CMA Code of Ethics and Professionalism

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Physicians should apply and live the Code, and they are expected to ensure that professional responsibilities set forth in it are met. Physicians should also ensure that the Code and other CMA policies are understood and applied in the practice of medicine;

A. VIRTUES EXEMPLIFIED BY THE ETHICAL PHYSICIAN

1. Trust is the cornerstone of physician-patient relationships and clinical professionalism. Trust is established between the patient and physician. It is the cornerstone of the physician-patient partnership and the basis for effective communication. 

2. Goodness focuses on the well-being of others and the promotion of health. The primary purpose of the physician is to promote the health of patients and the community. Goodness is based on the physician’s obligation to promote the health of patients and the community.

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- Compassion
  
  An empathetic nonjudgmental role is essential in building and maintaining therapeutic and professional relationships to foster healing and well-being.

- Integrity
  
  An essential process in doctors' work and involves honesty, sincerity, accountability, and reflective practice.

- Prudence
  
  A responsible and informed role in deciding and executing actions, minimizing harm and maximizing benefit, and incorporating ethical reasoning.

- Honesty
  
  An honest process from ethical reasoning to communication, ensuring integrity and transparency in the application of ethics in medical practice.