

Appendix 1. The Role of the Korean Doctor, 2014

[Domain 1: patient care]

1. Doctors shall possess professional medical knowledge and appropriate clinical skills.
2. Doctors shall maintain a patient-centered approach when assessing, diagnosing, and treating the patient, and shall be capable of delivering accurate medical judgments and appropriate clinical decisions.
3. Patient care shall be based on scientific evidence and reflect consideration for the individual nature of each patient.
4. Decisions related to patient care shall be reached while respecting the patient's opinions through activities such as information provision, education, counseling, and collection of informed consent.
5. The duty to protect the patient's privacy shall be upheld and requirements regarding medical records and issuance of various certificates shall be fully understood. Such records shall be maintained with integrity and accuracy.
6. Doctors shall respond appropriately so that the patient's quality of life does not deteriorate because of pain and suffering during medical care.
7. Doctors shall respect patients and maintain a patient-doctor relationship based on mutual trust.
8. Doctors shall communicate actively with patients, their guardians, and other medical professionals.
9. Doctors shall acknowledge the limits of modern medicine and exert an open-minded effort to overcome such limits.
10. Upon encountering a patient with a condition beyond one's knowledge or experience, doctors shall seek the assistance of other appropriate medical professionals and cooperate when asked for advice or the referral of patients.
11. Doctors shall comply with professional ethics and develop their medical expertise to acquire the best aptitude and professional attitude for patient care.
12. Doctors shall pursue extensive measures for the safety of their patients.
13. In an emergency, doctors shall perform prompt care and transfer the patient to a medical institution capable of follow-up care if necessary to prevent the situation from worsening.
14. Doctors shall educate patients about drug interactions and possible adverse effects of drugs, and shall exert efforts to prevent drug addiction and abuse.
15. In a situation involving the safety of the patient, doctors shall place the highest priority on patient protection and shall take appropriate follow-up measures.

[Domain 2: communication and collaboration]

16. Doctors shall understand and empathize with their patients; further, they shall be able to appropriately express their appreciation regarding each patient's position.
17. Doctors shall listen to patients with care and respect their opinions.
18. Doctors shall protect each patient's privacy and personal values.
19. Doctors shall pursue a patient-doctor relationship based on honesty and trust.
20. In a situation posing harm to the patient, doctors shall take appropriate measures and resolve problems through communication and cooperation.
21. When termination of care, consultation, referral, or a transfer to another hospital is necessary, doctors shall explain such reasons sufficiently to the patient and guardian in advance.
22. When the patient has difficulties cooperating and communicating because of special circumstances, doctors shall request professional assistance if necessary.
23. Doctors may provide sufficient information to patients or guardians and seek their cooperation while respecting patient privacy if such efforts are beneficial to patient care.
24. Doctors shall understand and respect the positions of patients' family members or guardians.
25. Doctors shall closely communicate and cooperate with all colleagues, including medical and non-medical personnel.
26. Doctors shall respect the abilities, experience, and opinions of each member of the medical team and follow clearly defined roles and responsibilities.
27. When referring patients or delegating patient care to colleagues, doctors shall provide appropriate and sufficient information.
28. Doctors shall not engage in groundless criticism of other doctors (colleagues).
29. Doctors shall actively participate in training that may enhance their understanding of other professions.
30. When necessary for effective care and better public health, doctors shall communicate and cooperate with numerous related organizations.
31. Doctors shall provide truthful information beneficial to the public good when providing information related to the public health.
32. Doctors shall identify various factors that influence the health of individuals, the community, and the nation, and shall be able to appropriately respond to such factors.

[Domain 3: social accountability]

33. Doctors shall meet patients' demands for better personal health during patient care.
34. Doctors shall identify factors and needs that influence the health of local residents and take appropriate action.
35. Doctors shall provide professional insight on information and solutions regarding the promotion of health in the community.
36. Doctors shall actively cooperate with activities to promote health within the local community and country, such as the control of contagious diseases.
37. Doctors shall identify the health issues of the medically disadvantaged and shall exert efforts to resolve them.
38. Doctors shall understand the social, economic, cultural, and ethical implications of medicine-related laws and systems and actively respond to shifts in the medical field.
39. Considering limited medical resources, doctors shall maintain fairness and increase the efficiency of medical institutions and public health systems.
40. Doctors shall be capable of performing as managers and leaders in the public health system.
41. Doctors shall cooperate in health protection activities in the event of a domestic disaster.
42. Doctors shall understand the meaning of international disaster relief activities and participate in such activities.
43. Doctors shall support the public health activities of international organizations and participate in international exchanges.

[Domain 4: professionalism]

44. Doctors shall assess their own medical capabilities honestly and shall not promote them in an exaggerated manner.
45. Doctors shall maintain their capabilities to provide the best patient care based on their consciences and clinical autonomy.
46. Doctors shall be aware of the duty to protect patient privacy and shall abide by such principles.
47. Doctors shall provide medical information through due process for a justified cause.
48. Doctors shall be capable of maintaining the patient-doctor relationship within a professional context.
49. Doctors shall be capable of managing conflict of interest situations that occur in the course of patient care.
50. Doctors shall respect the political, social, and religious beliefs of patients in the course of care and shall not discriminate or demonstrate prejudice based on patients' beliefs. Additionally, the doctor shall not forcefully impose his/her own belief system on patients.
51. Doctors shall fully understand and comply with the ethical guidelines required by law and the medical profession.
52. Doctors shall faithfully perform the duties demanded by professional organizations and related bodies.
53. Doctors shall take appropriate action when a colleague damages their profession.
54. Doctors shall actively participate in various self-regulation activities.
55. Doctors shall maintain an appropriate balance between their work and personal lives.
56. Doctors shall maintain an appropriate level of personal health.
57. Doctors shall be capable of systematically responding to protect their work in the healthcare environment.
58. Doctors shall request the assistance of other colleagues in matters related to their own health and shall actively cooperate when asked for help by other doctors.

[Domain 5: education and research]

59. Doctors shall maintain and promote professional capabilities through lifelong learning.
60. Doctors shall be capable of performing the role of educator toward patients, guardians, medical professionals, and the general public.
61. Doctors shall be capable of conducting fair peer assessments based on scientific evidence.
62. Doctors shall understand scientific principles and methods of medical research.
63. Doctors shall select and apply scientific methods to respond to questions that arise during patient care.
64. Doctors shall be able to appropriately analyze and utilize the results of medical research.
65. Doctors shall comply with relevant ethical principles and guidelines when conducting medical research involving human subjects.