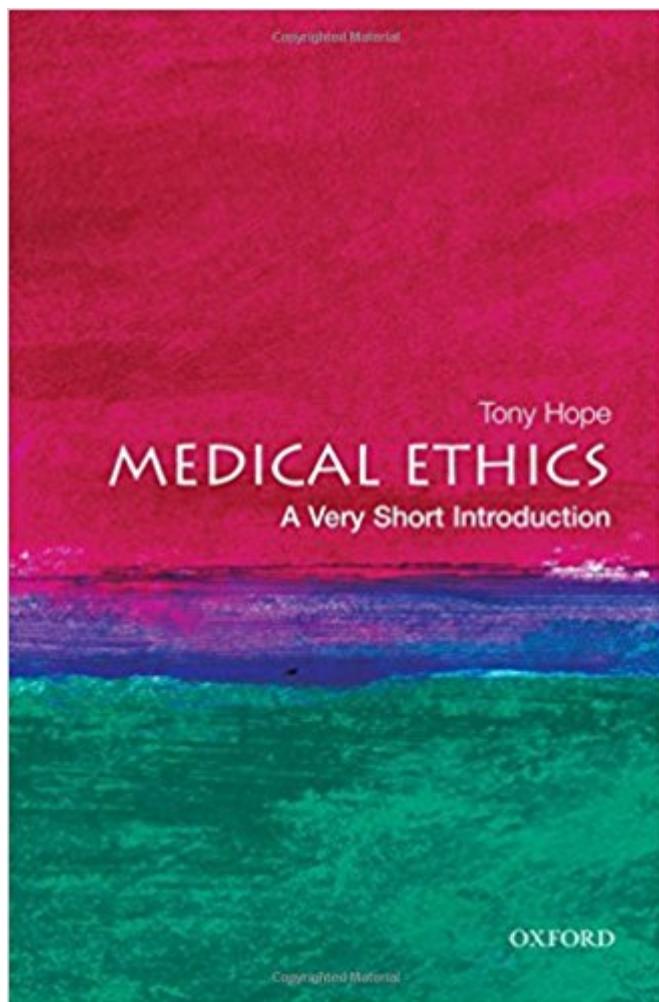


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Tony Hope is Professor of Medical Ethics at Oxford University and co-author of both the Oxford Handbook of Clinical Medicine and Manage Your Mind.

Perhaps the best 100-page Introduction to Medical Ethics out there. I used this text for a medical ethics discussion section of an Introduction to Ethics course. Ideal for a course where there was a lot of other reading (of primary texts, i.e., Aristotle, Kant, Mill, etc.) The author is clear and concise, and while this isn't by any means a survey book, it provides a nice overview of a number of issues in medical ethics.

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excellent short survey-intro

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