

**BOOK REVIEW****BIOETHICS, HUMAN RIGHTS AND HEALTH LAW. PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE**

**EDITORS:** Ames Dhali and David McQuoid-Mason

**EDITION:** 1<sup>st</sup> edition

**PUBLISHER:** Juta and Company Ltd

**PLACE:** Cape Town

**DATE:** 2011

**ISBN NUMBER:** 978-0-70218-052-1

**PRICE AND FORMATS:** Soft cover, R373.00

**TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES:** 208 pages, including a CD

This book covers all the fundamental concepts, theories and relevant legislation needed to fulfil most of the needs of the core curriculum of the newly introduced four-year professional degree in radiography, in all four disciplines. It is applicable across disciplines in the health sciences, at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, therefore radiography specific legislation is not alluded to.

The content ranges from theoretical ethical underpinnings of healthcare practice, to ethical codes and relevant South African legislation related to healthcare practice. It includes a basic overview of health law and human rights.

Specific topics of note mostly relevant to radiography are: informed consent, professional negligence and medical malpractice, confidentiality, the patient-practitioner relationship, HIV and AIDS, resource allocation, business ethics, human health and the environment, and research ethics, reproductive health and issues in genetics. The theory is coupled with practice related and historical case studies.

**Riaan van de Venter**

*Nelson Mandela University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa*