



# RCP500 Charter

On this, the five-hundredth anniversary of the Royal College of Physicians' 1518 royal charter, we the fellows and members make this profession to our Sovereign, our governments and ourselves, but above all, to our patients.

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We promise to seek to provide the highest standards of patient care at all times, working with others to treat patients in the manner in which we would wish to be treated ourselves, and to involve patients, their families and carers in decisions about their care.

We promise to train, develop and support other doctors and healthcare professionals at all career stages, to champion research and innovation that improves the care we provide to patients and to commit to our own continuous professional development throughout our careers.

We promise to act as leaders to develop, influence and sustain high-quality healthcare both locally and more widely, to act in our patients' and society's interests over our own and to speak up when it is right and necessary to do so.

We promise to promote good health and prevention of ill health across society, to look after our own health so that we are best placed to look after others and to use our healthcare resources justly and wisely.

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