

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.

Print Name

Date

Signature