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Igros Moshe Medical Responsa Checklist

A printable study checklist of 136 medical responsa by Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, presented first by clinical topic and then by volume and section.

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Checklist I: By Topic

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Physicians, Medical Training, and Shabbos	
☐ O.C. I:127	Pikuach nefesh following negligence
☐ O.C. I:128	Measuring temperature
☐ O.C. I:131	Physicians traveling on Shabbos
☐ O.C. IV:79	Physicians working on Shabbos
☐ O.C. IV:80	Returning from an emergency
☐ O.C. IV:81	Emergency communication equipment
☐ E.H. IV:73:4	Writing laboratory information
☐ C.M. II:79	Pikuach nefesh and Shabbos
The Patient: Shabbos, Yom Tov, and Religious Observance	
☐ O.C. I:4-7	Tefillin in the hospital
☐ O.C. I:8-9	Paralyzed arm and tefillin
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☐ O.C. III:62	Medicinal alcohol on Pesach
☐ O.C. III:90	IV feeding on Yom Kippur
☐ O.C. III:91	Medication on Yom Kippur
☐ O.C. IV:8	Tefillin for a hospitalized patient
☐ O.C. IV:85	Hearing aids
☐ O.C. IV:101:3	IV feeding on Yom Kippur
☐ O.C. IV:105:4	Intravaginal medication
☐ O.C. IV:121	Medicinal rectal suppositories

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Critical Illness, End-of-Life Care, and Life-Sustaining Treatment	
☐ Y.D. II:58	Dangerous surgery
☐ Y.D. III:36	Dangerous surgery to prolong life
☐ C.M. II:73	Care of the critically ill
☐ C.M. II:74	Terminal illness and patient wishes
☐ C.M. II:75	Chayei sha'ah and medical triage
Death, Autopsy, Organ Donation, and Transplantation	
☐ Y.D. I:229	Organ transplantation
☐ Y.D. I:230	Kohen as organ recipient <i>Also indexed under: Kohanim and Medicine Related listing: Kohen receiving an organ</i>
☐ Y.D. I:231	Burial of organs
☐ Y.D. I:232	Research on human organs
☐ Y.D. II:146	Signs of death
☐ Y.D. II:150	Burial of organs
☐ Y.D. II:151	Anatomical dissection
☐ Y.D. II:174	Heart transplantation
☐ Y.D. III:132	Determination of death
☐ Y.D. III:140	Organs for medical research
☐ Y.D. III:141	Burial after surgery
☐ C.M. II:72	Heart transplantation
Kohanim and Medicine	
☐ Y.D. I:248	Kohen working in a hospital
☐ Y.D. II:164	Kohen on airplane carrying corpse
☐ Y.D. II:165	Autopsy of a kohen
☐ Y.D. II:166	Kohen visiting hospital <i>Also indexed under: Bikkur Cholim, Prayer, and Care of the Sick Related listing: Kohen visiting the sick in a hospital</i>
☐ Y.D. III:155	Kohen studying medicine
Genetics, Prenatal Diagnosis, and Abortion	
☐ E.H. IV:10	Tay-Sachs screening
☐ C.M. II:69-70	Abortion
☐ C.M. II:71	Prenatal diagnosis
☐ E.H. I:62	Tay-Sachs and contraception <i>Also indexed under: Contraception and Maternal Health Related listing: Contraception for Tay-Sachs disease</i>
Contraception and Maternal Health	
☐ E.H. I:63	Diaphragm where pregnancy is dangerous
☐ E.H. I:64	Pregnancy dangerous to the woman
☐ E.H. I:65	Diaphragm after two episodes of postpartum psychosis <i>Also indexed under: Psychiatry and Mental Health Related listing: Postpartum psychosis</i>
☐ E.H. I:67	Marriage where the woman should not become pregnant
☐ E.H. II:17	Oral contraceptive pills
☐ E.H. III:15	Male contraception
☐ E.H. III:21	IUD where pregnancy would be dangerous
☐ E.H. III:22	Pregnancy contraindicated
☐ E.H. III:24	Oral contraceptive pills
☐ E.H. IV:32:3	Rhythm method of contraception
☐ E.H. IV:62:2	Contraception following cesarean section
☐ E.H. IV:67	Diaphragm where pregnancy would be dangerous
☐ E.H. IV:68	Diaphragm to prevent child abuse

