

Clinical Years and Upholding the Honor Code



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Motivation for the Honor Code and You



As future physicians, we will be held to the highest level of ethics in the way we conduct our business and care for our patients, so it is imperative that we instill these standards from day one...

How Does the Honor Code Pertain to Clinical Experiences?



- Patient privacy
- Patient care
- Responsibilities within the health care team
- Your own medical education

Patient Privacy



A student shall not...

Without prior authorization from the patient, disclose information about a patient, along with information suggesting the identity of that patient, to a person who is not, at the time of the disclosure, a member of the patient's health care team.

Patient Privacy: The Hospital has Ears



- 15 yo AAM in the PICU for self-inflicted GSW
- 46 yo WM on Medicine service for fever 2° to intertriginous skin abscess and bacteremia
- 23 yo WM on Orthopedics service s/p reconstructive surgery for leg crush injury from motorcycle accident
- 64 yo WF on Medicine service for severe back pain is diagnosed with Metastatic Melanoma

There are appropriate and *inappropriate* places to discuss these!

Patient Care



A Student shall not...

Place anyone at increased risk of injury or disease while the student is engaged in activities directly connected with patient care or academic activities.

Patient Care



- 79 yo WF on Medicine service for constipation, r/o bowel obstruction (she is 100% bedridden due to pain and general fragility)
- 82 yo WM on Ortho service for hip replacement
- 21 yo HF on Maternity Ward in active labor

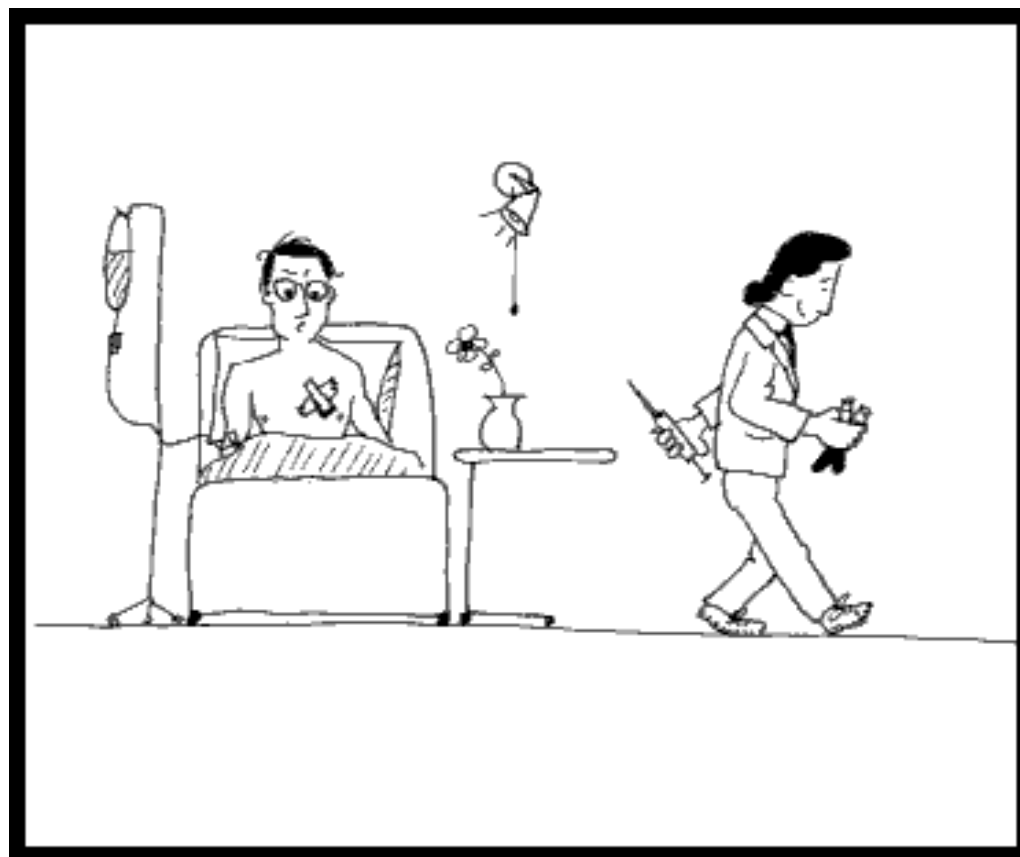
If you did not examine the patient, just say so!

The Health Care Team



- You are now part of a large team, and the patient is the #1 priority
- Accountability
- There is always work to be done, which may not enhance your medical education in your opinion
- Scut, scut, scut

Scut Monkey Extraordinaire...



Medical Education



A student shall not...

- **Represent the work of another as the student's own work.**
- **Give, receive, or otherwise utilize unauthorized assistance in connection with any academic work/examination.**

Medical Education



- There are still exams to take and presentations to make
- Same rules apply as with the first two years (enough said)

What are Your Responsibilities as Medical Students?



- Comply with and uphold the medical student honor code
- Ethics, Professionalism, & Accountability

What are Your Responsibilities as *Future Physicians?*



- Take an active role in the care for your patient
- Respect the patient privacy laws
- Be a team player
- Do not cheat yourself out of valuable learning experiences!!

Procedure for Reporting an Honor Code Violation



Any person who, in good faith, believes that an Honor Code violation may have been committed shall make an accusation to a member of the Honor Council, the Dean of Student Services, or the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. The accusation shall be made in writing and shall consist of the following:

- a) The reporting person's name.
- b) The identity of the person he/she believes committed an Honor Code violation.
- c) A brief description of the facts supporting the reporting person's belief.

Web Address for Honor Council and Honor Code Information



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www.kumc.edu/som/medsos/hc.html

Questions???

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