

THE WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

**DECLARATION OF GENEVA**

Adopted by the 2nd General Assembly of the World Medical Association, Geneva,  
Switzerland, September 1948  
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AT THE TIME OF BEING ADMITTED AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL  
PROFESSION:

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

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

I WILL PRACTISE my profession with conscience and dignity;

THE HEALTH OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration;

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

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

MY COLLEAGUES will be my sisters and brothers;

I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin,  
gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other  
factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;

I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life;

I WILL NOT USE my medical knowledge contrary to the laws of humanity, even under  
threat;

I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely and upon my honour.

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