Code of Ethics for Pharmacists

PREAMBLE
Pharmacists are health professionals who assist individuals in making the best use of medications. This Code, prepared and supported by pharmacists, is intended to state publicly the principles that form the fundamental basis of the roles and responsibilities of pharmacists. These principles, based on moral obligations and virtues, are established to guide pharmacists in relationships with patients, health professionals, and society.

I. A pharmacist respects the covenantal relationship between the patient and pharmacist.

II. A pharmacist promotes the good of every patient in a caring, compassionate, and confidential manner.

III. A pharmacist respects the autonomy and dignity of each patient.

IV. A pharmacist acts with honesty and integrity in professional relationships.

V. A pharmacist maintains professional competence.

VI. A pharmacist respects the values and abilities of colleagues and other health professionals.

VII. A pharmacist serves individual, community, and societal needs.

VIII. A pharmacist seeks justice in the distribution of health resources.

Welcoming the Class of 2014
The "white coat" is a powerful symbol of the awesome responsibility that pharmacists have as health care providers. The traditional presentation of the white coat to new students represents their passage into the pharmacy profession with all the opportunities and responsibilities associated with professionalism.

At Idaho State University, the ceremony also provides an opportunity for the class to join family members and other important individuals as participants in this significant event.

As pharmacy students receive their white coats and recite the Code of Ethics for Pharmacists, your support will help inspire them to be more than a pharmacy student—they become student pharmacists.

Through public affirmation, students demonstrate pride for the profession of pharmacy and commitment to the caring of patients. They also have an opportunity to reflect on the various attributes of professionalism addressed in the Code of Ethics for Pharmacists.

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