

Introducing the Digital Hippocratic Oath

Updating healthcare's moral compass for the digital age



The Hippocratic Oath has served as a long-standing moral compass for healthcare providers

Since ancient times, the Hippocratic Oath has been an ethical standards pledge designed to serve as a moral compass for healthcare practitioners. The oath is best known for the famous four words by which it is often characterized: “first, do no harm.”

The oath still serves as the foundation of medical ethics with four broad principles: Autonomy, Non-Maleficence, Beneficence and Justice.



The growth of digital information systems requires an extension of the oath's fundamental principles

Today's digital platforms are made to improve patient care—and the patient's experience—by connecting all of the data associated with care into a single digital ecosystem. These changes foster remarkable improvements in interoperability and innovation, but they also open the possibility for unintended consequences such as the misuse of patient data.

In order to maintain the trust between patient and provider, the traditional Hippocratic Oath needs to be updated for the digital age, helping patients gain clarity on how their health information is (and is not) being used.

We're calling this update the *digital Hippocratic Oath*, and it will be especially important as new regulations transfer the responsibility for security and privacy of the data to the patient.

Forthcoming Data Laws Demonstrate the Need for a Digital Hippocratic Oath

Within the next month, a ruling will define a new category of healthcare data called Electronic Health Information (with a standard interoperable clinical data set) that can be shared with third parties on the approval of the consumer. The new category of data will not be covered under current HIPAA privacy laws and instead will be covered under the Federal Trade Commission where the privacy and security of this information is not understood and will be difficult to control.

A DIGITAL HIPPOCRATIC OATH

Our digital Hippocratic Oath starts with the four pillars of modern medical ethics and updates the concepts for providing care in a digital environment.

AUTONOMY

The patient will direct how his or her data are used.

BENEFIENCE

We commit to make healthcare easier to access, understand and use so that patients can live healthier lives.



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NON-MALFECIENCE

We will protect and secure patient data and never sell it to third parties.

JUSTICE

In all decisions, we will ask, "what would I want for my own patient care and for my family?"

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The responsibility for defining the digital Hippocratic Oath should be created by mission driven, not-for-profit healthcare systems that embrace a moral compass of improving the health of the communities that they serve.

To that end, Presbyterian is supporting the development of Graphite Health. Graphite will reduce friction within healthcare delivery by creating a digital interoperability platform and certified App Marketplace with digital products that abide by a digital Hippocratic oath.



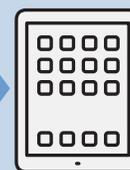
How Graphite's Digital Hippocratic Oath Enables Certified Apps



The oath is Graphite's moral compass



We use the compass to create standardization requirements



The standards enable the creation of a certified digital apps marketplace

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