

THE INDIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL (PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, ETIQUETTE AND ETHICS) REGULATIONS, 2002¹

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 20A read with section 33(m) of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 (102 of 1956), the Medical Council of India, with the previous approval of the Central Government, hereby makes the following regulations relating to the Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics for registered medical practitioners, namely:—

Short title and commencement.—(1) These regulations may be called the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

CHAPTER 1

1. CODE OF MEDICAL ETHICS

A. Declaration

Each applicant, at the time of making an application for registration under the provisions of the Act, shall be provided a copy of the declaration and shall submit a duly signed Declaration as provided in Appendix 1. The applicant shall also certify that he/she had read and agreed to abide by the same.

B. Duties and responsibilities of the Physician in general

1.1 Character of Physician.—(Doctors with qualification of MBBS or MBBS with post-graduate degree/diploma or with equivalent qualification in any medical discipline):

1.1.1 A physician shall uphold the dignity and honour of his profession.

1.1.2 The prime object of the medical profession is to render service to humanity; reward or financial gain is a subordinate consideration. Who-so-ever chooses his profession, assumes the obligation to conduct himself in accordance with its ideals. A physician should be an upright man, instructed in the art of healings. He shall keep himself pure in character and be diligent in caring for the sick; he should be modest, sober, patient, prompt in discharging his duty without anxiety; conducting himself with propriety in his profession and in all the actions of his life.

1.1.3 No person other than a doctor having qualification recognized by Medical Council of India and registered with Medical Council of India/State Medical Council(s) is allowed to practice Modern System of Medicine or Surgery. A person obtaining qualification in any other system of Medicine is not allowed to practice. Modern System of Medicine in any form.

1. *Vide* Notification No. MCI 211 (2) 2001 - Regn., dated 11th March, 2002, published in the Gazette of India, Pt. III, Sec. 4, dated 6th April, 2002.