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HERBERT WERTHEIM COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

APRIL 29, 2019





Dear Class of 2019,

Congratulations on your graduation from Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (HWCOM)! This moment marks a major milestone in your lives and, of equal importance, in the lives of the countless patients that you will help in the generations to come.

As you know, Dr. John Rock stepped down as Dean of HWCOM this year, and I assumed the position of Dean. Over the past several months, I have been privileged to get to know many of you, and I have enjoyed each and every interaction with you as individuals and as a class. In particular,

Match Day was a truly unforgettable experience for all of us, and we have many more milestones ahead to share and celebrate. From all that I have witnessed, I am convinced that you embody every trait of the very best of physicians. Through your knowledge and skill, intimately intermeshed with profound compassion, professionalism, and a quest for lifelong learning, you are uniquely qualified to transform the well-being of your patients and your communities.

It has been a tremendous honor for me to serve as your Dean for the past several months, and, speaking for Dr. Rock, I am certain that he is incredibly proud to have witnessed your progression as medical students over the past several years. I strongly encourage you to stay in touch with each other as classmates, and to stay connected with HWCOM. It is important that you continue your friendships with your classmates into the future. One way to do this is to grow your Panther Pride by becoming members of our Medical Alumni Network.

As you enter the ranks of colleagues in the healing profession, please know that each and every one of your mentors at HWCOM are always prepared to offer assistance in the future. We wish you the very best at all times, and we will be thrilled to get updates on your lives and careers on a regular basis. Better yet, please come visit us often!

On behalf of President Rosenberg, Provost Furton, and the entire faculty and staff of HWCOM, it is my great honor to congratulate you all and to wish you continued great success in residency, in your careers, and, most importantly, in your personal lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Sackstein". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Robert Sackstein, M.D., Ph.D.
Dean, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, and
Senior Vice President for Health Affairs

Commencement Program

ACADEMIC PROCESSION	Saint Andrew's Pipe Band of Miami
GRAND MARSHAL	Noël C. Barengo, M.D., Ph.D., MPH <i>Officer, Faculty Senate</i>
BANNER MARSHAL	Barbara Roller, Ph.D. <i>Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs</i>
FACULTY MARSHALS	Nancy Havas, M.D. <i>Associate Dean for Student Affairs</i>
	Cheryl Brewster, Ed.D. <i>Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion</i>
STUDENT MARSHALS	Gagani Athauda, M.D. <i>Associate Professor, Department of Cellular Biology and Pharmacology</i>
	Darren Kaufman, M.D. <i>Vice Chair, Clerkship Director for Emergency Medicine & Critical Care, Assistant Professor</i>
CONVENER	Noël C. Barengo, M.D., Ph.D., MPH <i>Officer, Faculty Senate</i>
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER	Rishi Rane, M.D. Candidate, <i>Class of 2020</i>
INTRODUCTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS	Kenneth G. Furton, Ph.D. <i>Provost and Executive Vice President</i>
REMARKS	Herbert A. Wertheim, O.D., D.Sc. <i>Founding Chairman and Trustee Emeritus</i>
	Mark B. Rosenberg, Ph.D. <i>President</i>
DEAN'S REMARKS	Robert Sackstein, M.D., Ph.D. <i>Dean and Senior Vice President for Health Affairs</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	John A. Rock, M.D. <i>Founding Dean of the Khalifa University College of Medicine & Health Sciences, Founding Dean Emeritus of Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine</i>

PRESENTATION OF THE GREEN FAMILY FOUNDATION NeighborhoodHELP™ COMMUNITY FACULTY AWARD	Pedro J. Greer Jr., M.D. <i>Associate Dean for Community Engagement</i>
INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER	Karin Esposito, M.D., Ph.D. <i>Executive Associate Dean for Student Affairs</i>
STUDENT ADDRESS	Javier Nahmias <i>Class of 2019</i>
WORLDS AHEAD RECOGNITIONS	Mark B. Rosenberg, Ph.D. <i>President</i>

