

**University of Minnesota Medical School  
Department of Orthopaedic Surgery**

**OATH FOR PHYSICIANS**

In the tradition of Hippocrates and the men and women through the ages who have dedicated their lives to the art and science of medicine I make the following pledge:

The respect and dignity of patients and the confidential nature of our relationship are foremost in my service to them. I will value their lives as I value my own.

I acknowledge my limitations and need for continued education. I will seek the knowledge and inspiration of my colleagues, friends, and patients.

My work shall be dedicated to improving the quality of life for those who seek my assistance. I will honor the wishes and needs of the patient, recognizing that death is not always an enemy. I will do no harm.

I will strive always to improve the practice of medicine, to provide a level of care that is ethical, moral, and just. I expect the same standards from my colleagues and will not tolerate their indifference, greed, or unethical behavior.

My profession is an honored one. I will not violate the trust society has placed in me by allowing race, religion, sexual orientation or social standing to affect my judgment or ability to take care of patients. I will be humble.

I will consider the tools of my profession to be knowledge, compassion, and patience. I will share these tools freely with my colleagues and patients alike.

I shall do my utmost to provide the vulnerable members of society the care and attention they need to assure their health, dignity, and protection. I see all life as sacred.

In the presence of my teachers, my family, and my friends I make these promises solemnly and freely. With this oath I willingly assume the rewards and responsibilities of a physician.

