

Student oath

Written by the entering class of 2021

As I begin the study of medicine, I take this oath solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.

To my patients, I pledge that:

- I will **prioritize** your needs and humanity in support of your full health potential;
- I will **align** myself with you and earn your trust by respecting your unique identities, lived experiences, and knowledge of self;
- I will **empower** you and your loved ones to make choices that honor your beliefs and values;
- I will **serve** you with humility and selflessness, and be grateful for the lessons you teach me.

To society, I pledge that:

- I will **recognize** my responsibilities and privilege, using my platform to advocate for accessible, equitable, and sustainable care for all;
- I will **confront** historical traumas and dismantle systemic injustices that impact our communities, especially those perpetuated by the institution of medicine;
- I will **promote** public health by thoughtfully communicating accurate information about science, environmental health, and medicine;
- I will **champion** community voices in decisions that affect the health of our shared society.

To my profession, I pledge that:

- I will **devote** myself to a lifetime of learning, teaching, and mentoring;
- I will **advance** the art and science of medicine through ethical inquiry and translation into practice;
- I will **respect** the unique expertise of all members of the healthcare team and embrace our interdependence;

- I will **exercise** empathy and integrity as I work to improve the culture of medicine.

To myself, I pledge that:

- I will **acknowledge** my limitations, act within my capabilities, and ask for help without hesitation;
- I will **navigate** medicine's complexity with humility by learning from my mistakes and seeking forgiveness;
- I will **engage** in continuous self-reflection and cultivate my own growth and passion for medicine;
- I will **pursue** my own wellness in deference to my identities, relationships, and humanity.

I celebrate this opportunity and am grateful to those who support and inspire me.

May I stay true to these values, find joy in healing, and nurture the passion with which I take this oath.