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## College Oath

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In acknowledging the privilege of practising medicine and ophthalmology, and in accepting Fellowship of this College, I make this declaration sincerely in the presence of my family, friends, colleagues and teachers.

Patients are my first concern and in caring for them I undertake to use my knowledge and skill to the best of my ability.

I will seek actively to maintain my skills and abilities throughout my professional life, to practise within those abilities and to contribute wherever possible to the science of ophthalmology.

I will seek to enhance the quality of patients' lives, maintain their dignity, support their carers, and treat all people equitably.

I will strive at all times to be worthy of my patients' respect and never to abuse their trust or confidence. My clinical decisions will not be influenced by personal gain.

I extend these commitments beyond individuals to the health and wellbeing of the community.

I will treat with courtesy my colleagues and all who contribute to the wellbeing of my patients.

May these affirmations guide and inspire me in practising the art and science of medicine as an ophthalmologist.