INTERNATIONAL CODE OF MEDICAL ETHICS

Adopted by the Third General Assembly of THE WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, London England, October 1949
Amended by 22nd World Medical Assembly, Sydney, Australia, August 1968

Duties of Doctors in General

A DOCTOR MUST always maintain the highest standards of professional conduct.

A DOCTOR MUST practice his profession uninfluenced by motives of profit.

THE FOLLOWING PRACTICES are deemed unethical:

a) Any self advertisement except such as is expressly authorized by the national code of medical ethics.

b) Collaborate in any forms of medical service in which the doctor does not have professional independence.

c) Receiving any money in connection with services rendered to a patient other than a proper professional fee, even with the knowledge of the patient.

ANY ACT, OR ADVICE which could weaken physical or mental resistance of a human being may be used only on his interest.

A DOCTOR IS ADVISED to use great caution in divulging discoveries or new techniques or treatment.

A DOCTOR SHOULD certify or testify only to that which he has personally verified.

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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 the time of conception; even under threat, I will not use my medical knowledge contrary to the laws of humanity.

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

Text as correlated with other official language texts - April 1956