

# Code of Ethics for Pharmacists – APhA (1994)

## Preamble

Pharmacists are health professionals who assist individuals in making the best use of medications [medical products?]. This Code, prepared and supported by pharmacists, is intended to state publicly the principles that form the fundamental basis of the roles and responsibilities of pharmacists. These principles, based on moral obligations and virtues, are established to guide pharmacists in relationships with patients, health professionals, and society.

- I. A pharmacist respects the covenantal [agency?] relationship between the patient and pharmacist.
- II. A pharmacist promotes the good of every patient in a caring, compassionate, and confidential manner.
- III. A pharmacist respects the autonomy and dignity of each patient.
- IV. A pharmacist acts with honesty and integrity in professional relationships.
- V. A pharmacist maintains professional competence.
- VI. A pharmacist respects the values and abilities of colleagues and other health professionals.
- VII. A pharmacist serves individual, community and societal needs.
- VIII. A pharmacist seeks justice in the distribution of health resources.

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