# **PREAMBLE**

During the Covid crisis, many citizens discovered with astonishment that the international medical community has largely failed in its ethics and its missions. For two years, far too many doctors and pharmacists have betrayed the oath<sup>1</sup> that they had solemnly sworn to respect.

In 2022, the result is clear:

- The principle of *Primum non nocere*<sup>2</sup> has been trampled by the lack of scientific evaluation of the benefit/risk balance of the new experimental genetic "vaccines risk balance of new experimental genetic "vaccines";
- **Free and informed consent has been violated** by the systematic omission of essential information about these new "vaccines", such as their exact composition, the insufficiency of pre-clinical and clinical studies, the "conditional" nature of their Marketing Authorization, their serious adverse effects, etc.
- Medical secrecy has been violated by the obligation for people to reveal their health status and their vaccination status;
- The probity of the medical profession has been sullied by the many doctors who have spoken in public, as specialists or experts, without declaring their conflicts of interest with the pharmaceutical industry;
- The commitment to respect the autonomy, the will and the conviction of people has been too often broken, in particular for the elderly in Ehpad, and sometimes to the point of refusing care to people who do not wish to be injected against their will.
- The health of the population, particularly children, was strongly affected both physically and psychologically by the social distancing measures<sup>3 4 5</sup> that the majority of physicians defended (lockdowns, generalized wearing of masks, health passes, etc.). Even though these measures were already recognized to be ineffective from a health point of view and deleterious from a social point of view.<sup>6 7</sup>

What has become of the **sacred dimension** of human life? Should we accept that **the health of populations** be sacrificed for political, economic and financial reasons?

In response to these two questions, the Collective of Health Professionals for the Common Good proposes to all persons already practicing or wishing to practice a health profession, and who may wish or feel the need to do so, to freely choose to take an oath on the basis of universal values:

- Respecting the health of human beings in all their dimensions
- Regrouping the essential ethical principles common to all health professions.

This oath is called the "Universal Caregivers' Oath" or "Oath of Asclepius".8

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Hippocratic Oath for physicians and Galen's Oath for pharmacists.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "First do no harm"

³https://sites.krieger.jhu.edu/iae/files/2022/01/A-Literature-Review-and-Meta-Analysis-of-the-Effects-of-Lockdowns-on-COVID-19-Mortality.pdf

 $<sup>{\</sup>it https://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se/content assets/c1b78bffb de 4a7899eb0d8ffdb57b09/covid-19-school-aged-children.pdf}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpubh.2022.950965/full

<sup>6</sup> https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2040158/

<sup>7</sup>https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/329439/WHO-WHE-IHM-GIP-2019.1-eng.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> In reference to the Greek god Asclepius, god of medicine, and father of the six goddesses known as "goddesses of healing": Hygie, goddess of health and its preservation; Panacea, goddess of remedies and pharmacopoeia; Aceso, goddess of the ways of healing; Iaso, goddess of convalescence; Meditra, goddess of healing, and Egele, goddess of radiant health. Note that the powers of Asclepius were bestowed upon him by his father, the Greek god Apollo. It should also be noted that Asclepius is the mythical ancestor of the Asclepiades, a dynasty of physicians practicing in Cos and Knidos, of which Hippocrates was the most illustrious member.

# The Oath of Asclepius<sup>1</sup> Universal Caregivers Oath

Under the aegis of ASCLEPIOS, Greek god of medicine, I SOLEMNLY AND CONSCIOUSLY COMMIT myself to the following intangible principles:

✓ PRIMUM NON NOCERE - First do not harm.

# ✓ I PROMISE :

To participate in promoting, preserving and restoring the health of people, as a common good, in all its dimensions, physical, mental, social, emotional and spiritual.

#### ✓ I PROMISE :

To never transgress the sanctity of human life and to be opposed to any form of commercialization of the human body.

#### ✓ I PROMISE :

To loyally inform the persons on the nature, the motives and the consequences of the envisaged acts, then to ensure their full, free and informed consent, which I will not extort by the use of any power related to the circumstances.

## ✓ I PROMISE:

To respect the medical confidentiality by never revealing health data of persons, including in digital form, in the public space or with private companies.

### ✓ I PROMISE:

To never discriminate against people according to their status, origins, beliefs or status, while keeping for the acts my free will to act or to abstain.

#### ✓ I PROMISE:

Never to seek to unduly prolonged agonies and to forbid from intentionally causing death.

#### ✓ I PROMISE :

To practice my profession with conscience and integrity, to take full responsibility for the consequences of my actions and never to use my position to corrupt morals.

# ✓ I PROMISE :

To maintain and improve my knowledge on a regular basis, in order to provide the best possible care and to refrain from words or actions that would exceed my competence.

#### ✓ I PROMISE :

To preserve the independence necessary for my practice, without ever allowing myself to be corrupted by the powers of money, nor to yield to the lure of gain or the vice of glory.

Upon being admitted to practice my art in the profession of ......

I promise to be faithful to the laws of honor and probity.

I swear that I am worthy to take this oath.

May I be disgraced, despised and barred from practice, if I perjure myself.

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