

Moral Competence of Physician in two Hospitals Centers

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In Chile there are no publications researching moral judgment of doctors, a competence of fundamental importance¹ due to the increasing complexity of medicine. Lind has created a test capable to evaluate moral judgment capacity known as the MCT© Lind²³. Our hypothesis is that physicians have a C- score around 20⁴; that gender not influence the C- score; years of professional practice and type of postgraduate studies influence the C- score. 236 physicians working in two hospital participate in the study, voluntarily and prior process of informed consent. The MCT © Lind was answered at the end of the meetings of clinical work of each specialty. In addition to the test, participants received an application form so as to know: the years of professional practice; postgraduate studies; gender and encryption data in order to compare answers of participants at the beginning of the study and after a future intervention. Average of C- score of 20.9. Gender and kind of postgraduate studies do not have a significant influence in C- score. Years of professional experience was significant, with a negative coefficient.

¹ http://www.uni-konstanz.de/ag-moral/mut/mjt-intro.htm#C_score

² http://www.uni-konstanz.de/ag-moral/pdf/Lind-2000_MJT-Review-and-Appraisal.pdf