Presentation of Hoods and Diplomas

PRESENTATION OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE DEGREES	Robert Sackstein, M.D., Ph.D. <i>Dean and Senior Vice President for Health Affairs</i>
HOODS	Carolyn D. Runowicz, M.D. <i>Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs</i>
	Karin Esposito, M.D., Ph.D. <i>Executive Associate Dean for Student Affairs</i>
ADMINISTRATION OF PHYSICIAN'S OATH	Sergio Gonzalez-Arias, M.D., Ph.D. <i>Executive Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	Robert Sackstein, M.D., Ph.D. <i>Dean and Senior Vice President for Health Affairs</i>
CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES	Mark B. Rosenberg, Ph.D. <i>President</i>
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The History of FIU's Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (HWCOC) at Florida International University (FIU) was established in response to a community need for access to medical education and a projected need for physicians in the state and country. In March 2006, the State University System of Florida Board of Governors approved the university's plans for establishment of a college of medicine, and in May 2006, the Florida Legislature authorized creation of the new college. Immediately thereafter, FIU began to develop an innovative, twenty-first-century approach to health care and medical education. In fall 2006, FIU selected John A. Rock, MD, to become Founding Dean and Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs of its new college of medicine. In 2018, after serving FIU for 12 years, Dean Rock stepped down, and Robert Sackstein, M.D., Ph.D., was appointed Dean of HWCOC.

The HWCOC Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree program curriculum forgoes the traditional pattern of medical education, in which students complete 2 years of study of basic science and then 2 years of clinical training. Instead, the program integrates clinical and basic science throughout the 4-year medical education experience. HWCOC medical students receive formal instruction in professional development and complete clinical training in a variety of health care settings throughout South Florida. These venues provide learning environments that foster the development of culturally competent students who will become physicians dedicated to improving the quality of patient care.

Students also participate in the Green Family Foundation Neighborhood Health Education Learning Program (NeighborhoodHELP), the college's innovative service-learning initiative in which faculty-supervised, interprofessional teams of FIU students provide care to households in medically underserved areas of South Florida. Since 2012, HWCOC has launched several fully-equipped NeighborhoodHELP Mobile Health Centers that provide primary and preventive health care services in designated neighborhoods. HWCOC has been widely recognized for this innovation and dedication to the community: in 2016, the college was awarded the Association for Medical Education in Europe ASPIRE-to-Excellence Award in Social Accountability, an international honor recognizing the college's approach to addressing the health needs of the community through NeighborhoodHELP.

In 2008, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) conferred preliminary accreditation on the HWCOC M.D. degree program, which allowed the school to accept its inaugural class of students in fall 2009. The college has since completed each step of the LCME accreditation process in the shortest time possible, and the MD degree program is now fully accredited through academic year 2025–2026. Following enrollments of 43, 43, 82, and 120 students in 2009 through 2012, respectively, the college now operates at its planned full capacity of 480 medical students.

In March 2013, the college celebrated its first Match Day, with all 33 graduating medical students matching to one of their chosen residencies. In April, 2013, convocation ceremonies for the inaugural class marked the culmination of the first full cycle of the M.D. degree program at FIU. Since then, subsequent cohorts of graduating students have achieved great success in the Match, and many HWCOC alumni are now in practice throughout the United States. The college continues to celebrate the accomplishments of its students, and is particularly proud to celebrate the commencement of its seventh class of future physicians—the HWCOC Class of 2019.



Herbert Wertheim O.D., D.Sc., M.D. (hc)
Founding Chairman, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine
Trustee Emeritus, Florida International University
Chairman and CEO, Brain Power Incorporated

Dr. Herbert A. Wertheim is an inventor, educator, scientist, eye physician, clinician, entrepreneur, philanthropist and community leader. Wertheim's enduring discoveries and contributions in eye care and other scientific fields have touched millions during his forty years of patient care and eye research. He and his research team have been granted more than 100 patents, copyrights and trademarks.

Wertheim founded Brain Power Incorporated (BPI) more than 40 years ago. BPI is the world's largest manufacturer of ophthalmic instruments and chemicals for eye care professionals and optical laboratories, with extensive research and manufacturing facilities in the United States and Europe. For many years, he had a clinical practice specializing in Visual Neurology and Optometry at the University Eye and Medical Center in Coral Gables, Florida. Wertheim was a distinguished lecturer in Physiological Optics and Optometry at the world-renowned Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, and adjunct professor of physics in the graduate program at the University of Miami. He also served as Director of the University of Tennessee Medical School Computer Center, directing more than 40 programmers and researchers.

