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We report the development and delivery of an online course on Medical Ethics, aimed at practitioners in low- to middle-income countries. The course is an example of the way in which open online courses can play a role in providing increased awareness of medical ethics, and it identifies a need to attract more interest in this area from low- and middle-income countries.

The development of the course arose from discussions held at workshops held in Kolkata, India in 2014-15, where concerns were raised about erosion of trust in the medical profession and lack of available options for ethics education suitable for practising clinicians, trainees and medical students.

We believe that the topic of this paper is relevant to the aims of the Indian Journal of Medical Ethics.