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## The Oath of Hippocrates

In our profession it is a custom established more than two thousand years ago, that no one may be admitted to its honours, who has not first expressly taken upon himself its obligation. Now, therefore, on behalf of your elders, I call upon you to take, as we have taken before you, the oath which bears the name of Hippocrate.

- ❖ I do solemnly promise in the presence of God to be true to this declaration
- ❖ I will be loyal to the ideals of the profession of medicine and to its tradition of service to mankind
- ❖ I will follow that treatment which according to my ability and judgment I consider of the benefit of my patients and will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous.
- ❖ I will give to deadly medicine to anyone if asked, nor will I perform any abortion or any operation for a criminal purpose.
- ❖ In the presence of epidemics or other danger I will not allow fear of personal harm to turn me from my duty.
- ❖ Into whatsoever house I enter, it shall be for the benefit of the sick to the utmost of my power, holding myself aloof from any act of corruption.
- ❖ In purity and uprightness I will pass my life and practice my art.
- ❖ While I continue to keep this oath inviolate may be granted to me to enjoy life and the practice of the art respected by men in all times.