Wertheim is a graduate of Brevard Community College and the University of Florida, where he studied electrical and computer engineering. He also received a B.S. in optical engineering and a Doctor of Optometry degree from the Southern College of Optometry in association with the University of Tennessee Medical School. Wertheim was awarded the Doctor of Science, honoris causa, from FIU for his distinguished scientific and clinical discoveries. He has completed post graduate studies at Stanford University, London School of Economics, Northwestern University, Harvard and IMD in Switzerland. He is also a member of University of Florida Blue Key.

More than 35 years ago, Wertheim was the first to publicize and stress to eye care professionals the prevention of cataracts and the management of other retinal pathology. He emphasized the fact that UV light was a contributing cause of cataracts and retinal deterioration. Wertheim's invention of UV-400 absorbers for eyeglasses as well as other discoveries have been beneficial in reducing cataracts and other eye pathologies.

Wertheim has served as chairman of the Board of Directors and board member of the FIU Foundation from 1988 through 2001. He is a founding member of the FIU Board of Trustees and served as chairman and vice chairman of the university's most successful capital campaign, which raised more than \$200 million.

As chairman of FIU's Academic Affairs Committee, he conceived, initiated, and won the approval of the university's trustees for the College of Medicine and was asked to chair the Medical College Initiative. In May 2009, he and the Dr. Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Family Foundation made a \$20 million contribution that became \$40 million with state matching funds to establish multiple endowments. They support student scholarships, research fellows, leadership lectures, medical community advancement, and eight endowed chairs for the College of Medicine. In June 2009, the FIU Board of Trustees named the college the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine in his honor and named him founding chairman of the College of Medicine and trustee emeritus of the university.

In 2011, he was awarded the Horatio Alger Distinguished American Medal of Honor for his lifetime accomplishments in business and philanthropy.

The La Jolla Institute of Allergies and Immunology Board elected Wertheim to serve as a director and research advisor. This will give each institution the ability to benefit from shared educational, research, and clinical knowledge and resources in the future.

Wertheim has served as chairman of the Dr. Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Family Foundation since 1977. It has supported hundreds of local and international educational, sporting and community health care organizations around the world with millions of dollars in financial aid grants.

Commencement Speaker



John A. Rock, M.D.
*Founding Dean of the Khalifa University
College of Medicine & Health Sciences*

John A. Rock, M.D., is Founding Dean Emeritus of the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Prior to his appointment as Founding Dean at FIU in 2006, he held numerous academic and administrative appointments, including Director of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology in the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Chairman of the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at Emory University School of Medicine, and Chancellor and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics and Public Health at Louisiana State University (LSU) Health Sciences Center.

While at Johns Hopkins, Dr. Rock established the In Vitro Fertilization Program.

At Emory University, Dr. Rock raised the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology's National Institutes of Health ranking from 66th in the nation to 18th. At LSU, he established a School of Public Health, significantly increased the medical school's research funding, provided disaster management leadership during Hurricane Katrina, and had management oversight of Louisiana's statewide Charity Hospital System.

In October of 2018, Dr. Rock was appointed Founding Dean at Khalifa University College of Medicine and Health Sciences, in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

In addition to his administrative leadership posts, Dr. Rock has written 20 books, contributed to 78 others, and written more than 250 juried and non-juried articles. Dr. Rock earned his MD degree in 1972 at LSU, completed his residency at Duke University Medical Center in 1976, completed a Fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology in 1978 at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and earned a Master in Health Care Management degree from Harvard University in 2003.

Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHELP™ Community Faculty Award

This award recognizes a community member who is emblematic of forwarding the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine's ambition to produce socially responsible physicians and promote healthy communities through engaging in local neighborhoods. The NeighborhoodHELP™ household member presented with this award exhibits the improvement of the household learning experience, supports community engaged research, and helps develop community-driven service opportunities, three core elements that promote an environment for scholarship in the community setting.



Lonnie Pennington

It is with great pleasure that we choose Mr. Lonnie Pennington for the 2019 Community Faculty Award. This award recognizes a Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHELP (NeighborhoodHELP) household member whose commitment and service to the program is exceptional and unwavering. Mr. Pennington believes in NeighborhoodHELP and is always willing to serve the program. He is a great teacher and has thrived in the program.

