

**DECLARATION OF GENEVA**

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**AT THE TIME OF BEING ADMITTED AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL  
PROFESSION:**

**I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE myself to consecrate my life to the service of humanity;**

**I WILL GIVE to my teachers the respect and gratitude which is their due;**

**I WILL PRACTICE my profession with conscience and dignity;**

**THE HEALTH OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration;**

**I WILL RESPECT the secrets which are confided in me, even after the patient  
has died;**

**I WILL MAINTAIN by all the means in my power, the honor and the noble  
traditions of the medical profession;**

**MY COLLEAGUES will be my brothers;**

**I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of religion, nationality, race, party politics  
or social standing to intervene between my duty and my patient;**

**I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life from its beginning even  
under threat and I will not use my medical knowledge contrary to the laws of  
humanity;**

**I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely and upon my honor.**

