

THE WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION DECLARATION

ON

MEDICAL ETHICS AND ADVANCED MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

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1. It is essential to balance the benefits and risks for humanity inherent in the development and application of advanced medical technology. Maintaining this balance is entrusted to the judgement of the physician.

Therefore:

2. The use of medical technology should be restricted to the purpose of protecting humanity and the health of the patient, and patient safety should be fully considered by the physician in the development and application of medical technology.
3. In order to foster physicians able to provide appropriate medical care in this kind of environment, efforts must be made to ensure the provision of comprehensive medical education as a way to deepen the understanding that at the heart of medicine is a love for all humanity.



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