

## OATH OF HIPPOCRATES

I SWEAR BY APOLLO THE HEALER, BY AESCULAPIUS, BY HYGEIA (HEALTH) AND ALL THE POWERS OF HEALING, AND CALL TO WITNESS ALL THE GODS AND GODDESSES THAT I MAY KEEP THIS OATH, AND PROMISE TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY AND JUDGMENT:

I WILL PAY THE SAME RESPECT TO MY MASTER IN THE SCIENCE (ARTS) AS I DO TO MY PARENTS, AND SHARE MY LIFE WITH HIM AND PAY ALL MY DEBTS TO HIM.

I WILL REGARD HIS SONS AS MY BROTHERS AND TEACH THEM THE SCIENCE, IF THEY DESIRE TO LEARN IT, WITHOUT FEE OR CONTRACT.

I WILL HAND ON PRECEPTS, LECTURES, AND ALL OTHER LEARNING TO MY SONS, TO THOSE OF MY MASTER, AND TO THOSE PUPILS DULY APPRENTICED AND SWORN, AND TO NONE OTHER.

I WILL USE MY POWER TO HELP THE SICK TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY AND JUDGMENT; I WILL ABSTAIN FROM HARMING OR WRONGDOING ANY MAN BY IT.

I WILL NOT GIVE A FATAL DRAUGHT (DRUGS) TO ANYONE IF I AM ASKED, NOR WILL I SUGGEST ANY SUCH THING. NEITHER WILL I GIVE A WOMAN MEANS TO PROCURE AN ABORTION.

I WILL BE CHASTE AND RELIGIOUS IN MY LIFE AND IN MY PRACTICE.

I WILL NOT CUT, EVEN FOR THE STONE, BUT I WILL LEAVE SUCH PROCEDURES TO THE PRACTITIONERS OF THAT CRAFT.

WHENEVER I GO INTO A HOUSE, I WILL GO TO HELP THE SICK, AND NEVER WITH THE INTENTION OF DOING HARM OR INJURY.

I WILL NOT ABUSE MY POSITION TO INDULGE IN SEXUAL CONTACTS WITH THE BODIES OF WOMEN OR OF MEN, WHETHER THEY BE FREEMEN OR SLAVES.

WHATEVER I SEE OR HEAR, PROFESSIONALLY OR PRIVATELY, WHICH OUGHT NOT TO BE DIVULGED, I WILL KEEP SECRET AND TELL NO ONE.

IF, THEREFORE, I OBSERVE THIS OATH AND DO NOT VIOLATE IT, MAY I PROSPER BOTH IN MY LIFE AND IN MY PROFESSION, EARNING GOOD REPUTE AMONG ALL MEN FOR ALL TIME. IF I TRANSGRESS AND FORSWEAR THIS OATH, MAY MY LOT BE OTHERWISE.