



SAMA DOCTOR'S PLEDGE

AS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (SAMA):

I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE to dedicate my life to the service of humanity;

I WILL PRACTISE my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with good medical practice;

THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENT, COMMUNITY and MY BROADER AFRICAN COMMUNITIES will be my key considerations;

I WILL RESPECT the dignity of my patient;

I WILL RESPECT the autonomy and confidentiality of my patients and not divulge what ought not to be divulged;

I WILL FOSTER AND HONOUR the noble traditions of the medical profession;

I WILL GIVE to my family, teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;

I WILL SHARE my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare;

I WILL ATTEND TO my own health, well-being, safety and security, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;

I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life;

I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;

I WILL NOT USE my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;

I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely, and upon my honour.

*Adapted from the WMA Declaration of Geneva October 2017
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