

The Hippocratic Oath

I do solemnly swear, by whatever I hold most sacred, that I will be loyal to the Profession of Medicine and just and generous to its members.

That I will exercise the art of medicine solely for the cure of my patients, and will give no drug, perform no operation for a criminal purpose, even if solicited, far less suggest it; in like manner I will not give to a woman any kind of strange material to produce abortion, and I will maintain respect for human life from the moment of its conception.

That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of men or women which is not fitting to be spoken, I will inviolably secret.

I will not carry out moral judgment of any patient, but will deal with its diseases to the maximum of my capacity without

concerning the circumstances.

Knowing my own limitations and those of medicine in general, I will make an effort to cure when possible and always comfort.

I will only request studies if I believe that they have reasonable probability to produce better results for my patients, and I will not carry out studies neither procedures nor surgery only for monetary gain. I will freely refer my patients to other doctors if I am convinced that they are more enabled than I to treat a certain problem.

I will care for my patients and their families as I would have them care for me and my family. Into whatever houses I enter, I will go into them for the benefit of the sick, and will abstain from every voluntary act of mischief and/or corruption; and, further from the seduction of females or males.

I will not experiment with patients unless they grant its consent after informing them truthfully, and I will continue

being a student all my professional life.

I will try to work like an expert for all my patients to be able to take care of them more indeed and to be able to apply the lessons that they provide to me in the care of other patients.

I will offer care to all the patients who ask for it. No matter the sex, race, color, creed or economic status. I will voluntarily offer part of my time for the care of the poor and the underserved ones.

While I continue to keep this oath inviolated, may it be granted to me to enjoy the practice of the art of medicine, respected by all men, at all times! But should I trespass or violate this oath, that God and society demand these violations against me.