

The University of Mississippi Medical Center Houseofficer Attestation of Professional Commitment

Preparation for a career in medicine requires the acquisition of a large base of knowledge and skills. It also demands the virtues that form the basis of the doctor-patient relationship and sustain the profession of medicine as a moral enterprise. This attestation serves as both a commitment and a reminder to houseofficers that their conduct in fulfilling their professional obligations is the key to becoming a fully competent physician.

Houseofficer Commitment

I pledge my utmost effort to acquire the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and behaviors required to fulfill all educational objectives established by the faculty as part of my training curriculum. I pledge that I will cherish the professional virtues of honesty, compassion, integrity, fidelity, and dependability. I pledge that I will embrace the highest standards of the medical profession and conduct myself accordingly in all of my interactions with patients, colleagues, and staff. I will respect all individuals without regard to gender, race, national origin, religion, age or sexual orientation.

I recognize the importance of personal health and well-being as a physician. I pledge to follow the duty hours limits as established by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education, the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and my Department. In conjunction with my program director, I agree to monitor myself for signs of excessive fatigue. I agree to report excessive fatigue or violations of duty hours policies to my program director and / or the Office of Graduate Medical Education. I understand that any such reports may be made anonymously through the GME web-site if desired.

(signature)

(department)

(print name)

(date)