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☐ E.H. IV:69	Diaphragm because of fear of depression <i>Also indexed under: Psychiatry and Mental Health Related listing: Fear of depression</i>
☐ E.H. IV:70	Diaphragm when husband refuses other methods
☐ E.H. IV:71	Marriage on condition of not having children
☐ E.H. IV:72	Contraceptive pills
☐ E.H. IV:73:1	Contraception to enable a woman to care for a sick child
☐ E.H. IV:73:2	Marriage to a barren woman to avoid the birth of abnormal children
☐ E.H. IV:74:1	Diaphragm for contraception
☐ E.H. IV:74:2	Oral contraceptive pills
☐ E.H. IV:74:3	Woman with a nervous disorder who fears pregnancy <i>Also indexed under: Psychiatry and Mental Health Related listing: Nervous disorder and pregnancy</i>
☐ E.H. IV:74:4	Woman ill from a previous pregnancy
Sterilization and Reproductive Surgery	
☐ E.H. I:12	Surgery for cryptorchidism and possible castration
☐ E.H. I:13	Sterilization of a woman
☐ O.C. II:88	Sterilization of a psychotic girl <i>Also indexed under: Psychiatry and Mental Health Related listing: Sterilization of psychiatric patient</i>
☐ E.H. III:12	Sterilization of a woman because of pain
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☐ E.H. IV:32:1	Reversible sterilization of a woman
☐ E.H. IV:33	Sterilization following several cesarean sections
☐ E.H. IV:34	Sterilization where pregnancy would be dangerous
☐ E.H. IV:35	Sterilization following birth of a child with serious abnormalities
☐ E.H. IV:36	Sterilization because a woman fears pregnancy
Infertility, Artificial Insemination, and Fertility Testing	
☐ E.H. I:10	Artificial insemination using donor sperm
☐ E.H. I:70	Semen analysis for fertility testing
☐ E.H. I:71	Artificial insemination
☐ E.H. I:79	Male impotence
☐ E.H. II:3	Testicular biopsy for fertility testing
☐ E.H. II:16	Semen analysis for fertility testing
☐ E.H. II:18	Artificial insemination during the niddah period
☐ Y.D. II:84	Shortening niddah to allow conception
☐ E.H. III:14	Semen procurement for fertility testing
☐ Y.D. III:54	Artificial insemination
☐ E.H. IV:27	Semen analysis for fertility testing
☐ E.H. IV:32:5	Artificial insemination using donor or husband's sperm
Pregnancy, Labor, Gynecology, and Niddah	
☐ Y.D. I:83, 87	Pelvic examination
☐ Y.D. I:84	Chest pain and menstruation
☐ Y.D. II:69	Medication-induced menses
☐ Y.D. II:74	Induced labor and repeat cesarean section
☐ Y.D. II:76	False labor
☐ Y.D. III:56:2-3	Bleeding during pregnancy
☐ O.C. IV:105:6	Induced labor
☐ E.H. IV:65:1	Male gynecologist

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☐ Y.D. II:57	Psychiatric treatment
☐ Y.D. III:44	Hypnosis
Smoking, Substance Use, and Health Risk	
☐ Y.D. II:49	Cigarette smoking
☐ Y.D. III:35	Marijuana
☐ C.M. II:18	Passive smoking
☐ C.M. II:76	Cigarette smoking
Circumcision and Medical Risk	
☐ Y.D. I:154	Hemophilia and circumcision
☐ Y.D. II:119	Use of clamps for circumcision
☐ Y.D. III:99	Instruments or clamps used for circumcision
Dentistry and Oral Health	
☐ Y.D. I:97	Temporary dental fillings and tevilah
☐ Y.D. II:87	Stitches in the mouth and tevilah
☐ Y.D. II:88	Plastic teeth and tevilah
☐ O.C. III:78	Dental treatment on Chol HaMoed
Bikkur Cholim, Prayer, and Care of the Sick	
☐ Y.D. I:222	Visiting the sick: a greater person visiting a lesser one
☐ Y.D. I:223	Visiting the sick by telephone
Other Medical and Health-Related Responsa	
☐ Y.D. I:82	Pills to restore hair
☐ Y.D. I:145	One's own life taking precedence over another's
☐ C.M. I:39	Kiddush for a patient on Yom Kippur
☐ C.M. I:103	Blood donation for compensation
☐ C.M. I:104	Sport as a livelihood where there is danger of injury
☐ E.H. I:66	Hysterectomy and marital relations
☐ E.H. I:162	Sterile man and chalitzah
☐ C.M. II:65	Dieting for appearance
☐ C.M. II:66	Cosmetic surgery
☐ C.M. II:68	The death penalty

Checklist II: By Volume and Section

Use this ordering when studying sequentially through the published sections of Igros Moshe.

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