Mr. Pennington has been part of NeighborhoodHELP since 2010 and has been receiving students since 2014. Mr. Pennington warmly welcomes students and faculty, outreach staff, and visitors who want to learn about the program into his home. He has also attended many NeighborhoodHELP curricular activities, including the Panther Learning Community Orientation for Class of 2020, and the "Welcome Back Class of 2021" event.

Mr. Pennington is a beacon of resilience, and you are guaranteed to learn about his life lessons during any interaction with him. Although Mr. Pennington is approaching 84, you would never be able to tell due to his tenacity and eagerness to stay active and healthy. Since joining NeighborhoodHELP, Mr. Pennington has had heart surgery. He has taken full advantage of community services and the health education information provided to him through NeighborhoodHELP. Working with the students, faculty, and outreach staff, he has lost a significant amount of weight, increased his daily exercise, and continues to learn about his health and how to stay healthy. To earn additional income, Mr. Pennington has started working again as a part-time Lyft driver.

Anyone who meets Mr. Pennington knows his love and appreciation for what we do through NeighborhoodHELP. Here is what his graduating medical student Franklin Zheng had to say about Mr. Pennington:

"He has been a great household, to be able to inform him on competencies such as behavioral modification/guidance and injury prevention. He is a well-read gentleman who really appreciates any information you hand him. He has always responded to my calls and my visits and I really think he makes a great collaborator as long as you play your part. I let him know that I will be graduating in a few weeks and told him what a pleasure it was working with him. He was very happy for me and thanked me for always stopping by and wished me the best of luck. LP has been a pleasure to work with, and throughout my three years he has maintained a good line of communication while being very open to having medical/nursing/social work students and faculty on each visit. LP is open to having another medical student work with him."

Mr. Pennington is an inspiration to all and has shown us how we can flourish through adversity. We are profoundly grateful to him for his contribution and dedication to NeighborhoodHELP. We hope that everyone else will see what an amazing person Mr. Pennington is and will be as grateful as we are for his participation in NeighborhoodHELP. He is an exceptional example of a household member who understands and is committed to the goals of NeighborhoodHELP. Mr. Pennington is truly deserving of the 2019 Community Faculty Award.

Class of 2019 Graduates



Matthew Alfonso, M.D.
Medicine-Preliminary
Memorial Healthcare System
Pembroke Pines, FL

Radiology-Diagnostic
Jackson Memorial Hospital
Miami, FL

Northwestern University, BS in
Art Theory Communication



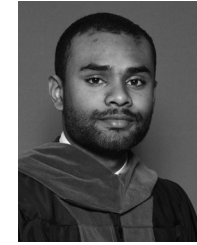
Shana Anton, M.D.
Family Medicine
Tidelands Health
Myrtle Beach, SC

Virginia Commonwealth University, BA in Health
Sciences & Foreign Language



Sonny Arre, M.D.
Internal Medicine
Citrus Memorial Hospital
Inverness, FL

Florida International University, BA in Chemistry



Keneil Brown, M.D.
Psychiatry
Jackson Memorial Hospital
Miami, FL

Grinnell College, BA in Biochemistry



Jacob Bruno-Friedman, M.D.
General Surgery
Orlando Health
Orlando, FL

Florida International University, BS in Biology



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Joseph Burns, M.D.
Pediatrics
Zucker SOM-Northwell Cohen Children's
Medical Center
New Hyde Park, NY

Stetson University, BS in Integrative Health
Science Biology



Deannys Batista, M.D.
Internal Medicine
Emory Univ SOM
Atlanta, GA

Florida International University,
BS in Sociology & Anthropology



Tiffany Beguiristain, M.D.
Obstetrics-Gynecology
Jackson Memorial Hospital
Miami, FL

Florida International University, BS in Biology



Mercy Blanco, M.D.
Psychiatry
Citrus Health Network
Hialeah, FL

Florida International University,
BS in Biology & Psychology



Matthew Cannavo, M.D.
Medicine-Preliminary
Rhode Island Hospital/Brown Univ
Providence, RI

Radiology-Diagnostic
Rhode Island Hospital/Brown Univ
Providence, RI

Rhodes College, BS in Biochemistry
& Molecular Biology



Jason Ceavers, M.D.
Internal Medicine
U Miami MSOM/Holy Cross
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Florida International University, BS in Biology



