**What are the ethical responsibilities during the COVID-19 outbreak?**

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In times of infectious epidemics, it is only the observance of social and ethical responsibilities that can help society survive the crisis. Infectious epidemics are not limited to the COVID-19, rather throughout history infectious epidemics have always been worldwide and have claimed many victims [1,2].

The important thing in controlling these crises is to pay attention to ethical issues and observe them. This issue is very important both for the officials and the medical staff and for the people of the society; Because if ethics is ignored, not only will the disease not be curbed, but the number of victims will increase [2].

Communication and messaging during an epidemic are one of the most important pillars of crisis management. Communication campaigns should be designed so that warning messages reach all members of the community, in a language they can understand. Messages must also be presented to the people honestly, clearly, and correctly, and regularly updated and disseminated in a widely accessible media platform. Must be confronted through these pervasive media with rumors [3].

Another ethical responsibility that arises during an epidemic is to make special considerations for segregation, quarantine, and social distance. Isolation means cutting off contact of infected people with those who are not infected. This is very effective in controlling the spread of the disease and should be done carefully to prevent other people from becoming infected. The quarantine of people by the medical staff should be done fairly so that the person is not in a mental critical condition. Also, people who see the symptoms of the disease in themselves have a social responsibility in this critical situation and should separate from those around them as soon as possible [3,4].

Officials should be aware that supporting people with these conditions is essential and should keep them away from stress. Maintaining the mental health of medical staff in these critical situations is also an ethical responsibility that must be considered. The authorities have to support those who have to provide services in times of crisis and who the people need, and they should not put them in dangerous situations. The medical staff should not hesitate to help the affected people during the epidemic and they should know that they have a great responsibility during this period. The medical staff at this time is at the forefront of the fight against the disease and must accept this social responsibility to control the disease as soon as possible [2-5].

Finally, by controlling this crisis, protecting the survivors and those affected during this period is another moral responsibility that must be met during the epidemic; After the end of these difficult conditions, mental injuries are normal in people and with social empathy, people in the community can be restored to physical and mental health.

**Abbreviations**

COVID-19: Coronavirus (2019)

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