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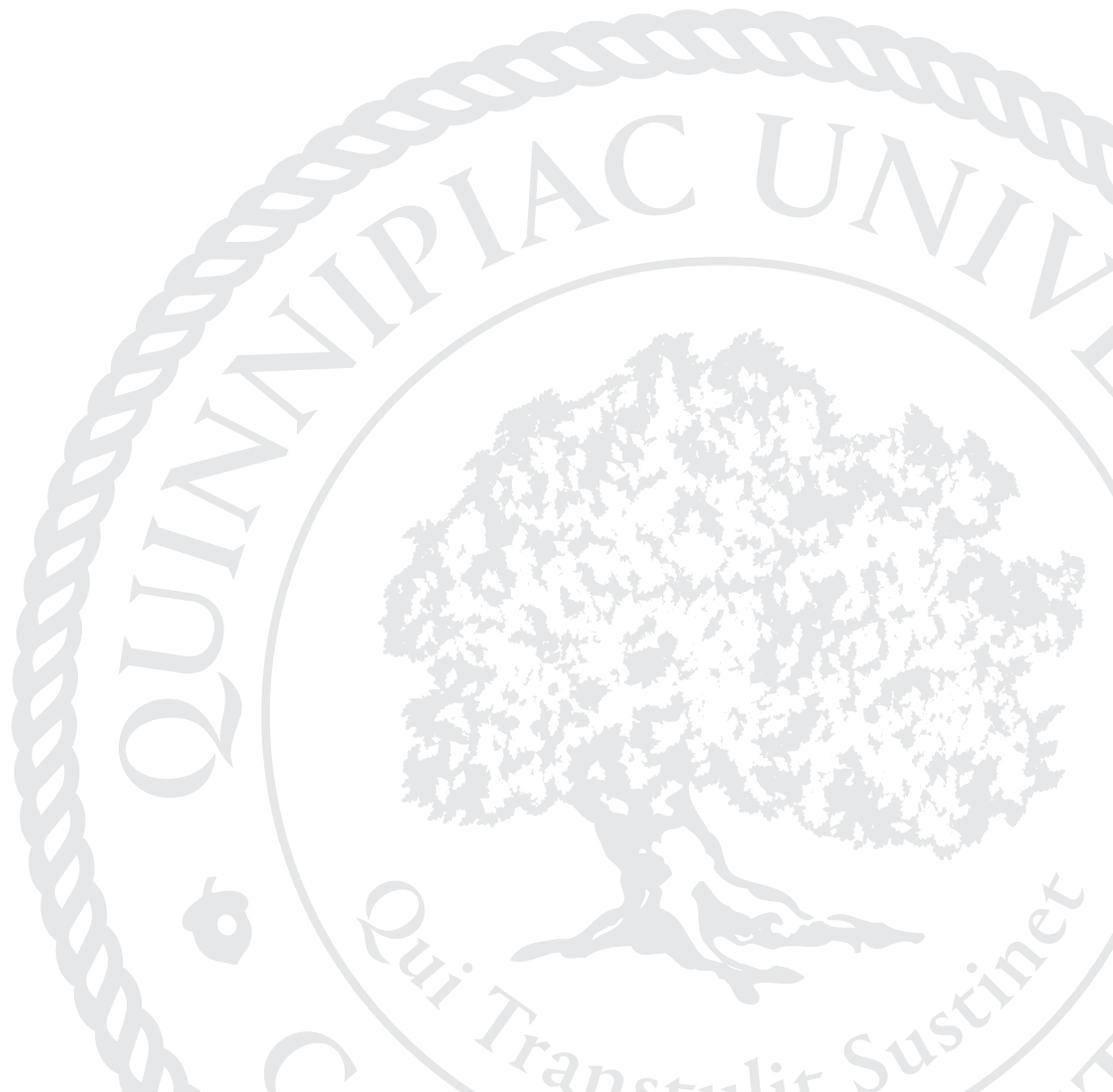
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COMMENCEMENT

EXERCISES

Friday the Twelfth of May

2023

Five o'clock





GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT OLIAN

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 as you celebrate the culmination of four years of hard work and a steadfast commitment to your dream. As you embark on residencies in 24 states and 16 different specialties and subspecialties, you are well prepared to be leaders in your community and to practice truly compassionate, patient-centered healthcare.

As graduates of Quinnipiac University's Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine, you have learned from a distinguished faculty and a committed staff. You also have learned valuable lessons from each other during this transformative time. Please stay connected to the QU Netter community and continue to enjoy the many friendships and mentorships you have nurtured here.

Your talent, drive and purpose are sure to impact many and to make the world a better and more equitable place for all. Enjoy this day with your families, friends and others who have helped you reach this milestone. Together, we are cheering for you, with utmost pride.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judy Olian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "O".

