



Ontario College
of Pharmacists
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CODE *of* ETHICS: A VISUAL OVERVIEW



Beneficence (to benefit)

Our primary role and function as healthcare professionals is to benefit our patients. We need to remember that our patients seek our care and services because they believe and trust that we will apply our knowledge, skills and abilities to help make them better.



Non Maleficence (do no harm)

As we strive to benefit our patients, we must be diligent in our efforts to do no harm and, whenever possible, prevent harm from occurring.

Serving and Protecting Patients



Respect for Persons/Justice

All persons are worthy of our respect, compassion and consideration. We demonstrate this when we respect our patients' vulnerability, autonomy and right to be self-governing decision makers in their own healthcare. The principle of "Justice" requires that we fulfill our ethical obligation to treat all patients fairly and equitably.



Accountability (Fidelity)

We must ensure that we keep our promise to our patients and society to always and invariably act in their best interests and not our own. It is this principle that holds us accountable, not just for our own actions and behaviours, but for those of our colleagues as well.



All pharmacy professionals, regardless of practice setting, must abide by the principles and standards in the Code.

*Read the full Code of Ethics on the College website