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FIRST AID: ETHICAL AND LEGAL ASPECTS, BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PROVIDING IT
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Relevance. Relevance of the scientific research study is in the constant need of first-aid skills available on the spot by the persons obliged to provide it.

Aim: to determine the ethical and legal aspects and main principles of providing FA; to assess the level of skills of FA provision by the persons obliged to do it, in particular, the students of Belarusian State Medical University;

Materials and methods. Different domestic and foreign scientific articles devoted to this problem, Internet websites, questionnaires and documentary films have been studied. For interviewing the students the online system "Mentimeter" was used.

Results. The students interviewed (120 people) were asked the following questions:

1. How well do you know the rules of providing first aid?
 - Yes, I know them precisely – 9%
 - Yes, I know them – 86%
 - No, I don't know them – 5%
2. What is the priority in giving FA?
 - A patient's safety – 19%
 - One's own safety – 81%
 - Third persons' safety – 0%
3. What is performed primarily in case of oral poisoning?
 - To cause vomiting – 81%
 - To give an enema – 5%
 - To call an emergency ambulance – 14%
4. What injuries are the most common?
 - Head injuries – 19%
 - Chest traumas – 0%
 - Limb injuries – 67%
 - Facial traumas – 0%
 - Psychological traumas – 14%
5. What is performed first in case of dislocation of the shoulder?
 - To apply a bandage – 5%
 - To call an ambulance – 19%
 - To immobilize the limb – 67%
 - To check rotator cuff – 5%
 - No actions – 4%

Conclusion. The survey among the students has showed that there is an urgent need to improve the skills of providing FA. First aid has a leading role in providing medical care to the population because the life of an injured person depends on the accuracy and timeliness of FA on the spot.