CMA Code of Ethics and Professionalism

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A. VIRTUES EXEMPLIFIED BY THE ETHICAL PHYSICIAN

- Compassion: A physician's obligation to offer care in a manner that is sensitive to the unique needs and values of each patient.
- Honesty: A physician's responsibility to be truthful and transparent in all communications with patients.
- Prudence: A physician's duty to act in the best interests of the patient, balancing the potential benefits and risks of interventions.
- Justice: A physician's commitment to fairness and equity in the distribution of health care resources.
- Integrity: A physician's responsibility to maintain the highest standards of ethical conduct, including confidentiality and respect for patient autonomy.

These virtues guide the physician in upholding the integrity and dignity of the medical profession.