

White Coat Convocation

The White Coat Convocation is a symbolic rite of passage for students of the healing arts. For the clinical laboratory sciences student, it signifies a professional relationship with other colleagues who provide health-care services.

This ceremony reaffirms the medical community's support of the educational process that prepares future health providers for practice. On this day, students pledge their commitment to the clinical laboratory sciences profession and the health of the patients they serve.

Contributing to the care and healing of others is a privilege and a responsibility. The white coat worn by each clinical laboratory sciences student is more than a familiar lab coat; it is a cloak of caring, compassion, and service.

Pledge to the Profession

As a clinical laboratory sciences professional, I strive to

- maintain and promote standards of excellence in performing and advancing the art and science of my profession.
- preserve the dignity and privacy of others.
- uphold and maintain the dignity and respect of our profession.
- seek to establish cooperative and respectful working relationships with other health professionals.
- contribute to the general well-being of the community.
- actively demonstrate my commitment to these responsibilities throughout my professional life.

I will do all in my power to live up to and to improve the highest traditions of my profession.

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D'Angelo Center, Room 416A



Code of Ethics for Clinical Laboratory Scientists

Preamble

The Code of Ethics of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science sets forth the principles and standards by which Medical Laboratory Professionals and students admitted to professional education programs practice their profession.

1. Duty to the Patient

Medical Laboratory Professionals' primary duty is to the patient, placing the welfare of the patient above their own needs and desires and ensuring that each patient receives the highest quality of care according to the current standards of practice. High-quality laboratory services are safe, effective, efficient, timely, equitable, and patient-centered. Medical Laboratory Professionals work with all patient samples without regard to disease state, ethnicity, race, religion, or sexual orientation. Medical Laboratory Professionals prevent and avoid conflicts of interest that undermine the best interests of patients.

Medical Laboratory Professionals are accountable for the quality and integrity of the laboratory services they provide. This obligation includes maintaining the highest level of individual competence as patient needs change, yet practicing within the limits of their level of practice. Medical Laboratory Professionals exercise sound judgment in all aspects of laboratory services they provide. Furthermore, Medical Laboratory Professionals safeguard patients from others' incompetent or illegal practices through identification and appropriate reporting of instances where the integrity and high quality of laboratory services have been breached.

Medical Laboratory Professionals maintain strict confidentiality of patient information and test results. They safeguard the dignity and privacy of patients and provide accurate information to patients and other healthcare professionals. Medical Laboratory Professionals respect patients' rights to make decisions regarding their own medical care.

2. Duty to Colleagues and the Profession

Medical Laboratory Professionals uphold the dignity and respect of the profession and maintain a reputation of honesty, integrity, competence, and reliability. Medical Laboratory Professionals contribute to the advancement of the profession by improving and disseminating the body of knowledge, adopting scientific advances that benefit the patient, maintaining high standards of practice and education, and seeking fair socioeconomic working conditions for members of the profession.

Medical Laboratory Professionals accept the responsibility to establish the qualifications for entry to the profession, to implement those qualifications through participation in licensing and certification programs, to uphold those qualifications in hiring practices, and to recruit and educate students in accredited programs to achieve those qualifications.

Medical Laboratory Professionals establish cooperative, honest, and respectful working relationships within the clinical laboratory and with all members of the healthcare team, with the primary objective of ensuring a high standard of care for the patients they serve.

3. Duty to Society

As practitioners of the autonomous profession, Medical Laboratory Professionals have the responsibility to contribute from their sphere of professional competence to the general well-being of society. Medical Laboratory Professionals serve as patient advocates. They apply their expertise to improve patient healthcare outcomes by eliminating barriers to access to laboratory services and promoting equitable distribution of healthcare resources.

Medical Laboratory Professionals comply with relevant laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of Clinical Laboratory Science and actively seek to change those laws and regulations that do not meet the high standards of care and practice.

This was adopted by the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science.

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