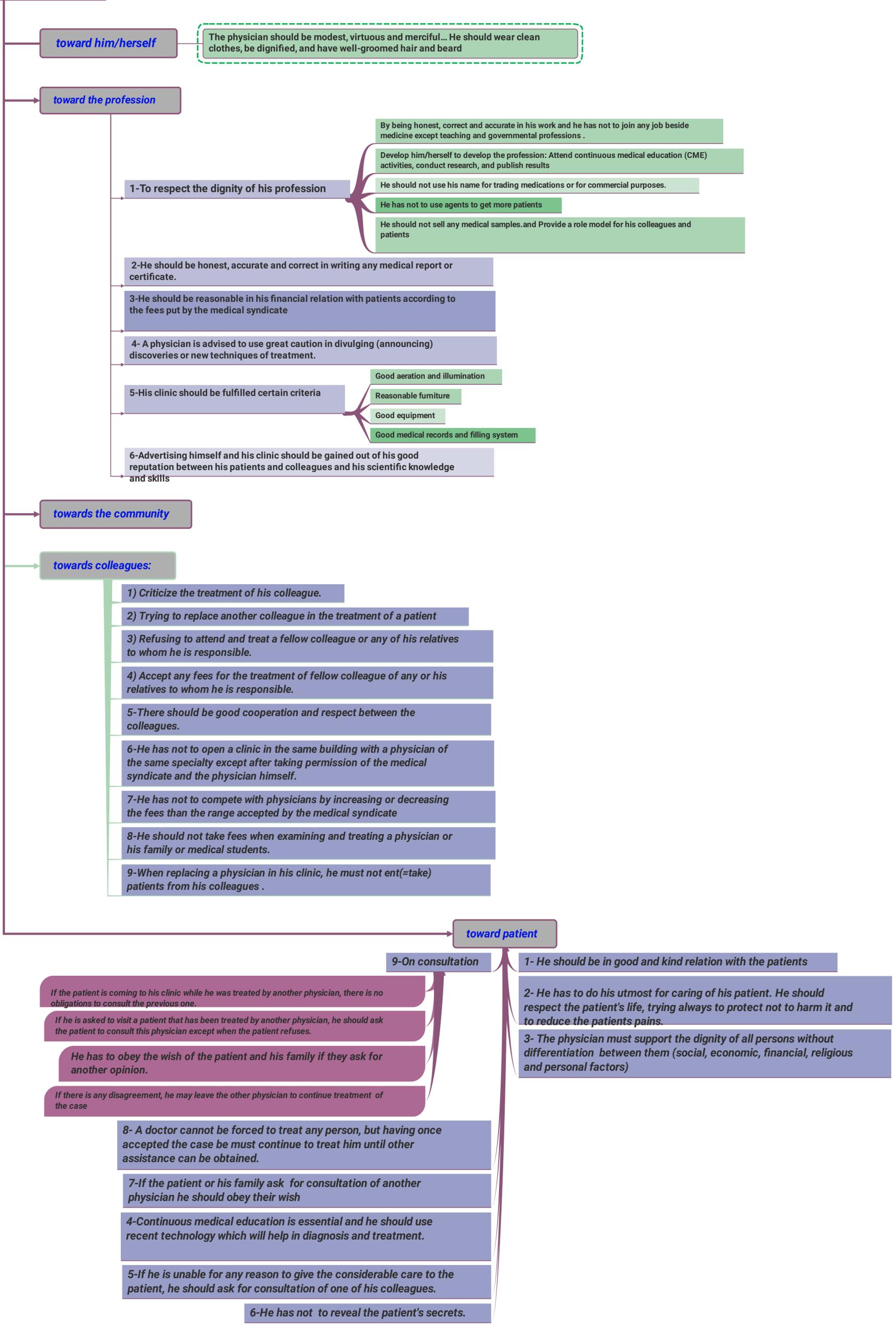


Duties of physicians:



Duties of physicians towards the community

Duty	Good (professional) example (What to do)	Bad (unprofessional) example (What not to do)
Positive interaction with the community's affairs	Volunteer for an NGO in case of disaster	"It's the government's work, why should I care?"
Protect the community by reporting reportable/epidemic diseases	Familiarize yourself with the reporting system and forms	"I won't report. Someone else will. It'll cause me a headache later."
Improve health in the community through advocacy and health education, and involvement in community health activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare advocacy material• Give a public talk about a health issue	An NGO invited you to their camp for a disaster. "How much will you compensate me for my time?"
Rational use of the health care institution's resources	Use hi-tech expensive investigations only when needed	Request MRI or CT scan for every patient. "The machines are already there. It could be something serious anyway."

