HIPPOCRATIC OATH

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1) I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability and judgment, this covenant:

2) I will respect the hard-won scientific gains of those physicians in whose steps I walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.

3) I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures that are required, avoiding those twin traps of overtreatment and therapeutic nihilism.

4) I will remember that there is Art to medicine as well as Science, and that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh the surgeon's knife or the chemist's drug.

5) I will not be ashamed to say "I know not", nor will I fail to call in my colleagues when the skills of another are needed for a patient's recovery.

6) _I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are not disclosed to me that the world may know_. Most especially must I tread with care in matters of life and death. If it is given me to save a life, all thanks. But it may also be within my power to take a life; this awesome responsibility must be faced with great humbleness and awareness of my own frailty. Above all, _I most not play at God._

7) I will remember that I do not treat a fever chart, a cancerous growth, but a sick human being, whose illness may affect the person's family and economic stability. My responsability includes these related problems, if I am to care adequately for the sick.

8) I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.

9) I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special obligations to all my fellow human beings, those sound of mind and body as well as the infirm.

10) _If I do not violate this oath, may I enjoy life and art, respected while I live and 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 healing those who seek my help._

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