DECLARATION
OF GENEVA

At the time of being admitted as a member of the medical profession:

I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE
to consecrate my life to the service of humanity

I WILL GIVE
to my teachers the respect and gratitude that is their due

I WILL PRACTISE
my profession with conscience and dignity

THE HEALTH OF MY PATIENT
will be my first consideration

I WILL RESPECT
the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died

I WILL MAINTAIN
by all the means in my power, the honour and the noble traditions of the medical profession

MY COLLEAGUES
will be my sisters and brothers

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 MAINTAIN
the utmost respect for human life

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

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