


MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Kenneth Ferrell
FROM: D. Robert Howard, M.D.
DATE: July 17, 1968
SUBJECT: Code of Ethics

Ken:

Thanks to you and Dick for a job well done concerning the Physician's Assistants Code of Ethics.

We have sent a copy of this to Dr. Warren Ball of the American Medical Association. This is not for approval but for information only.

Once again, thanks for a job well done.



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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS ASSISTANTS

Code of Ethics

PREAMBLE

These principles are intended to aid physicians assistants individually and collectively in maintaining a high level of ethical conduct. They are not laws but standards by which a physicians assistant may determine the propriety of his conduct in his relationship with patients, with colleagues, with physicians, and with the public.

SECTION I

Physicians assistants should strive continually to improve medical knowledge and skill.

SECTION II

A physicians assistant should not voluntarily associate professionally with anyone who violates the principle of healing by scientific methods.

SECTION III

The Association should safeguard the public and itself against physicians assistants deficient in moral character or professional competence. Physicians assistants should observe all laws, uphold the dignity and honor of the profession and accept its self-imposed disciplines. They should expose, without hesitation, illegal or unethical conduct of fellow members.

SECTION IV

A physicians assistant will not engage in independent diagnosis or treatment or work on a fee-for-services basis.

SECTION V

A physicians assistant may not reveal the confidences entrusted to him in the course of medical attendance, or the deficiencies he may observe in the character of patients, unless he is required to do so by law or unless it becomes necessary in order to protect the welfare of the individual or of the community.

SECTION VI

A physicians assistant should participate in activities which have the purpose of improving both the health and the well-being of the individual and the community.