority (government – academics – regulators – industry – appointees) OR
  - Evidence (observation – facts – data – rational analysis i.e. scientific method)
- Find the truth: The above steps put us on a stable path to find or approximate the truth.



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QUESTIONS  
&  
DISCUSSION

