

Pharmacist Code of Ethics

Preamble - These principles of professional conduct are established to guide pharmacists in relationships with patients, fellow practitioners, other health professionals, and the public.

A **Pharmacist** should hold the health and safety of patients to be of first consideration and should render to each patient the full measure of professional ability as an essential health practitioner.

A **Pharmacist** should never knowingly condone the dispensing, promoting, or distributing of drugs or medical devices, or assist therein, that are not of good quality, that do not meet standards required by law, or that lack therapeutic value for the patient.

A **Pharmacist** should always strive to perfect and enlarge professional knowledge.

A **Pharmacist** should utilize and make available this knowledge as may be required in accordance with the best professional judgment.

A **Pharmacist** has the duty to observe the law, to uphold the dignity and honor of the profession, and to accept its ethical principles.

A **Pharmacist** should not engage in any activity that will bring discredit to the profession and should expose, without fear or favor, illegal or unethical conduct in the profession.

A **Pharmacist** should seek at all times only fair and reasonable remuneration for professional services.

A **Pharmacist** should never agree to, or participate in, transactions with practitioners of other health professions or any other person under which fees are divided or that may cause financial or other exploitation in connection with the rendering of professional services.

A **Pharmacist** should respect the confidential and personal nature of professional records; except where the best interest of the patient requires or the law demands, a pharmacist should not disclose such information to anyone without proper patient authorization.

A **Pharmacist** should not agree to practice under terms or conditions that interfere with or impair the proper exercise of professional judgment and skill, that cause a deterioration of the quality of professional services, or that require consent to unethical conduct.

A **Pharmacist** should strive to provide information to patients regarding professional services truthfully, accurately, and fully and should avoid misleading patients regarding the nature, cost, or value of these professional services.

A **Pharmacist** should associate with organizations having for the objective the betterment of the profession of pharmacy and should contribute time and funds to carry on the work of these organizations.