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Biography

Dr. Jagdish Chinnappa is a senior Paediatric consultant , with 40 years of experience in tertiary care hospitals in India. He completed his MD in Pediatrics from Grant Medical College, Mumbai.

He is a specialist with special interest in Ethics ; Pulmonology and ENT disorders in children.

He is a past President of the Respiratory chapter of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics. Currently, he is the chairman Pediatrics at the Manipal Hospital, Old Airport Road, Bangalore.

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Symposium 1: Adolescent Sexuality at the cross roads – An Ethics Based Perspective

Abstract

Adolescent sexuality is undergoing unprecedented changes in the last few decades. Ethical issues in this changing landscape are very important to recognise. This brief presentation outlines the determinants and the consequences of this changing landscape. The presentation will touch upon some of the cases as seen in practice in any geographic area. The main determinants of sexual behaviour revolve around environmental influences, information sources, changing beliefs and values, skills and capabilities and evolving sexual identity of the adolescent. The consequences of dysfunctional influences around sexuality can be for reaching and permanent in the changing landscape. Exploration of ethical concepts of the best interest, confidentiality and trust, autonomy and consent, maintaining veracity and balancing harms and risks versus benefits will be highlighted. The presentation concludes with actionable points in practice and resolution of the cases presented at the outset.