

Writing Assignment 1

“...but to these alone, the precepts and the instruction. I will prescribe regimen for the good of my patients according to my ability and my judgment and never do harm to anyone. To please no one will I prescribe a deadly drug, nor give advice which may cause his death...” (Various Physicians Oaths). These are the words of Hippocrates himself and part of his oath as a promise to his patients. This oath has been the standard for which all medical professions alike follow; and yet those who have taken this oath have strayed from what they have sworn to do. I will not be like those who have sworn into an oath they cannot follow. My purpose is to be the change I wish to see in the medical field while staying as true to the Hippocratic oath as I am expected to be.

I was unsure of what I wanted to do for my career until I became a highschooler. There I realized that my true calling was to do something in the medical field. Along with advisors, I made sure to base my higher education heavily upon science and math-related subjects to ensure that when I realized who I wanted to be I had a direct path. I know now that I have passion and drive to become a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO). I’ve come to discover that a DO seems to align more with my personal views and beliefs on how a doctor should treat their patients and overall practice medicine versus a medical doctor (MD). A DO focuses more on their patients as a whole and works to prevent illness and complications rather than primarily treat the signs and symptoms of an illness. Not only does that way of treatment align with my beliefs, but it also aligns with Hippocrates’ oath.

Growing up my mother was on call because she was a registered nurse. She was a major role model in my decision to have a career in the medical field. When my grandmother was in the hospital for lung cancer my mother was there as an advocate to make sure that my grandmother was properly taken care of. My mother did the same for my grandfather when his life was drawing near as well. I remember how she took charge, knew what questions to ask, and how she made my grandparents’ treatment and quality of care so much better. When my aunt Bonnie was in the hospital for cervical cancer treatment, I was there to be her advocate while my mother could not be present. Because of my background and as student in college preparing to become a doctor, I was able to advocate for my aunt and I was the one to ask the right questions, understand the terminology, and help my aunt with understanding her own treatment and situation. My dream is to be that advocate as a doctor for all patients I have the privilege to treat. I know that I will succeed and be a great doctor because I have the drive and the passion. Above all, my underlying cause to become a doctor is purely because I believe in the betterment of human health. I desire to learn the ways of medicine and use it effectively not only for myself but for others so that I may pass on my knowledge and continue to discover all there is to gain about medicine.

This is my life purpose and true calling. I only need the opportunity to be accepted and allowed to begin. I know in my heart that I have what it takes to be a doctor and I want to be there for those who do not understand the ways of medicine so that I may bring them back to peace and health. I will do this in a way that is in the best interest of the patient and using my

knowledge that I have gained and have yet to gain improve not only patient care, but the practices of medicine itself.

Resource Used

Various Physicians Oaths. www.aapsonline.org/ethics/oaths.htm#bears.