



Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Physician Oath

A gift from the Class of 2024

- I vow that as a physician I will serve humanity by caring for the sick, promoting health and well-being, mitigating pain and suffering, and providing kind and compassionate care.
- I will strive every day to do no harm to my patients, to my colleagues, or to the environment.
- I acknowledge that the practice of medicine is a privilege that comes with great responsibility; I will not abuse my position or power. I will not overestimate my role, nor will I underestimate my impact.
- I will see my patients as human beings and not as a pathology, engaging them in shared decision-making and respecting their autonomy, values, and beliefs while maintaining confidentiality.
- I will impart knowledge with humility, striving to listen more than I speak.
- I will always place patients over profits, advocating to change practices that are contrary to my profession's ethics, and working toward an equitable distribution of health resources.
- I will not permit considerations of gender, race, religion, political affiliation, sexual orientation, ability, mental health, social standing, or immigration status to influence my duty of care and I commit myself to addressing health inequities whenever I can and wherever they exist.
- I will foster an inclusive environment by cultivating a collaborative interdisciplinary approach, respecting my colleagues across professions.
- I recognize that to succeed in medicine requires tremendous support and I commit myself to paying it forward by mentoring the next generation of diverse physicians.
- I will strive to advance the field of medicine to improve health outcomes and to enhance the quality of care provided.
- I will continue learning as long as I am fortunate to practice medicine.
- I make this pledge solemnly and sincerely knowing that to the extent that I live by these precepts, I shall be a worthy physician.