Judy D. Olian, PhD



A MESSAGE FROM DEAN BOISELLE

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 on your remarkable achievement!

As members of the seventh graduating class of the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University, you have faced unprecedented challenges amid the pandemic with an admirable combination of grace and grit. Throughout these challenges, you have kept your focus on caring for the needs of our patients, our community and one another.

You are graduating at a watershed moment of opportunity for greater health equity and are poised to help lead these efforts in the communities in which you serve.

As part of a new generation of physicians, you are beacons of light, beacons of hope and beacons of healing to a world that desperately needs doctors like you: diverse, compassionate, equity-minded and patient-centered. And, as you go forth as doctors, you will help fulfill our school's vision of painting a brighter healthcare future for all — one brushstroke and one patient at a time.

As members of the QU Netter family, I encourage you to stay connected with us. Please share news of your successes and allow us to support you on your respective journeys.

Good luck and Godspeed!

Phillip Boiselle, MD

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Trumpet Prelude and Processional

Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

Call to Commencement

Phillip M. Boiselle, MD

Dean of the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine

National Anthem

Anoush Calikyan, MD '23

Greetings

Judy D. Olian, PhD

President

Dean's Remarks

Phillip M. Boiselle

Introduction of Commencement Speaker

Lyuba Konopasek, MD

Senior Associate Dean for Education

Commencement Address

Malika Fair, MD

*Senior Director of Health Equity Partnerships
and Programs at the Association of American
Medical Colleges*

Presentation of Candidates for Medical Degrees and Conferral of Hoods

Phillip M. Boiselle

Renu Boatright, MD

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

Conferral of Degrees

Judy D. Olian

Student Remarks

Whitney L'nicole Nichols, MD '23

QU Netter Physician's Pledge

Lyuba Konopasek

Alumni Welcome

Jeanna Doherty '94

Chair, Alumni Association Board

Recessional

Amor Vittorioso | G. Gastoldi

March | A. Valenti

Please remain at your seats until the Commencement procession files out.
A post-ceremony reception will take place at the Rocky Top Student Center.



CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Doctor of Medicine

Sharif Abdel Jalil

Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy
University of Connecticut School of Medicine, CT
Emergency Medicine

Nicole A. Adler

Distinction in Global Public and Community Health
TJU/Nemours Children's Health, DE
Pediatrics

Joie R. Akerson

Distinction in Global Public and Community Health
Saint Joseph Hospital SCL Health, CO
Family Medicine

Austin G. Alecxih

Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
The University of Tennessee College of Medicine -
Chattanooga, TN
Orthopaedic Surgery

Janani Arangan

High Distinction in Interprofessional Education and Practice
Boston University Medical Center, MA
Psychiatry-Family Medicine

Gabriella Baffoni

Distinction in Interprofessional Education and Practice
Massachusetts General Hospital, MA
Anesthesiology

Sara A. Buzel

Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
Westchester Medical Center, NY
Anesthesiology

Anoush Calikyan

High Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy
NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, NY
Pediatrics

Ashley N. Carducci

High Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
Montefiore Medical Center/Einstein, NY
General Surgery

Abigail E. Case

High Distinction in Global Public and Community Health
Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital, RI
General Surgery

Julia K. Cataldo

High Distinction in Medical Education
Massachusetts General Hospital, MA
Pediatrics

John B. Chiari

Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
Memorial Health-University Medical Center, GA
General Surgery

Nicole A. Clayton

High Distinction in Medical Humanities
Nationwide Children's Hospital, OH
Pediatrics

Francis Coppola

Distinction in Medical Education
Stamford Hospital/Columbia, CT
Family Medicine

Margaret E. Crampton

High Distinction in Global Public and Community Health
Stamford Hospital/Columbia, CT
Family Medicine

James S. Danahey

Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
University of Colorado School of Medicine-Denver, CO
General Surgery/2-Year Research

Tam N. Dinh

High Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
The University of New Mexico School of Medicine, NM
Internal Medicine

Sotonye C. Douglas

Distinction in Global Public and Community Health
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, PA
General Surgery

Kaiti Duan

Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
Lehigh Valley Hospital, PA
Plastic Surgery (Integrated)

Rebecca M. Easley-Merski

Distinction in Medical Humanities
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, MA
Internal Medicine

David A. Eaton

Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
Yale New Haven Hospital, CT
Internal Medicine Preliminary
NYU Grossman School of Medicine, NY
Anesthesiology/NYU Manhattan

Christopher T. Eixenberger

High Distinction in Global Public and Community Health
University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals, WA
Anesthesiology/Bonica Scholar

Ndidi O. Enwereji

Distinction in Global Public and Community Health
Henry Ford Hospital, MI
Transitional

