



ETHICS DECLARATION

(COURTESY OF HIPPOCRATES 5th C. BC.)



I swear to fulfill, to the best of my growing capabilities and bias-free judgment, this covenant:

- ☐ I will respect the hard-won scientific, both technological and social, gains of those professionals in whose steps I walk, and will gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.
- ☐ I will apply, for the benefit of my colleagues, all measures required, avoiding those triple traps of tyranny, nihilism and dogma.
- ☐ I will remember that there is art to my profession as well as a science, and that encouragement, empathy, and appreciation may outweigh threats of invasive intervention, critical outlooks or dismissal.
- ☐ I will not be ashamed to say "I do not know," nor will I fail to call in my colleagues when my confidence in my domain is tested and the skills of another may be needed for better efficacy of recovery.
- ☐ I will respect the privacy of ALL, for their issues are not disclosed to me that the world may know. Most especially must I tread with care in matters of privileged information. If it is given me to help an endeavor, all thanks. But it may also be within my power to harm; this awesome responsibility must be faced with great humbleness and awareness of my own frailty. Above all, I must not play at being divine.

- ☐ I will remember that I "know" nothing from a chart, a growth, a loss or any symptom or aggregate but will learn and begin to understand through actual lived direct experience above any notion of professed expertise. The impact of others transcends personal, familial, social and economic. My responsibility includes these related impacts, if I am to improve adequately for my brief.
- ☐ I will prevent waste whenever I can, for prior planning, frequent collaboration and adequate prevention is far preferable to clean up intervention.
- ☐ I will protect our shared habitat which sustains us, in the knowledge that the continuing health of ourselves and our societies is fundamentally dependent on a healthy environment.
- ☐ I will remember that I remain a member of ever wider societies, with special obligations to all my fellow sentient beings whose sound of mind and body I'm accountable by moral tort, the un-delegatable obligation to identify, share and remedy errors early and often without fear of scapegoating.

If I do not violate this oath, may I enjoy life and art, respected while I live; remembered with affection thereafter. May I always act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling and may I long experience the joy of helping those who seek help.

Signed



Dated..... Witnessed By.....