

Workshop on Islamic Medicine and Islamic Ethics.

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A full day workshop for Islamic medicine and Islamic Ethics took place on 16 December 2006 at Medical Centre Derriford Hospital Plymouth. It was chaired by Professor Omar Kasule from Brunei and was kindly arranged by Dr Abbubakar Paediatrician, Dr Azlisham Nor Consultant Neurologist and Dr Yasser Negm Paediatrician at Derriford. This was part of his UK visit and tour which he was doing on his own expense, during which he did simialr workshops throughout UK-London, Leeds & Nottingham.



Topics

The titles of the papers were

1. Medical Ethics from Maqasid Al Shariat
2. Concept of Islamic Medicine
3. Contemporary Medical Issues from Islamic Perspective : IVF, Contraception, Cloning, Abortion, Euthanasia.
4. Islamic Medical Curriculum
5. Experience from Malaysia , Brunei and Indonesia.
6. Future Challenges in Medical Profession

Prof Kasule highlighted five basic principles of Islamic Shariah Law (Maqasid Al Shariat) and explained in accordance with them, the issues of contraception, family planning, abortion and IVF that are still considered a tabu in Educated Muslim Families. The issues of withdrawl of life support and cloning was also thoroughly discussed. He enlightened about the concepts of the above issues and enumerated practicle solutions to each of them that are acceptable to Islamic Shariah as well as modern science.

Those who attended the workshop were able to raise their views and concerns and were amazed at the solutions Islam provides for the growth of a healthy society in modern times and helps avoid confusions, mistakes and dilemmas which prevails in Muslim community living in Europe.

Workshop

The workshop started at 10:00 AM and finished at 04:30 PM with lunch break and times for prayers. People from non medical background also attended the whole day in addition to doctors. Participants came over not only from Plymouth but also from Torbay. There was no registration fee however the participants voluntarily raised money for presenting a sovenier to Prof Kasule as a memory of his Plymout visit.



Dr Abubakar presenting sovenier to Prf Kasule