Olohirere T. Ezomo

High Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
Baylor College of Medicine-Houston, TX
Orthopaedic Surgery

Patrick M. Fleming

High Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy
Maine Medical Center, ME
Internal Medicine

Lala L. Forrest

High Distinction in Medical Education
Yale New Haven Hospital, CT
Psychiatry

Mercedes S. Forster

High Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy
Contra Costa Regional Medical Center, CA
Family Medicine

Garrett Garbo

High Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
University of Minnesota Medical School, MN
Obstetrics-Gynecology

Katherine S. Gershfeld

High Distinction in Medical Humanities
Brown University/Kent Hospital, RI
Family Medicine

Corinne Grady

High Distinction in Medical Humanities
Boston University Medical Center, MA
Family Medicine

Audria C. Greenwald

Distinction in Global Public and Community Health
Maine Medical Center, ME
General Surgery

Rachael E. Groh

Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
UCI Medical Center, CA
Psychiatry

Derek Groskreutz

High Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
The Medical University of South Carolina, SC
General Surgery Preliminary,
Interventional Radiology (Integrated)

Kenneth A. Hanton

Distinction in Medical Education
Yale New Haven Hospital, CT
Anesthesiology

Christina N. Harvey

Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
Anne Arundel Medical Center, MD
Obstetrics-Gynecology

Diane N. Hassanieh

High Distinction in Medical Humanities
UMass Chan – Baystate, MA
Medicine-Pediatrics

Megan C. Haugland

High Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy
Kern Medical Center, CA
Obstetrics-Gynecology

George N. Hernandez

High Distinction in Global Public and Community Health
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, CA
Family Medicine

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Distinction in Medical Education
University of Connecticut School of Medicine, CT
Obstetrics-Gynecology

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High Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy
UMass Chan Medical School, MA
General Surgery

Stanca I. Iacob

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SUNY Upstate Medical University, NY
Obstetrics-Gynecology

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Distinction in Healthcare Management and Organizational Leadership
Bridgeport Hospital, CT
Internal Medicine

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Distinction in Medical Education
SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn, NY
General Surgery

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Internal Medicine Preliminary
University of Connecticut School of Medicine, CT
Anesthesiology

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High Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
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Internal Medicine Preliminary
UC San Diego Medical Center, CA
Anesthesiology

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Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
Yale New Haven Hospital, CT
Emergency Medicine

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Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, FL
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Kaiser Permanente Fontana Medical Center, CA
Psychiatry

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High Distinction in Global Public and Community Health
UCI Medical Center, CA
Internal Medicine

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Distinction in Healthcare Management and Organizational Leadership
Westchester Medical Center, NY
Internal Medicine

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Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
UC Davis Medical Center, CA
Internal Medicine

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High Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, CA
Family Medicine

Julia N. LaMonica

Distinction in Medical Humanities
Beaumont Health, MI
Orthopaedic Surgery/Royal Oak & Taylor

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High Distinction in Medical Humanities
Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, NH
Internal Medicine

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Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
University of Virginia, VA
Emergency Medicine

Adriana D. Lebowitz

Distinction in Global Public and Community Health
Boston University Medical Center, MA
Neurology

Joseph Malzbender

Distinction in Health Communications
Saint Joseph Hospital SCL Health, CO
Internal Medicine

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High Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
NYU Grossman School of Medicine- Brooklyn, NY
Internal Medicine Preliminary,
Neurology

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Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
UMass Chan Medical School, MA
Internal Medicine Preliminary,
Neurology

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Distinction in Medical Humanities
Madigan Army Medical Center, WA
Family Medicine

Tamika L. McLean

Distinction in Global Public and Community Health
University of Connecticut School of Medicine, CT
Internal Medicine

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Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell at Cohen
Children's Medical Center, NY
Pediatrics

Avnee Mistry

Distinction in Medical Humanities
University of Connecticut School of Medicine, CT
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Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
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Family Medicine

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Distinction in Healthcare Management and Organizational Leadership
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Family Medicine

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Medicine-Pediatrics

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Distinction in Medical Education
California Pacific Medical Center, CA
Internal Medicine

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Oregon Health & Science University, OR
Anesthesiology

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Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital, RI
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University Hospital, NY
Obstetrics-Gynecology

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Distinction in Medical Humanities
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Emergency Medicine

Valeria A. Saldana

High Distinction in Global Public and Community Health
Emory University School of Medicine, GA
Psychiatry

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Distinction in Health Policy and Advocacy
Lahey Hospital & Medical Center, MA
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High Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
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Internal Medicine Preliminary
Stanford Health Care, CA
Neurology

Lee Ann E. Serrano

Distinction in Global Public and Community Health
Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center, CA
Obstetrics-Gynecology

