

# DISEASE OF CORRUPTION MAKES MANAGING A HEALTH PRACTICE IMPOSSIBLE

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"To her fair works did nature link  
The human soul that through me runs  
and much it grieved my heart to think  
What man has made of man."

It is sad how even the noblest of hearts, fall prey to the rust of corruption. Any medical practice is like a clock with intricate gears and cogs and wheels. Each wheel, each cog, thinks of the clock as a whole to allow smooth functioning. However, if each part just thinks of itself and moves only when it sees convenient, the clock will stop and freeze.

Corruption an undeniable reality in the health sector in the most serious crisis in medicine today. It is an elusive problem because it, defies easy answers and resists any fixed model of solution. Doctors gamble with human lives. If even they sink into the abyss of corruption, then it can mean only one thing: the world is indeed as dark and black as it appears to be. Corruption takes many forms, yet all of them lead to only one thing that is poor quality of care. Patients, for no fault of theirs, other than falling sick, tend to suffer. It ruins the doctor-patient relationship and violates the fundamental principle of Primum non nocere. For example, doctors may prescribe more, recommend unnecessary