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# Welcome to the Fraternity!

*I will practice my profession in Medicine with conscience and dignity.*

*The health of my patient will be my first concern.*

*I will maintain the utmost respect for human life.*

*I will remember that there is art to my profession, as well as science, and that warmth, empathy, and understanding may outweigh treatment alone.*

*I will respect the confidential information that is entrusted in me, even after a patient has died.*

*I will not permit consideration of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient.*

*I will not use my professional knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat.*

*I will respect the hard-won scientific gains of those in whose steps I walk, and gladly share such knowledge with those that follow.*

*I will abide by the code of conduct of my profession in Medicine and I will promote high standards of practice, lifelong education and research in the interest of human health.*

**I make these promises solemnly, freely and upon my honour ☺☺**



Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI), administered by Prof Cathal Kelly, the Chief Executive of the RCSI on the 59 graduates of the Perdana University-Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (PU-RCSI) Programme. It was a joyous day for this pioneer batch, a Programme wholly conducted in Kuala Lumpur, and fully accredited by the Irish Medical Council and the Malaysian Medical Council/Malaysian Qualifications Agency. The scrolls were presented by the Pro-Chancellor of the Perdana University Tan Sri Datuk Dr Mohan Swami, the Chancellor of the National University of Ireland Dr Maurice Manning and the President of the RCSI, Professor John Hyland. The advice from Prof Hyland to the graduates was **"Listen to your patients, treat them with courtesy, and above all maintain confidentiality. Continue to learn, investigate, and teach throughout your careers"**. Simple and meaningful!

Besides, the pioneer batch of 21 graduates of the Perdana University Graduate School of Medicine (PUGSOM), the first Graduate Entry Programme in the country, also graduated on the same day. These graduates had also passed the Step 1 and Step 2 (Clinical Knowledge) and Step 2 (Clinical Skills) of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE).

Senior members of the profession, Datuk Dr S. Jeyandran, the Deputy Director General of Health (Medical), Dr Milton Lum, Member of the Malaysian Medical Council, Datuk Dr Kuljit Singh and several others were present to witness this Inaugural Convocation.

The MMA congratulates all the graduates and welcomes them into the fraternity. The Nation looks forward to your services, and may you all have a rewarding and satisfying career ahead.

That is the Oath of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI). I wonder how many of us have taken an Oath on our graduation. I did not have to in a formal sense, but was made aware of the existence of an Oath of a Physician, more specifically what the Hippocratic Oath stood for. This was in the Medical Ethics lecture. With time, the Hippocratic Oath has adorned many a wall of Institutions and Clinics, the more familiar ones are the Oath of the World Medical Association (WMA) as adopted in Geneva in 1948 with its many revisions, the last being in May 2005. The Oath of the Muslim Physician is another, as practiced in some Institutions here and in this region. Whatever the origins, essentially all Oaths are about professionalism, duty and honour, confidentiality, respect for teachers and colleagues and the like. It is definitely worth to keep ourselves reminded of the obligations enshrined in these Oaths.

Sunday, 25 September 2016, the Grand Hall of the Putrajaya Marriott reverberated with the Oath of the