Emilee Sirois

Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
Concord Hospital, NH
Family Medicine

Alexandra Smith

High Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
MultiCare Health System, WA
Family Medicine/Tacoma

Ryan A. Smith

High Distinction in Global Public and Community Health
Albany Medical Center, NY
Orthopaedic Surgery

Amar G. Sra

High Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
The George Washington University, DC
Internal Medicine

Mahima Sukumar

Distinction in Medical Humanities
St. Vincent's Medical Center, CT
Internal Medicine Preliminary
UCLA Medical Center, CA
Neurology

Sabiha S. Tamima

High Distinction in Medical Education
Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center, CA
Internal Medicine

Salam Taraben

Distinction in Global Public and Community Health
Cleveland Clinic Akron General, OH
Internal Medicine Preliminary
Cleveland Clinic Foundation, OH
Physical Medicine & Rehab

Elana Taute

Distinction in Global Public and Community Health
U.S. Army at Penn State Health, PA
General Surgery

Alena Tokarev

High Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
Lahey Hospital & Medical Center, MA
Anesthesiology

Ryan F. Tudino

High Distinction in Global Public and Community Health
Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital, RI
Internal Medicine

Cecilia P. Uong

Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, MA
Anesthesiology

Shane V. Varghese

Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
Kaiser Permanente Woodland Hills Medical Center, CA
Family Medicine

Darren Wijaya

Distinction in Basic Translational and Clinical Science
Loma Linda University, CA
Internal Medicine



ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

Excellent Performance in a Required Clinical Clerkship

Critical Care—Gabriella Baffoni

Emergency Medicine—Avraham Rosen

Family Medicine—Janani Arangan

Internal Medicine—Kevin O'Connor

OB/GYN—Megan Haugland

Pediatrics—Nicole Clayton

Psychiatry—Lala Forrest

Surgery—Abigail Case

Awards for Leadership and Service

Gerald R. Berg, MD, Service Award—Pharis Sasa

This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates selfless and compassionate service to the community.

Dean's Leadership Award—Diane Hassanieh

This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates outstanding leadership to their class and the school.

State and National Awards

Academy of Family Physicians Dr. David and Arthur Schuman Award—Shane Varghese

Connecticut Academy of Family Physicians Annual Student Award—Joie Akerson

Connecticut American College of Physicians Internal Medicine Award—Laura Ibanez

Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award—Julia Cataldo

The purpose of the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award, presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation, is to recognize the value of humanism in the delivery of care to patients and their families.

Awards for Outstanding Capstone Projects

Barbara Pober, MD, MPH, Clinical Science Scholarship Award—Garrett Garbo

MeSH Preceptors Award for Scholarship in Primary Care—Sharif Abdel Jalil

Scholarship in Community or Global Health Award—Diane Hassanieh

Scholarship in Humanism Award—Alexandra Smith

Medical Innovation and Education Award—Julia LaMonica

Stephen Wikel PhD Scientific Scholarship Award—Ndidi Enwereji

Awards for High Distinction in a Capstone Concentration

Janani Arangan

Anoush Calikyan

Ashley N. Carducci

Abigail E. Case

Julia K. Cataldo

Nicole A. Clayton

Margaret E. Crampton

Tam N. Dinh

Christopher T. Eixenberger

Olohirere T. Ezomo

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Caroline E. Lapp

Maria F. Mastropaolo

Whitney L. Nichols

Steph A. Quainoo

Valeria A. Saldana

Abby K. Scurfield

Alexandra Smith

Ryan A. Smith

Amar G. Sra

Sabiha S. Tamima

Alena Tokarev

Ryan F. Tudino

Gold Humanism Honor Society

Janani Arangan

Julia Cataldo

Sotonye Douglas

Olohirere Ezomo

Lala Forrest

Garrett Garbo

Kate Gershfeld

George Hernandez

Anish Kolan

Whitney Nichols

Steph Quainoo

Lee Ann Serrano

Elana Taute

FRANK H. NETTER MD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE PHYSICIAN'S PLEDGE

AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION:

- I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE to dedicate my life to the service of humanity;
- THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration;
- I WILL RESPECT the autonomy and dignity of my patient;
- I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life;
- 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 ADVOCATE for social, economic, educational, and political changes that ameliorate suffering and contribute to the well-being of my patients and the communities I serve;
- I WILL RESPECT the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;
- I WILL PRACTICE my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with good medical practice;
- I WILL FOSTER the honor and noble traditions of the medical profession;
- I WILL GIVE to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;
- I WILL SHARE my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare;
- I WILL ATTEND TO my own health, well-being, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;
- 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 honor.

*Adapted from the WMA Declaration of Geneva Updated October 2017
(The Physician's Pledge) and the AMA Declaration of Professional Responsibility*

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