

# Code pour un comportement éthique des patients :-)

A Code of Ethical Behavior for Patients

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**1. Do not expect your doctor to share your discomfort.**

Involvement with the patient's suffering might cause loss of valuable scientific objectivity.

**2. Be cheerful at all times.**

Your doctor leads a busy and trying life and requires as much gentleness and reassurance as possible.

**3. Try to suffer from the disease for which you are being treated.**

Remember that your doctor has a professional reputation to uphold.

**4. Do not complain if the treatment fails to bring relief.**

You must believe that your doctor has achieved a deep insight into the true nature of your illness, which transcends any mere permanent disability you may have experienced.

**5. Never ask your doctor to explain what he or she is doing or why.**

It is presumptuous to assume that such profound matters could be explained in terms that you would understand.

**6. Submit to novel experimental treatment readily.**

Though the surgery may not benefit you directly, the resulting research paper will surely be of widespread interest.

**7. Pay your medical bills promptly and willingly.**

You should consider it a privilege to contribute, however modestly, to the well-being of physicians and other humanitarians.

**8. Do not suffer from ailments that you cannot afford.**

It is sheer arrogance to contract illnesses that are beyond your means.

**9. Never reveal any of the physician's shortcomings that have come to light in the course of your treatment.**

The patient-doctor relationship is a privileged one, and you have a sacred duty to protect your physician from exposure.

**10. Never die while in your doctor's presence or while under his or her direct care.**

This will only cause the physician needless inconvenience and embarrassment.

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