

A Pledge to My Patients: The Essential Hippocratic Oath

In the presence of the Almighty, I promise that I will fulfill this Oath to the best of my ability.

Those who have taught me the art of Medicine I will respect, and will seek to faithfully impart my knowledge to those who also accept this covenant and to whom I am a mentor.

I will always seek the physical and emotional well-being of my patients, according to my ability and judgment, being careful to cause no intentional harm.

I will not help a patient to commit suicide, nor will I suggest such a course.

Neither will I give someone an abortive remedy, nor will I suggest such a course.

In purity and holiness, I will maintain the utmost respect for human life, carefully guarding my role as a healer.

When indicated, I will seek the counsel of those with appropriate special skills for the treatment of my patient.

I will always act for the benefit of the sick, treating all with professional and moral integrity, with respect and dignity.

I will avoid all sexual involvement with my patients.

Those things that I learn from or about my patient in confidence, I will hold in strict confidence.

May I be found faithful to these promises and may I enjoy the practice of my art, being respected as one who is dedicated to the healing of the sick.