



Gujarat National Law University



NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MEDICAL LAW, POLICY & ETHICS MEDLAWCON 2025



*Balancing Rights and Responsibilities: Legal Protections for
Medical Professionals and Patients in India's Healthcare System*

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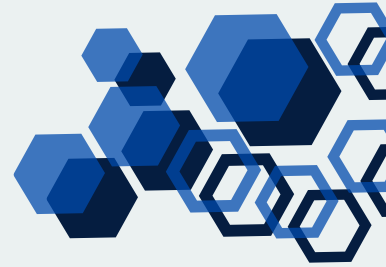
The GNLU Centre for Healthcare, Ethics,
Legal Advocacy and Policy Research
(G-HELP)

Dates

11-12 January, 2025

Venue

Gujarat National Law
University,
PDPU Road, Koba,
Gandhinagar, Gujarat, 382421



Conference Overview

GNLU Centre for Healthcare, Ethics, Legal Advocacy and Policy Research (G-HELP), the latest addition to the Centres of Excellence at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar is organizing the **2nd edition** of the **National Conference on Medical Law, Policy (MEDLAWCON 2025)**.

The conference aims to address legal protections and responsibilities in India's healthcare system by bringing together legal experts, medical professionals, scholars, policymakers, and stakeholders to explore the balance between rights and responsibilities in healthcare.

In response to rapid medical advancements and evolving legal frameworks, the conference will examine critical issues such as healthcare decision-making, patient rights, professional accountability, and the impact of new technologies. Through interdisciplinary dialogue, it seeks to develop practical solutions that safeguard patient rights while ensuring ethical medical practice. Participants will exchange ideas and contribute to shaping policies that uphold both patient care and professional responsibility.



Gujarat National Law University

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), established by the Gujarat government in 2003, is a leading legal institution recognized by BCI and UGC. Located in Gandhinagar, this multidisciplinary university creates an intellectually stimulating environment that promotes critical thinking and innovative problem-solving, making it a premier destination for legal education in India.

GNLU offers diverse integrated undergraduate programs, postgraduate degrees, and houses 21 Centres of Excellence focusing on specialized areas like environmental law and intellectual property. Its academic excellence is reflected in its consistent top rankings, including a Top 5 position in NIRF 2023 and recognition as Gujarat's Best Law School with a 5-star GSIRF rating. GNLU is also unique in establishing a satellite campus in Silvassa, becoming the only National Law University to expand beyond its primary location.



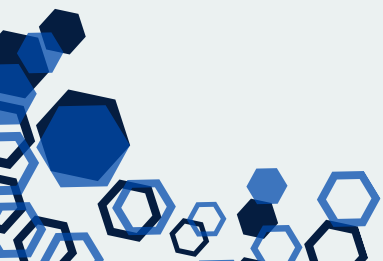
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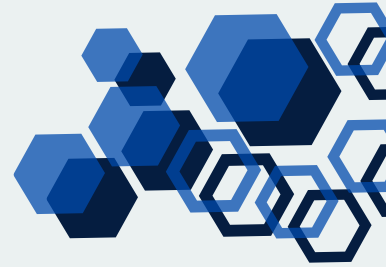


G-HELP was established on 28th September 2024 as a Centre of Excellence, focused on advancing health law, policy, and ethics.

Building on the success of GNLU's Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Law, Policy, and Ethics, offered exclusively for doctors, the Centre will now incorporate this program as part of its broader mandate

The Centre will expand on this foundation by offering specialised training, certificate courses, and public awareness initiatives, creating a comprehensive platform for professionals and the public alike to engage with health law and policy. By fostering national and international partnerships, the Centre seeks to create lasting impact within the healthcare system, advancing both legal standards and medical practices.





Objectives

This conference aims to bring together legal and medical and policymakers and serve as a platform for deliberations and dissemination of knowledge. Our specific objectives are:

To provide a platform for the exchange of ideas, research findings, and best practices focused on balancing the rights and responsibilities of medical professionals and patients within India's healthcare system.



To identify and address critical issues and emerging trends in medical law, policy, and ethics, with an emphasis on legal protections and accountability for both healthcare providers and patients.

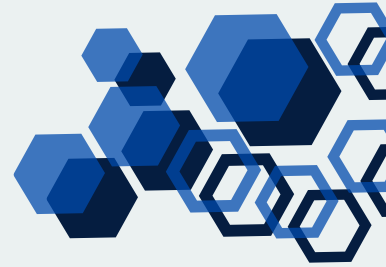


To encourage interdisciplinary collaboration among legal, medical, and ethical professionals, fostering a comprehensive approach to resolving challenges while ensuring equitable treatment for all stakeholders.



To contribute to the development of evidence-based legal frameworks and policies that protect patient rights, promote professional responsibility, and uphold ethical standards in healthcare practices.





