

Introduction

## Special Theme Issue on Internal Medicine

### Introduction to a special theme issue on internal medicine with interactive educational modules for internal medicine residents.

This special issue of *Virtual Mentor* consists entirely of clinical cases for exploring the challenges to professionalism that confront internal medicine residents and fellows in internal medicine sub-specialty programs.

The cases cover 7 general areas:

1. [Patient-Physician Relationship](#)
2. [Informed Consent](#)
3. [Privacy and Confidentiality](#)
4. [Medical Student Participation In Patient Care](#)
5. [End-of-Life Care](#)
6. [Conflicts of Interest](#)
7. [Access to Care](#)

The cases pose challenges common to residents and fellows. In each case, the reader is presented with several alternative courses. Selecting an option will link the reader to an explanation of whether that option is **preferred**, **acceptable**, or to be **avoided**. These determinations are grounded in the AMA's *Code of Medical Ethics*, a starting point for physician understanding of appropriate professional conduct.

The AMA was founded, in large part, to develop a code of ethical conduct for the profession. Today, this core responsibility lies with the AMA's [Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs](#).

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