INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE HONOR CODE

Embarking on a career in the life sciences and health care professions means accepting the responsibilities and unique privileges of these professions. These include self-monitoring and self-governance, and the responsibilities for these professional duties begin the moment that an individual starts medical school or graduate school. I understand that it is a great honor and privilege to study and work in the health care profession.

As a member of the Indiana University School of Medicine community, I promise to uphold the highest standards of ethical and compassionate behavior while learning, caring for others, performing research, and/or participating in educational activities. I do so according to the following tenets that will guide me through my career. I will strive to uphold the spirit and the letter of this code during my years at Indiana University School of Medicine and throughout my career in the health professions.

HONESTY

• I will maintain the highest standards of honesty.
• If engaged in research, I will conduct these activities in an unbiased manner, report the results truthfully, and credit ideas developed and worked on by others.
• If engaged in patient care, I will be considerate and truthful, and will accurately report all historical and physical findings, test results, and other pertinent information.

INTEGRITY

• I will conduct myself professionally.
• I will take responsibility for what I say and do.
• I will recognize my own limitations and will seek help when appropriate.

RESPECT

• I will respect the dignity of others, treating them with civility and understanding.
• I will contribute to creating a safe and supportive atmosphere for teaching and learning.
• I will regard privacy and confidentiality as core obligations.
• I will not tolerate discrimination.

EXPECTATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND YOUR COLLEAGUES

Indiana University School of Medicine promises to create a professional environment that fosters excellence, abhors intolerance, and values each individual’s unique contribution to our learning community.

Medical students from the Indiana University School of Medicine developed the Honor Code in 2003. It was reaffirmed and approved by the Faculty Steering Committee on 2/21/13, and by the School Executive Committee on 3/11/13.