Student Conduct

The administration, faculty and students of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai are committed to maintaining a respectful and productive learning environment, and are committed to high standards of excellence and personal responsibility. To that end, the following code of conduct has been implemented at the School.

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Medical Student Code of Conduct
As a student of the Icahn School of Medicine, I accept the responsibility and privilege of studying medicine, helping care for patients, interacting with peers, faculty, staff, and colleagues, serving the community, society and the profession, learning from my teachers and teaching others. I commit myself to upholding the highest standards of ethics and integrity and to act with compassion towards others. I will always strive to maintain the highest level of professionalism. I will adhere to the following standards, which I will apply to my academic studies, scholarly activities, and clinical encounters.

- I will be truthful with patients, families, peers, faculty, staff, and members of the patient care team.
- I will treat patients, families, peers, faculty, staff, and members of the patient care team with respect and dignity.
- I will not tolerate discrimination in patient care or the educational environment.
- I will treat as private patient information received as part of any educational experience.
- If I believe that a patient may be receiving inappropriate care, I will discuss my concerns with a superior or report the incident through established mechanisms.
- I will conduct research in an unbiased manner and will truthfully report results.
- I will adhere to the Honor Code for Exams and Quizzes.
- If I have knowledge of a peer giving or receiving help inappropriately I will bring the issue to the attention of the faculty, the administration, or the ombudsperson.
- I will complete clinical, academic and administrative tasks in a timely fashion.
- My demeanor, behavior, use of language, and personal appearance in the presence of patients, in the classroom, and in health care settings will be appropriate to the setting.
- I will recognize my limitations, admitting when I do not know something, and will seek help when I need it.
- I have an obligation to maintain my mental and physical well being in order to be effective as a physician, including not using alcohol in any way that could interfere with my clinical responsibilities and not using illicit drugs.
- I will assume an obligation to encourage impaired colleagues to seek professional help and discuss with a supervisor, the administration or ombudsperson as necessary.
- I will not use my position to engage in romantic or sexual relationships with patients or members of their families.
- I will adhere to the above Standards of Conduct when representing the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.
Faculty Oath

Faculty read the following oath at each year’s White Coat Ceremony to demonstrate their commitment to excellence in teaching and mentoring:

As teachers and mentors for our students, we pledge to maintain the highest professional standards in all of our interactions with students, patients, colleagues, and staff. We pledge our utmost effort to ensure that all components of the educational program for students will be of the highest quality. We will respect all students as individuals, without regard to gender, race, national origin, religion, or sexual orientation; we will not tolerate anyone who manifests disrespect or who expresses biased attitudes towards any student. We will not tolerate any abuse or exploitation of students. In an effort to nurture personal development, we pledge that students will have adequate time for reflection as well as personal and family obligations. In nurturing both the intellectual and professional development of our students, we will celebrate achievement of academic excellence and demonstration of the highest virtues of our profession.