



ANKUR ARORA MURDER CASE

Before becoming a doctor we take a pledge known as the Hippocratic Oath. It's easy to pledge but harder to fulfill the oath. Medical ethics is the foundation of a proper medical professional who is more beneficial to the society and to themselves. Medical ethics is based on Autonomy, Justice, Beneficence & Non-maleficence.

From my perspective, films are more helpful to understand the importance of medical ethics on my journey to become a medical professional.

The film which provoked me to become a medical professional was the Ankur Arora Murder Case by Suhail Tatar. The film revolves around Dr. Asthana, a famous general surgeon of the country, nicknamed the God of Surgery because of his talent, skills and the number of lives he has saved. Arrogant Dr. Asthana rules Shekawat General Hospital with an iron hand.

Things are going smoothly until little Ankur Arora is wheeled into his operation theater without "complete bowel rest". The nurse informed Dr. Asthana that Ankur isn't on an empty stomach and Dr. Asthana replies that he will use a Ryles Tube. However, he forgets to use the Ryles Tube before the surgery. Little Ankur goes into a hypoxic coma because of Dr. Asthana's negligence.

The real cause for Ankur's death is covered up with money and hierarchical power. Life continues as normal until a young, diligent intern Dr. Romesh, becomes suspicious about the circumstances surrounding Ankur's death. The death certificate doesn't match the evidence regarding Ankur's death.

He throws all caution to the wind and sets out on a turbulent journey to fight for what is right. Dr. Romesh is backed by the heart-broken mother, a female lawyer who starts out crooked but gets back to the straight & narrow and eventually his girlfriend Dr. Singh.

At last the victim's family gets justice. Shekawat hospital and the brilliant Dr. Asthana are found guilty for Ankur's death for slipping up in the operation theater.

Come to think of it, a film like Ankur Arora Murder Case acts as a wakeup call for all medical professionals. Medical professionalism is not just what you think but a set of values, behaviors & relationships that underpins the trust of the public in a doctor.

In conclusion, in this captivating film, the writer has successfully highlighted some ethical issues in medical practice, how complex they are and how medical ethics help to protect the rights of both the doctor and the patient. Medical ethics is as important as knowledge and skills in medicine.

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