



Hong Kong Medical Council Code of Professional Conduct

PART I A. INTRODUCTION

Medicine as a profession is distinguished from other professions by a special moral duty of care to save lives and to relieve suffering. Medical ethics emphasizes the priority of this moral ideal over and above considerations of personal interests and private gains.

The... profession is obliged to abide by a strict code of conduct which embodies high ethical values, protects patients' interests, and upholds professional integrity.

Trust is essential to the practice of medicine. There can be no medicine in the absence of trust.



DUTIES OF PHYSICIANS IN GENERAL

A PHYSICIAN SHALL always exercise his/her independent professional judgment and maintain the highest standards of professional conduct.

A PHYSICIAN SHALL respect a competent patient's right to accept or refuse treatment.

A PHYSICIAN SHALL not allow his/her judgment to be influenced by personal profit or unfair discrimination.

A PHYSICIAN SHALL be dedicated to providing competent medical service in full professional and moral independence, with compassion and respect for human dignity.

A PHYSICIAN SHALL deal honestly with patients and colleagues, and report to the appropriate authorities those physicians who practice unethically or incompetently or who engage in fraud or deception.

A PHYSICIAN SHALL not receive any financial benefits or other incentives solely for referring patients or prescribing specific products.

A PHYSICIAN SHALL respect the rights and preferences of patients, colleagues, and other health professionals.

A PHYSICIAN SHALL certify only that which he/she has personally verified.

A PHYSICIAN SHALL strive to use health care resources in the best way to benefit patients and their community.

A PHYSICIAN SHALL seek appropriate care and attention if he/she suffers from mental or physical illness.



DUTIES OF PHYSICIANS TO PATIENTS

A PHYSICIAN SHALL act in the patient's best interest when providing medical care.

A PHYSICIAN SHALL owe his/her patients complete loyalty and all the scientific resources available to him/her. Whenever an examination or treatment is beyond the physician's capacity, he/she should consult with or refer to another physician who has the necessary ability.

A PHYSICIAN SHALL respect a patient's right to confidentiality. It is ethical to disclose confidential information when the patient consents to it or when there is a real and imminent threat of harm to the patient or to others and this threat can be only removed by a breach of confidentiality.

A PHYSICIAN SHALL in situations when he/she is acting for a third party, ensure that the patient has full knowledge of that situation.

A PHYSICIAN SHALL not enter into a sexual relationship with his/her current patient or into any other abusive or exploitative relationship.

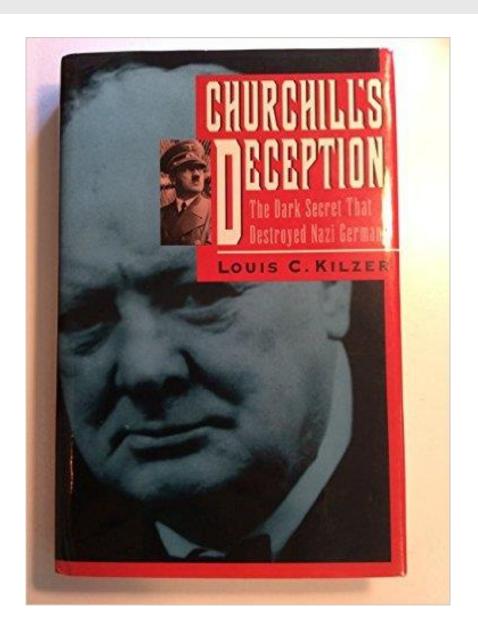
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Winston Churchill: The Struggle for Survival (1966)







Requests for deception...



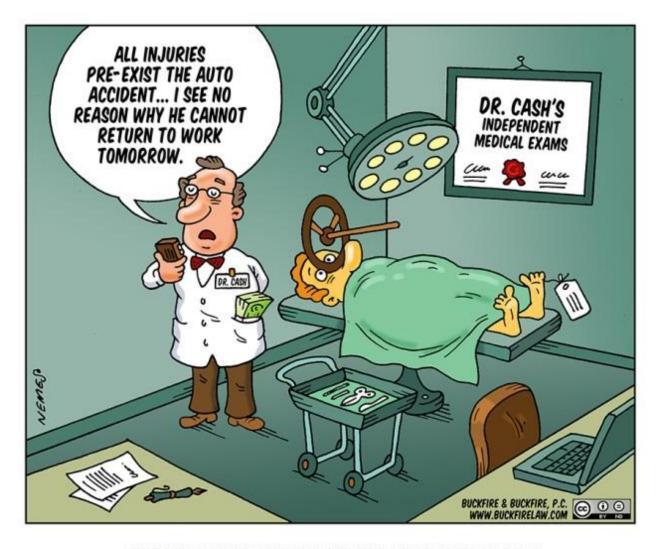


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Table 5. Professional Responsibility and Career Perceptions

Statement	Agreement, %
Primary professional responsibility* Practice within the rules/restrictions of third-party payers with strict adherence to those rules to	4.3
the best of my ability Practice within the rules/restrictions of third-party payers as long as those rules do not	8.7
significantly compromise my patients' interests Practice in a way that equally balances my patients' interests with the rules/restrictions of third-party payers	8.7
Practice as my patients' advocate working within the rules/restrictions of third-party payers as long as those rules do not significantly	74.5
compromise my patients' interests Practice as my patients' advocate without regard to the rules/restrictions of third-party payers	3.7



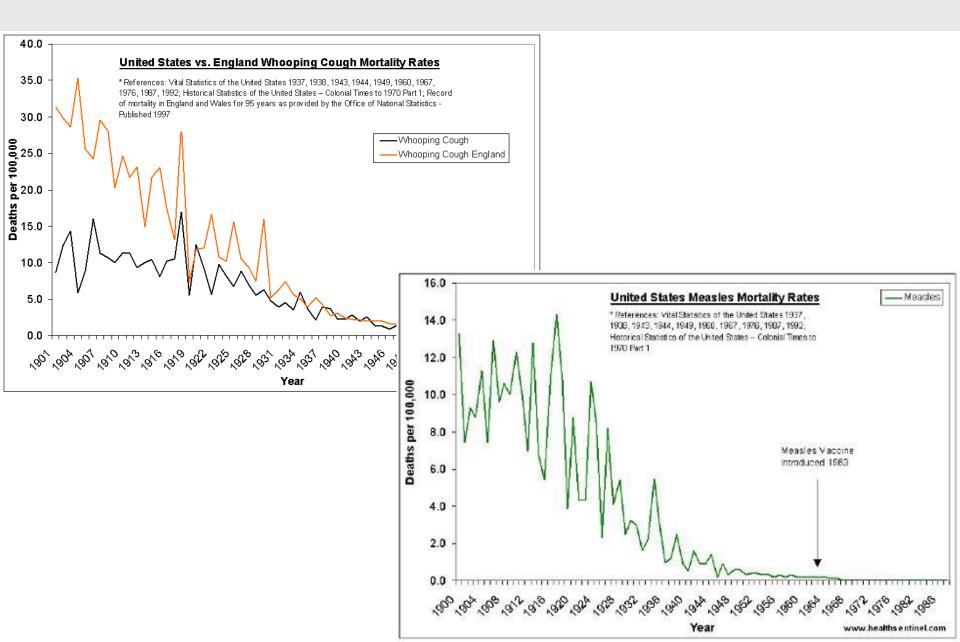
TYPICAL OPINION FROM INSURANCE COMPANY DOCTOR



























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