Contemporary Medicine and Ethics in light of Sharia’a

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Tibb an Nabawi (*Prophetic Medicine*) was a compilation based on the habits and recommendations of the Prophet PBUH

**Ar-Razi**
- Conducted Audits
- Practised forms of Medical Ethics
- Smallpox vs measles
- He emphasised on isolation as best measure in limiting spread and preventing epidemics. Also advocated washing and cleanliness

**Ibn Sina**
- Persian polymath
- Writer of 'Canon of medicine'
- Psychology was one of his highlights
- Quarantine to prevent spread of plague
- Disinfection after travelling

**Core values**
- Autonomy
- Beneficence
- Non-maleficence
- Justice

**Contemporary decision-making**

**STEP 1:** MEDICAL EXPERTISE

**STEP 2:** QURAN AND SUNNAH

**STEP 3:** ANALOGY, CONSENSUS AND RULING

**Examples**

- **Bare below elbow policy:** Allowed through analogical comparison (hadith on special circumstances)
- **Beard removal:** Permissible to the extent of necessity (according to consensus and rulings)

- **Life support:** According to medical expert advice (expertise)
- **Organ donation:** Allowed when essential with no harm to donor (consensus)
- **Euthanasia:** Prohibited in line with hadith (direct)
- **Abortion:** Conditional in relation to situation and age of gestation (consensus)

"And there is no compulsion in religion" Quran 2:256