

Definition of medical ethics & What are ethics?

- Ethics and morality mean the same thing to many people, and they are similar. Morals are used to describe personal character, whereas ethics defines behavior in different situations. Morality refers to personal character, beliefs, and behavior; ethics is about the reflection on morality and deciding how to act as a person or a professional. An ethical person and a moral person are usually one and the same. We use *medical ethics* to refer to those guidelines and behaviors that we expect a medical professional with moral integrity to exhibit.

The field of medical ethics is really about reflection on how to behave as a medical professional as well as the morality of particular medical interventions. Medical Ethics are simply some key ethical principles applied to the practice of medicine.