Kenneth Chang, M.D.
Medicine-Preliminary
Zucker SOM-Northwell NS/LIJ
Great Neck, NY

Ophthalmology
U South Carolina
Columbia, SC

Georgetown University, MS in Physiology
Boston College, BS in Biochemistry



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Nikita Bodoukhin, M.D.
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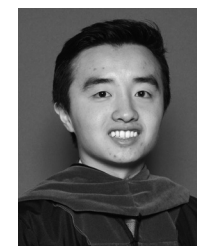
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Emergency Medicine
U Florida COM-Shands Hospital
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Internal Medicine
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LSU SOM
New Orleans, LA

Florida State University,
BS in Biomedical Sciences



Ricardo Collazo, M.D.
General Surgery
U Texas Med Sch
Houston, TX

Florida International University, BS in Biology



Chelsea Cosner, M.D.
Psychiatry
U Maryland Med Center
Baltimore, MD

University of Miami, BA in Neuroscience



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Stony Brook, NY

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Melissa Diaz, M.D.
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Colgate University, BA in Molecular Biology



Reese Courington, M.D.
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Orlando, FL

University of Florida, BS in Applied
Physiology & Kinesiology



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Wake Forest Baptist Med Center
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Radiology-Diagnostic
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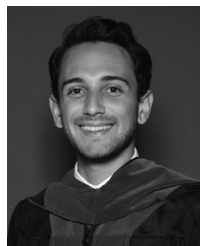
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& Management

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Orange Park, FL

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Cornell University, BA in Biology with Physiology



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University of Florida, BS in Psychology



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Radiology-Diagnostic
Harlem Hospital Center
New York, NY

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Washington University, BA in Biology



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Molecular & Microbiology



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Cleveland Med Center
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Loyola University, MA in Medical Sciences

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University of Miami, BS/BA in Biology &
Religious Studies



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Laboratory Science & Pre-Professional Biology



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Philadelphia, PA

George Washington University,
BS in Public Health

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Yeshiva University Stern College for Women,
BA in Biology



Christina Moore, M.D.
Anesthesiology
Jackson Memorial Hospital
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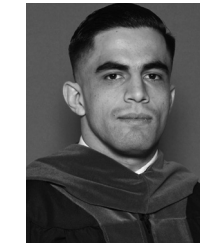
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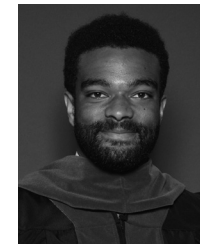
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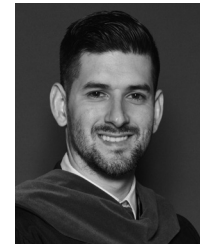
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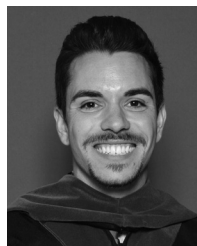
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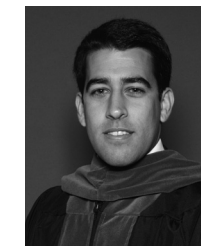
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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of quarter note = 75. It begins with a *mf* dynamic. The lyrics are: "We pledge to thee dear F. I. U., with voi - ces loud and true, Al - ma Ma - ter fal - ter ne - ver, shine for e - ver Gold and Blue, We fly our ban - ners high - ev'ry cul - ture, we em - brace, All our love and Pan - ther spi - rit, young and old we - make this place, We hail to - ge - ther F. I. U, ev' ry scho - lar side by side, and we hail to Al - ma Ma - ter, Al - ma Ma - ter be our Guide". The score includes dynamic markings such as *mp cresc. poco a poco* and *mf*. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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(Patterned after the Oath of Hippocrates)

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and just and generous to all;

That I will lead my life and practice my art
in uprightness and honor;

That into whatsoever house I shall enter,
it shall be for the good of the sick to the utmost of my power,
I, myself aloof from wrong, from corruption,
and from the temptation of others to vice;

That I will exercise my art solely for the cure of patients,
and will give no drug, perform no operation for criminal purpose,
even if solicited, and far less suggest such a thing.

That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of others
which is not fitting to be spoken,
I will keep inviolably secret.

These things I do promise,
and in proportion as I am faithful to this, my oath,
may happiness and good repute be ever mine –
the opposite if I shall be forsworn.

