

CODE OF ETHICS FOR PHARMACISTS

It is prescribed by The Practising Pharmacists Association of Hong Kong to assist members in maintaining proper professional conduct while carrying out their duties as pharmacists.

Part I: Relationship with the general public and patients

A pharmacist shall:

- 1. regard the health and safety of both patient and member of the public as his/her prime concern, and respect the confidentiality of patient's information;*
- 2. refuse to supply or lend support to promotion of substandard preparations or other unworthy products;*
- 3. assist and educate both patient and member of the public matters related to the usage of drugs and pharmaceutical products*

Part II: Relationship with the pharmacy profession and fellow pharmacists

A pharmacist shall:

- 1. uphold the honour and dignity of the pharmacy profession and not engage in any activity which bring the profession into disrepute;*
- 2. endeavour to provide and maintain pharmacy services up the highest standard of the profession;*
- 3. keep abreast of the progress of the pharmaceutical knowledge and developments in order to maintain a high standard of profession competence;*
- 4. assist fellow pharmacists with information and advice.*

Part III: Relationship with members of other health care professions

A pharmacist shall:

- 1. co-operate with other healthcare professions so that patients and the public may benefit;*
- 2. provide unbiased, scientifically-based information related to drugs and pharmaceutical products to other healthcare professionals;*
- 3. not publicly criticise the ability or performance of other healthcare professionals, although matters concerning drugs and pharmaceutical products may be expressed in private to the professional involved.*

Part IV: Relationship with employing institution

A pharmacist shall:

- 1. not agree to practice under any working condition which may interfere with his/her professional autonomy nor impose such conditions on other pharmacists*

Part V: Relationship with the pharmacists industry

A pharmacist shall:

- 1. not purchase, sell or supply any medical product where there is any reason to doubt the safety or quality*