

THE OATH OF HIPPOCRATES

I SWEAR TO APOLLO THE PHYSICIAN AND TO AESCULAPIUS AND TO HYGEIA AND TO ALL THE GODS AND GODDESSES WHOM I NAME MY WITNESSES, THAT I SHALL FULFIL, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY AND JUDGMENT, THIS OATH AND COVENANT. MY TEACHER WHO INSTRUCTED ME THIS ART TO HOLD EQUAL TO MY ARENTS AND HIS MALE DESCENDANTS TO HOLD AS MY BROTHERS, TO TEACH THEM THIS ART AND ALL THE MEDIKAL KNOWLEDGE, SHOULD THEY ASK ME TO, WITHOUT ANY REWARD OR COVENANT, AND TO DO SO TOO TO ALL THOSE THAT HAVE TAKEN THE MEDIKAL OATH AND TO NONE OTHER, ACCORDING TO MY POWER AND JUDGMENT TO USE THE MEDIKAL KNOWLEDGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE THAT SUFFER, AS JUDGED BY MYSELF THAT TO BE FAIR, AND TO AVOID FROM DOING ANY HARMOR IN JUSTICE. NOT TO GIVE TO ANYONE ANY LETHAR DRUG, EVEN IF THAT HE ASKED OF ME, AND NEITHER TO SUGGEST SUCH. ALSO NOT TO SUPPLY ANY WOMEN WITH THE MEANS FOR ABORTION. TO PRESERVE PURE AND IMMACULATE MY LIFE AND ART. NOT TO CASTRATE EVEN THAT MAY ASK ME TO, BUT TO LEAVE THIS TO THE MANUAL LABOURERS, IN ANY HOMES I ENTER, TO DO SO FOR THE GOOD AND BENEFIT OF THOSE THAT SUFFER AND TO ABSTAIN FROM ANY PREMEDITATED INJUSTICE OR HARM OF ANY KIND OF SEXUAL ACTS UPON THE BODIES OF WOMEN OR MEN BE THEY FREE CITIZENS OR SLAVES. AND ANYTHING THAT I MAY HEAR OR SEE DURING THE COURSE OF TREATMENT IS BEING CONDUCTED, EVEN DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAILY LIFE OF MEN, I CAN NOT INVOKE BUT ON THE CONTRARY, TO CONCEALAD KEEP, FOREVER SECRET. THIS OATH OF MINE, KEEPING IT AND WITHOUT EVER VIOLATING, MAY I HAVE AS ASSISTANT THOUGH OUT ALL MY LIFE AND IN THE CONDUCT OF MY ART AS WELL, SO THAT I MAY HAVE THE RESPECT OF ALL MEN. BUT SHOULD I EVER TRANSGRESSES IT AND COMMIT PERJURY, THAT I MAY BE PUNISHED WITH THE OPPOSIDES.

