

## Medical Ethics through World Cinema

People respect doctors, sometimes they consider doctors as gods why because they handle people's lives. It is a high profession all around the world. So ethics is very important to enhance the quality of our service to world.

Ea Vida Continua is a film which talks about the discovery of AIDS virus. I selected this film because as a medical student, I noticed many important points which I can gather from that film to my future carrier.

"Ea Vida Continua" was released on 11<sup>th</sup> of September in 1993 in USA. It was directed by Roger Spottiswoode. The story was by Randy Shits. The story in brief says in 1981 epidemiologist Don Francis (Matthew Modine) learns of an increased rate of death among gay men in urban areas. The startling information leads him to begin investigating the outbreak, which is ultimately identified as AIDS. His journey finds mostly opposition from politicians and doctors, but several join him in his cause. As it becomes apparent that people have personal reasons to turn the other cheek, Fracas persists. Meanwhile, the number of deaths continues to grow. Dr. Gallo needed to take the fame of finding the AIDS virus other than solving the problem. Because of the mistakes of some doctors and politicians and the management did people got AIDS through the blood transfusion though those situations could be stopped.

When it comes to the medical ethics this film shows in an emergency situation how doctors should work and how it is valuable for the public. Like in sex transmitted disease how doctors move with patients by protecting their privacy. As doctors always we should care about patients' lives not to show our talents to the others. That is the most important point which I got from this film. Understanding patient's mind and his or her fear to the disease is a good medical ethic which can be seen all over the film.

Finally I think this film is a good film not only for doctors but also for all the people who are in medical field.