

## Class Oath 2009

I SWEAR before all those present – my family, my friends, my teachers and my peers – that, according to my ability and judgment, I will keep this Oath.

To go forward from this place of learning, compassion, and encouragement and continue to live in the spirit of Ohio State full of gentle support, active improvement, and unending pursuit of excellence.

I will recall the gentle humility, the passionate pursuit of knowledge, the calming ease, and all of the unique qualities and examples of our mentors and teachers. I will work to incorporate these lessons learned into my practice in order to exude the spirit of medicine at its best.

I will work tirelessly for the betterment of my individual patients, but not ignore the need to actively advise with wisdom and compassion on a national level at a time of great change in the medical field.

I will not forget myself and my family, for only in being whole can I heal. As I appreciate and admire my mentors and colleagues, I will appreciate and be thankful for those who give me support outside of the hospital walls.

I will live my life humbly, utilizing the power of my knowledge with the utmost respect for human life. Knowing the simplest meaning of doctor as teacher, I will share my knowledge with those who following my footsteps.

I vow to always be prepared for my patients in knowledge, skill, spirit, and time. I will counsel and guide, respecting our differences as well as similarities.

I will not lose sight of my promise to first do no harm and will truthfully self-reflect on my intentions, practices, and self-education and amend my ways if I stray from my ideals.

I will not ignore the social and economic disparities that exist in the world. Be it through care of the indigent of our country or another, I will work to provide care to all in need.

Throughout my career, I will strive to conduct myself with the kindness and respect that I hope will be associated with my name.

With this oath, may I enjoy the privilege of practicing the art and science of medicine.