

Rahman Kandil
21W.746: Humanistic Perspectives on Medicine
Prof. Anthony Lioi

The Kandilian Oath

I swear by my Creator and the creator of the Universe around me that I will abide by the terms of this Oath to the best of my judgment until the day I stop practicing medicine. I will forever respect, cherish, and be greatly indebted to those who have contributed to my education in medicine, and promise to pay back my debt to them by putting to use everything they taught me to heal the sick or ease their suffering. If I choose to pass on the medical knowledge I was privileged to receive, I will do so only to those who are genuinely seeking to study medicine to help others. I will not pass on my knowledge to people who I feel, to the best of my judgment, cannot perform the duties of a doctor, or those I feel have ulterior motives for studying medicine. I will not use my powers as a doctor for any cause that will provide discomfort and suffering to people and will perform euthanasia if I feel the patient is terminally ill and if it is the law of the land where I am practicing.

I will go to work everyday with the goal of helping the sick, and will not allow my emotions or any predispositions I may have towards my patients interfere with my medicinal practice. If I ever feel that I will not give my full effort to help a patient, I will choose to defer that patient's treatment to another qualified doctor. In no way will I ever intentionally harm a patient by giving him/her an incorrect remedy or by not prescribing him/her a remedy if he/she needs one. I will not perform any operation I am not certified to perform, but will leave that to those who are certified. I will honor the patient-physician trust, and will not speak to anyone about any of my patients except when the information I have might be of harm to others.

If I keep this oath and remain faithful to what I promised, may I live a happy life knowing that what I do is a benefit to humanity. If I break this oath, in any way, may I be willing to accept the appropriate consequences and punishments in a court of law, which may or may not include the revocation of my medical license.