

VALUES CONFLICTS

From time to time, in the course of required activities a student may be exposed to topics or viewpoints that are in conflict with the student's values. Examples include abortion, euthanasia, and homosexuality. Students at the College of Human Medicine are expected to fully participate in such discussions, to explore these topics from more than one perspective and to be able to articulate both the pros and cons of various points of view. Whatever a student's point of view, he or she must express it in a thoughtful and respectful manner. Similarly, a student should expect to have his/her point of view listened to in a thoughtful and respectful manner.

Coming to understand diversity of thought and experience on a variety of health related topics is part of the medical student experience. Functioning appropriately in a culturally-diverse world is a physician's professional responsibility. It is therefore expected that College of Human Medicine students will participate fully in all required experiences, despite the occasional values conflict that such participation might create. Failure to do so will be considered to be unprofessional behavior.