



## FORREST GENERAL HOSPITAL PHYSICIANS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Physicians have always had an unwritten code of conduct. Today, as always, public perception of the medical profession is affected by the conduct of individual physicians. In the spirit of this unwritten code, the following guidelines are offered to help ensure a positive impression of our profession.

Our primary goal is the best of care for our patients. In the hospital setting, we are dependent upon a team concept to deliver this care much of the time. Our thoughts should, at all times, take into account our impact upon the other members of the team and how, through our professional conduct, we can encourage and educate them to provide the best of care.

Physicians, as leaders of the healthcare team, should facilitate rather than impede team and individual performance. An effective leader will praise in public and reprimand in private. Abusive language and behavior is not professional.

Physician appearance makes a powerful statement about respect for patient and team sensibilities. We should always dress appropriately for the hospital setting.

Timeliness in the performance of our duties is critical to the proper functioning of the entire team.

Physicians have tremendous responsibilities as leaders of the healthcare team. Their faculties should never be impaired in the performance of their duties by alcohol or other drugs.

Medicine is a caring profession. In this spirit, physicians should care for their fellow physicians and support them in difficult times and circumstances.

Professional conduct precludes sexual harassment in all of its various manifestations.

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I certify that I have read the above **PHYSICIANS' CODE OF CONDUCT** and agree to abide by it.

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Signature of applicant

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Printed name of applicant