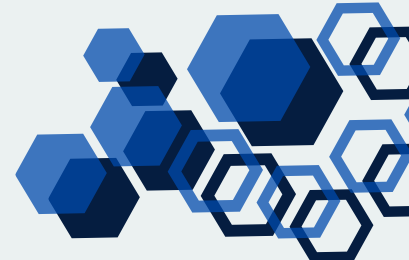
Eligibility

The conference welcomes participation from individuals and organizations involved in or interested in the field of medical law, policy, and ethics, including but not limited to:

- Healthcare professionals (physicians, nurses, pharmacists, etc.)
- Legal practitioners and experts
- Academics and researchers
- Policy analysts and policymakers
- Ethicists and bioethics professionals
- Forensic Experts
- Patient advocacy groups
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working in healthcare and legal sectors
- Government representatives and regulatory bodies



Important Dates



**Submission of
Abstract**

30th October, 2024

**Intimation of
Selection**

4th November, 2024

Registration

4th - 11th November, 2024

**Last date of
Registration**

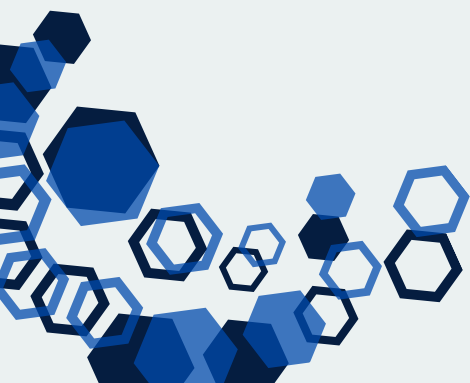
11th November, 2024

**Full Paper
Submission**

7th January, 2025

Conference Dates

11th & 12th January, 2025




Major Themes



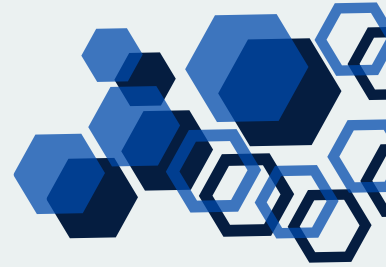
Legal Protection for Healthcare Providers

- Workplace Safety for Healthcare Providers: Legal protections for the well-being of doctors and nurses.
- Legal Safeguards for Medical Professionals Against Violence: Addressing the rise in violence against doctors and hospital staff.
- Vandalism of Healthcare Facilities: Legal remedies and policies to safeguard medical properties.
- Immunity for Medical Professionals During Public Health Crises: Understanding legal protections in pandemic and disaster situations.
- Insurance Schemes for Doctors and Hospitals: Legal frameworks for safeguarding property and personal liability.
- Doctors' Right to Refuse Treatment: Legal grounds and ethical implications.
- Mental Health and Legal Support for Doctors: Legal frameworks for addressing stress, burnout, and mental well-being of medical professionals.

Legal Frameworks in Healthcare & Patient Safeguards

- Legal Framework for Patient Grievance Redressal: Reviewing the Consumer Protection Act and its impact on healthcare.
 - Right to Affordable Healthcare: Legal obligations of the state under Ayushman Bharat and related schemes.
 - Patient Rights in Clinical Trials: Legal protections against exploitation.
 - Protection of Vulnerable Patients: Legal measures for safeguarding children, specially-abled, elderly, and mentally ill patients.
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Major Themes (contd.)



Medical Liability & Accountability

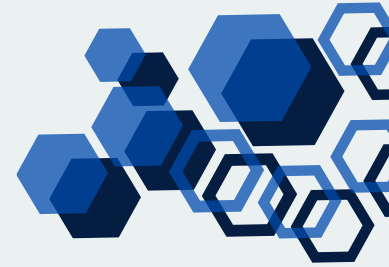
- Medical Negligence and Its Consequences: Balancing accountability for medical professionals while ensuring fairness.
- The Role of the Law in Addressing Medical Errors: How should the legal system respond to honest mistakes in healthcare?
- Vicarious Liability of Hospitals: Legal protection for individual practitioners in cases of institutional negligence.
- Medical Malpractice and the Right to Compensation: A review of civil and criminal liabilities in India.
- Legal Recourse for Medical Professionals in Defamation Cases: Addressing false claims and defamation in healthcare practice.

Patient Rights and Medical Ethics

- Patient Rights to Informed Consent and Refusal of Treatment: Legal standards and the medical professional's responsibilities.
- Right to Privacy and Confidentiality of Patient Data: Legal obligations of medical professionals to protect patient information.
- Professional Autonomy vs. Patient Rights: Navigating conflicts between a doctor's clinical judgment and a patient's demands.
- Right to Palliative Care and Dignity in Death: Legal and ethical considerations in end-of-life care.
- Patient's Right to Informed Consent: Legal standards and practical challenges in clinical settings.
- The Right to Second Opinions: Legal implications for healthcare practitioners.



Abstract Submission Guidelines



Paper Categories

1. **Research Articles:** Original research papers that present substantial contributions to the field.
2. **Review papers:** Comprehensive and critical analysis of existing research, theories, concepts, or practices within a specific field or topic.

Abstract Guidelines

Abstracts should be of **250-300 words** (to be submitted by **30th October 2024**). The abstract should clearly highlight the significance of the topic, objectives and methodology to be adopted for the conduction of the study along with **3-5 keywords**. Submissions should be in **English** only.

Submission Link

[Submit Abstract Here](#)

We will share registration and payment link to authors of the selected abstracts only **after 4th November 2024**.

[Payment Link \(click here\)](#)

Only for Participants without paper presentation (delegates).



Fee & Registration Link

Particulars	Registration Fee
Registration fee for Professionals [Presenters]	INR 3,000/-
Registration fee for Students [Presenters]	INR 1,000/-
Registration fee for GNLU Students [Presenters & Delegates]	INR 500/-
Registration fee for Delegates [Non-presenters]	INR 2,000/-

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