Duties of physicians towards the community.

Duty	Good (professional) example (What to do)	Bad (unprofessional) example (What not to do)
Effective contribution to the development of policies that respond to community needs and facilitate easier access to health care	? Respond to quality control questionnaires ? Join committees of interest	Doing what everybody else does, and constantly complaining about the failure of the system
Be an ideal example in his attitude and religion	Make sure there is another qualified person looking after your patient while you go to pray	“Why should I care? No one would dare to blame me. I was praying.”

Duties of physicians towards the community.

Duty	Good (professional) example (What to do)	Bad (unprofessional) example (What not to do)
Promotion of health justice among the society's members	Your patient is? Discuss lifestyle options and refer them to other departments, as needed	Writing a prescription without giving any more advice.
Use your skills, knowledge, and expertise to improve the standards of health services rendered to the society	Have an idea to improve the work? Do it if you can, or share it with your colleagues and department	“Who cares? The whole situation is hopeless. Let me keep my ideas to myself.”

.Duties towards his colleagues

Duty	Good (professional) example (What to do)	Bad (unprofessional) example (What not to do)
To deal with, and act towards his/her colleagues in a good manner and in the same way he/she would prefer to be treated	Acknowledge them, praise them, and thank them	“Who does she think she is? She has to stop showing up in the round answering all the questions.”
To avoid direct criticism to his/her colleague in front of patients	“I think I know another way to do this examination.”	“What do you think you're doing? This examination is completely wrong.”
Not to indulge in defaming the honor of his/her colleagues	A patient was referred to you from another doctor. You don't agree with his/her diagnosis/treatment. Tell the patient that there are different ways of investigating and treating his case, and then call the first doctor to discuss.	❓ A doctor tells his patient, “How on earth did such an ignorant doctor give you such treatment? You are lucky you didn't continue with him.”

Duty	Good (professional) example (What to do)	Bad (unprofessional) example (What not to do)
To exert every possible effort to educate colleagues	Read an interesting article? Bought an important book? Share it with them	Hiding the important notes or questions that your senior colleagues gave you
Respect the differences among colleagues (gender, culture, belief...)	Your colleague is from a peripheral part of the country; tell him "It's amazing that you could have gained all these achievements"	Telling jokes about your colleague's nationality or tribe in front of everyone

Duty	Good (professional) example (What to do)	Bad (unprofessional) example (What not to do)
<p>The physician should respect other nonphysician medical professional colleagues, and appreciate their roles in the health care of the patient</p>	<p>You learned something from a nurse or midwife? “Thanks. I’m so grateful you showed me that.”</p>	<p>A doctor says to a midwife, “This is a doctor’s job. Please give way!”</p>
<p>He/she must report incidents in which a colleague’s actions would be dangerous could be dangerous to the authority concerned</p>	<p>Your surgery consultant made a mistake during surgery; write it down in the surgery sheet.</p>	<p>“Why should I cause myself trouble? Nobody was hurt anyway.</p>

:Termination of the physician- patient relationship

- (1) Completion of the treatment by **patient recovery**.
- (2) The **patient may unilaterally** terminate the relationship for any reason and at any time.
- (3) Patient's care has completely **transferred to another physician**.

:Abandonment

- "the unilateral severance of the professional relationship without reasonable notice at a time when there is still the necessity of continuing medical attention".
- Abandonment of a patient may result in civil liability for the physician.

How Can a Physician Properly Terminate the Physician-Patient Relationship?

For a patient who is actively treating for a condition, a physician must:

- give the patient proper notice that the physician is terminating the physician-patient relationship, and
- give the patient sufficient time to find another physician before finally refusing to treat the patient any further.

What Must a Patient Prove in a ?Malpractice Case

- **The patient must show the following:**
 - the patient needed continuing medical treatment
 - the physician stopped treating the patient
 - the physician did not give the patient enough time to find another doctor before the physician stopped his/her treatment of the patient
 - as a result of the physician's abandonment of the patient, the patient's condition was made worse