

**Policy Title:****Medical Student Code of Professional Conduct**

As a medical student member of the biomedical community, I accept responsibility and hold myself to the highest standards of conduct. I will also support my colleagues in upholding these standards, which include professional behavior in academic study, clinical practice and patient care, scholarly endeavors, and other professional activities. I commit to the following:

**Personal and professional responsibility**

- I will maintain patient, and study participant well-being as my primary focus and responsibility, and will not deflect from this focus by pursuit of grades, evaluations, or other personal goals.
- I will strive to become an honest, responsible and compassionate member of the biomedical profession. I will demonstrate personal conduct that reflects positively on the biomedical profession and the medical school.
- I will demonstrate ethical, professional, and legal standards of behavior, in meeting my program requirements, including attendance and full participation at all required activities.
- I take personal responsibility for patients in my care, and for research participants or research lab processes when involved with research. I will not leave the relevant premises without ensuring continuity of patient care or supervision of research processes.
- I will recognize and report impairment of any type in my colleagues or myself. I will utilize appropriate channels such as the Office of Medical Student Affairs, Professionalism Incident Reporting Form to identify and report observed un-professional behavior.
- I agree to conduct research in accordance with federal requirements and the three basic ethical principles of respect for persons, beneficence, and justice.
- I will be cognizant of potential conflicts of interest when interacting with pharmaceutical and other medical industry representatives, and remember that patient welfare is my primary focus.

**Commitment to Excellence in Learning**

- I will strive to obtain the knowledge and skills required to develop competence as a trainee and to master best practices of my profession.
- I will develop skill in self-assessment and strive for continual improvement in medical knowledge and practice.
- I will value the learning process as a shared activity involving medical school peers, faculty, and staff.
- I will develop skill in scholarly work, which is relevant to biomedical knowledge and research practices, and which expands current knowledge.
- I will seek assistance from colleagues or professionals for any problems that adversely affect my education, quality of patient care, research, or service to society.

## **Commitment to Excellence in Patient Care**

- I commit myself to continually improving skills in patient care by applying best medical practices, including mastering ethical standards of care, ethical business practices, patient preferences, cultural concerns, and the cost-effective and appropriate use of medical resources.
- I will practice opportunities to educate patients, their families, and larger groups about public health issues and health care options.
- I will preserve the confidentiality of protected health information (PHI), and will comply with all HIPPA requirements for transmission and sharing of patient-specific medical information.

## **Honesty**

- I will demonstrate truthfulness in academic and clinical activities, including examinations, evaluations and any other representation of my work. I will not participate in or be a party to unfair advancement of academic standing.
- I will be truthful in all interactions with patients, peers, and faculty regarding patient data or other information.
- I will be honest with my patients and empower them to make informed choices about their treatment.
- I will protect patient and research participant confidentiality and uphold the dignity of all.
- I will be honest in the collection, interpretation and reporting of data pertinent to academic and scholarly work and patient care.
- I will be cognizant of potential conflicts between my personal values, economic forces, institutional policies, ethical practice, and patient preferences. I will work to ensure that in spite of these potential conflicts, patients have access to the best current medical care.
- I will abide by institutional determinations and disclosure requirements for potential conflicts of interest. I will disclose my potential conflicts of interest in research to applicable review committees and offices.

## **Respect**

- I will demonstrate the highest standards of ethical, legal, and professional behavior in the academic and clinical setting.
- I will not discriminate in any situation based on race, ethnicity, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, socio-economic status, ability to pay, or other identifiable social category.
- I will demonstrate humility and will not abuse the power of my position

## **Acknowledgement**

I agree to abide by this Code of Professional Conduct.

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Print Name

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Date

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Signature