# Historical Ethics and Landmark Cases

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**1. Which 1947 document established ten principles for human experimentation, serving as a direct response to the atrocities discovered during the Doctors' Trial at Nuremberg?**

A) The Helsinki Declaration
**B) The Nuremberg Code**
C) The Belmont Report
D) The Geneva Convention

**2. In 1972, the U.S. government was exposed for a 40-year study that withheld syphilis treatment from African American men. What is the official name of this study?**

**A) The Tuskegee Syphilis Study**
B) The Willowbrook Study
C) The Milgram Experiment
D) The Stanford Prison Experiment

**3. The 1964 Declaration of Helsinki, developed by the World Medical Association, introduced the requirement that research protocols must be reviewed by which entity?**

A) A government legislative body
B) A secular morality committee
**C) An independent ethics committee**
D) A clinical peer-review board

**4. Which 1979 report served as the foundational document for the ethical treatment of human subjects in U.S. biomedical and behavioral research?**

**A) The Belmont Report**
B) The Declaration of Geneva
C) The Tokyo Declaration
D) The CIOMS Guidelines

**5. What is the historical significance of the 'Codex Hammurabi' regarding professional ethics?**

A) It established the first democratic voting rights
**B) It outlined specific penalties for medical malpractice**
C) It prohibited the use of slave labor
D) It defined the divine right of kings

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**6. The 'Tarasoff v. Regents of the University of California' (1976) case fundamentally altered the ethical duty of mental health professionals by establishing what obligation?**

A) The duty to provide free treatment
B) The duty to maintain total client anonymity
**C) The duty to warn potential victims of violence**
D) The duty to report all criminal history

**7. Which 19th-century figure established the 'Florence Nightingale Pledge', which is often cited as the first modern nursing code of ethics?**

**A) Lystra Gretter**
B) Clara Barton
C) Dorothea Dix
D) Mary Seacole

**8. The 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights was drafted primarily under the leadership of which diplomat?**

**A) Eleanor Roosevelt**
B) Dag Hammarskjöld
C) Ralph Bunche
D) René Cassin

**9. In the history of environmental ethics, the 1962 publication of 'Silent Spring' by Rachel Carson is historically credited with influencing which major policy shift?**

A) The ban on ozone-depleting substances
**B) The creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**
C) The signing of the Kyoto Protocol
D) The global moratorium on whaling

**10. The 'Hippocratic Oath' historically contains a specific prohibition against which practice?**

A) Performing surgery on royal family members
**B) Administering lethal drugs or causing abortion**
C) Charging fees for medical instruction
D) Disclosing the cause of death to the family

**11. Which 1995 report, chaired by Baroness Nolan, established the 'Seven Principles of Public Life' for UK government officials?**

A) The Westminster Review
**B) The Nolan Principles**
C) The Whitehall Ethics Code
D) The Parliamentary Standards Report

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**12. The 'Declaration of Geneva' (1948) was adopted as an amendment and modernization of which historical ethical document?**

**A) The Hippocratic Oath**
B) The Magna Carta
C) The Justinian Code
D) The Socratic Method

**13. In 1974, the U.S. National Research Act created the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects primarily due to public outcry over which event?**

A) The thalidomide tragedy
**B) The Tuskegee Syphilis Study**
C) The launch of the Manhattan Project
D) The development of the first artificial heart

**14. The 1925 Geneva Protocol, following the horrors of World War I, focused on banning which specific ethical violation in warfare?**

**A) Use of chemical and biological weapons**
B) Targeting of civilian hospitals
C) Use of long-range ballistic missiles
D) Recruitment of child soldiers

**15. The 'Socratic Method' of inquiry was historically documented in the dialogues of which philosopher to explore ethical concepts?**

A) Aristotle
**B) Plato**
C) Epicurus
D) Zeno

**16. The 1975 Declaration of Tokyo explicitly prohibited medical personnel from participating in which specific practice?**

A) Compulsory organ donation
B) Human cloning research
**C) Torture or cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment**
D) Capital punishment assistance

**17. Which historical organization adopted the 'Code of Ethics for Engineers' in 1914, representing one of the first formal engineering ethics codes?**

**A) The American Institute of Electrical Engineers**
B) The Institution of Civil Engineers
C) The Royal Society of Engineering
D) The International Federation of Engineers

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**18. The 1947 'Potsdam Agreement' included ethical mandates regarding the treatment of displaced persons, following the total collapse of which state?**

A) The Austro-Hungarian Empire

**B) The Third Reich**

C) The Ottoman Empire

D) The Soviet Union

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