

A Medical Doctor's Oath

I vow to treat each patient as an individual human being; I will not define any patient as a disease or an injury or a diagnosis. I vow to practice the arts of medicine and surgery limited by my knowledge, training, experience, laws and authority. I vow to be honest about my own limitations and defer to a more experienced medical doctor when necessary and if possible.

I vow to maintain a holistic approach to understand each patient within the context of family, local culture, regional environment, religion, academic achievement, athletic involvement, vocational influences and social structure.

I vow to spend sufficient time with my patients, to look at them, to listen to them, to effectively communicate with them, to honor their privacy, to guard their vulnerabilities, to be sincere in my pursuit of their best interests, and to do no harm.

I vow to care for each patient free from the influence of any political, religious, academic, commercial or financial bias or conflict of interest. I vow to prioritize my efforts for the benefit of my patients above the benefit of my career, my academic affiliation, my research project, my business entity, my employer or my government.

I vow to care for each patient free from prejudice against any aspect of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, intellectual ability, age, income level, criminal status, political affiliation, substance addiction, medical diagnosis or lifestyle choices. I vow to keep all aspects of my patient's health care information private and share only what is required by law or what the patient instructs me to share.

I vow to conduct myself in a professional manner at all times with every patient, never taking advantage of any patient in any way, especially considering ways of a financial or carnal nature. I vow to maintain a clean and healthy lifestyle.

I vow to continually seek further education in the arts and sciences of medicine and surgery while ever improving my understanding of human nature. I vow that as I gain knowledge and experience, to the best of my ability, I will add to the repertoire of services I provide to my patients rather than limit the services due to personal interest. I vow to learn practical business skills so I will be able to serve my patients free from outside influences.

I vow to remain committed to my patients, my community and my society to preserve the health of the health care system. I vow to be active on local, regional, state, national and international levels, to the best of my ability, to prevent third parties from taking over control of, or interfering with, the doctor-patient relationship.

I vow that on the day I become physically or mentally unfit to perform my duties as a medical doctor, or on the day I cease to agree with any one of these vows, that will be the day I conclude my career as a medical doctor.

Doctor's Name

Doctor's Signature