I. HONOR CODE

PREAMBLE:
Entering medical school marks a transition to embracing the responsibility to patients, their families, and the public. This responsibility also extends to interactions with peers, faculty, administrators, and many others during medical school, as well as with research groups, governmental agencies, and other entities. Professional behavior is the constant across all activities in medical school and should include elements of altruism, accountability, responsibility, excellence, duty, honesty, integrity, and respect for others. All medical students are expected to attest to this Honor Code upon matriculation and annually thereafter, in recognition of the expected standards of behavior and their commitment to explicitly honoring these ideals.

I publicly acknowledge and accept the privileges and responsibilities given to me today as a physician in training and dedicate myself to provide care to those in need in accordance with the following standards of professional conduct which includes but is not limited to:

- I will respect the humanity of all patients, faculty, staff, and peers and will interact with them with compassion and without bias.
- I will value the diversity of patients, faculty, staff, and peers’ experiences, cultures, and beliefs because it enhances my ability to work with colleagues and care for patients.
- I will remember that empathy and understanding are integral to both teamwork and patient care.
- I will attend to my own health and well-being to ensure my ability to consistently meet the technical standards of the school and be at my best to contribute to the learning environment and patient care.
- I will actively participate and engage in all curricular activities as the primary responsibility in becoming a physician, including being on time and prepared for all educational and patient-related activities.
- I will prioritize and manage my time with respect to other responsibilities including research, extracurricular, health and wellness activities to ensure appropriate balance and primacy of curricular activities.
- I will take responsibility for my own areas needing improvement and be open to resources and supports.
- I will respond to course and school-related emails which require a response sent to my Hopkins email address within 48 hours of receipt.
- I will respectfully question policies, procedures, and practices perceived as unfair.
- I will take on my appropriate share of teamwork in both classroom and patient-related activities.
- I will inform my supervisor/team when mistakes occur or when faced with a conflict of interest. I will certify only that which I have personally verified, I will neither receive nor give unauthorized assistance on any assignment or examination, and I will not present others’ work, including AI-generated, as my own.
- I will do my own work and be honest in my interactions with peers, faculty, and staff. This applies to my work on examinations, assignments, scholarly works, and research, as well as being honest in attesting to my attendance and that of my peers.
- I will maintain patient confidentiality.
• I will recognize that the use of alcohol and other substances may affect my ability to optimally engage with patients, faculty, staff, and peers, and therefore, I will never engage in my professional activities impaired by alcohol or other substances.

• I will carefully consider any posting to a social media platform so that I do not inadvertently cause harm to patients, colleagues, or the institution.

• I will report violations of the honor code by peers to those responsible for addressing alleged violations and keep the identity of students anonymous from individuals not involved in that process.

• I will uphold the high standard of conduct required of all members of the Johns Hopkins medical community and as a physician in training, understanding that my conduct reflects upon not just myself and my institution, but the profession of medicine.

My signature below indicates that I have read these expectations and the following JHUSOM policies and will abide by them:

• Accountability Policy
• Learner Mistreatment, Harassment, and Discrimination policy
• Academic Integrity Policy
• Student Conduct Code
• Nonclerkship Attendance Policy
• Clinical Course and Clerkship Attendance Policy
• Social Media Policy

I make these promises solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.

_____________________________________     _________________________________              _________
Name                                                                   Signature                                                             Date