

# The Hippocratic Oath

I swear by Apollo the physician, by Asclepius, by Health, by Panacea and by all the gods and goddesses, making them my witnesses, that I will carry out, according to my ability and Judgment, this oath and this indenture; to hold my teacher in this art equal to my own parents: to make him partner in my livelihood; when he is in need of money to share mine with him; to consider his **family** as my own brothers and to teach them this **art, if** they want to learn It, without fee or indenture; to impart precept, oral **instruction**, and **all** other instruction to my own sons, the sons of my teacher, and to indentured pupils who have taken the physician's oath, but to nobody else. I will use treatment to help the sick according to my ability and judgment, but never with a view to injury and wrong-doing. Neither will I administer a poison to anybody when asked to do so, nor will I suggest such a course. Similarly, I will not give a woman a pessary to cause abortion. **But I** will keep pure and holy both in my life and art. I **will** not use the **knife**, not even verily, on sufferers **from** stone but **I** will give place to such as are craftsmen therein. Into whatsoever houses I enter, I will enter to help the sick, and I will abstain **from** all intentional wrong-doing and harm, especially from abusing the bodies of man and woman, bond or free. And whatsoever I shall see or hear In the course of my **profession** as **well** as outside my **profession** In my Intercourse with **men**, if it be what should not be published abroad, I will never divulge **holding** such things to be holy secret. Now if I carry out this oath, and break It not, may I gain for ever , reputation among all men for my **life** and for my art; but if I transgress If and forswear myself, **may the** opposite **befall me**.

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