

MODEL Pledge for Physical Therapy

As I enter the profession of physical therapy to practice as a physical therapist, I solemnly and willingly pledge the following:

I will respect the rights and dignity of all individuals and will provide compassionate care. (1)

I will be trustworthy towards my patients and clients and in all other aspects of physical therapy practice. (2)

I will place the welfare of my patients and clients above my own self-interest. (7)

I will provide accurate and relevant information to patients and clients about their care and to the public about physical therapy services. (8)

I will exercise sound judgment and comply with laws and regulations that govern physical therapy and protect the public from unethical, incompetent, and illegal acts. (4, 3, 9)

I will maintain professional competence and promote high standards for physical therapy practice, education, and research. (5, 6)

I will address the health needs of society and strive to effect changes that benefit patients, clients, and the community. (10, 3)

I will respect the rights, knowledge, and skills of colleagues and other health care professionals and seek consultation whenever the welfare of the patient or client may be advanced. (11)

Thus, with this pledge, I freely accept the responsibilities that accompany the practice of physical therapy.

Adopted as model February, 2004

Note: Numbers refer to corresponding elements of the Code of Ethics. They are not meant to be read aloud.