

## Class of 2023 Honor Statement

We the class of 2023 pledge to uphold the oath and contract that we here take:

First, we will do no harm.

That which is told to us in confidence will not be spread to others or taken lightly.

We will bear witness to trauma in the lives of others, and in doing so, may we never see in the patient anything other than a fellow human being.

We will meet each patient with compassion, aware that dignity and a kind heart can serve a higher purpose than medical intervention alone.

We will recognize the power afforded by our profession, and the unique privilege to be an advocate for those in our care as well as our community.

We will advance equity and equality, empowering the voices of individuals and communities that have not been heard.

We will honor the diverse experiences of our patients and colleagues, learning from their unique perspectives.

When conflict arises, we will use this opportunity to learn how someone else intends to do good. We will be united by our commitment to improving the human condition.

We will learn equanimity and humility, recognizing that panic and arrogance can be as harmful as disease or injury.

We will honor our future patients in our current preparation.

We will encourage and support one another in the pursuit of the highest standards of excellence, both as individuals and as a class, in the knowledge that through our greatest challenges we may discover our greatest strengths.

In holding ourselves to this standard, we recognize that the person to our right may one day care for our child. The person to our left may one day care for our parent.

We begin this journey at different stages in our lives. We will end this journey having come to a place of shared knowledge, values, and experiences. These will be taken from classes and lectures, but also from those standing with us today.

