

Students' Ethical Code

of the Educational Institution

Grodno State Medical University

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1.1. The Code defines moral ground of students' behavior based on common ethical and moral norms, respect among the students and respect towards the state and society.

1.2. The Code is a local legal act that regulates the relationship among students, students' relationship with personnel and teaching staff of the University, in other words the relationship among citizens within the whole period of studies.

1.3. The student must follow the Code, mind common ethical and moral norms of academic and extra-curriculum spheres not only at departments, clinical bases, the University premises but outside the University as well.

1.4. The Code is aimed at creating the most comfortable environment for studying and favorable psychological climate in the academic sphere of the University.

1.5. The main principles which the Code stipulates are the following:

1.5.1. High morality -- a set of some social rules and norms of behavior, which people lead in their lives based on morality, behavior in the view of goodness and evil, justice and injustice;

1. *Medical ethics* -- the ethics of moral education of a medical professional, which is based on humanism, scientific knowledge and practical measures to diagnose, treat and prevent illnesses, save and improve people's health;

2. *Medical deontology* -- a set of ethical norms and rules of behavior of medical professionals while fulfilling their professional duties;

3. *Dignity* -- a category of ethics which means a special moral attitude of people to themselves and attitude of the society, other people to him or her, which is based on the recognition of a person as an individual;

4. *Conscience* -- an ability of people to exercise moral self-control, form moral duties for themselves, fulfill them, to evaluate own actions;

5. *High rank of a medical professional* -- society's attitude traditionally formed to representatives of all medical professions, as well as to most literate and educated people with high moral values, who are selfless and who are ready for self-sacrifice, consciously take responsibility for people's lives and health.

2. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS, PRINCIPLES AND RULES OF THE STUDENT ETHICAL BEHAVIOR AT THE UNIVERSITY

2.1. Within academic process students **must**:

- conscientiously study, attend all classes and lectures, which are stipulated in the schedule, take part in research work, use all possibilities to increase knowledge and acquire practical skills in the chosen major;
- keep silence and order at classes, be punctual and not be late for classes without a reasonable excuse, not use foreign and distracting objects (players, cameras, other means of communication, gaming equipment, etc.);
- respect personnel and teachers (instructors, lecturers), the administration of the University and medical (health) organizations, as well as medical professionals and medical personnel in hospitals, on the basis of which the educational process is provided, greet them when see them;
- know the surname, name and father's (patronymic) name of a teacher (instructors, lecturers). At the beginning of a class a student must stand up and greet the teacher;
- mind the rules of the Dean's office and other offices of the University, their working hours and not prevent personnel from performing their tasks;
- follow ethical norms when communicating with other students, don't allow any forms of humiliation, physical and mental abuse;
- aim at the creation of normal microclimate in the group; respect customs and traditions of representatives of different peoples, take into account cultural and other features of ethnic groups and religious confessions. Senior students must help junior students adapt to the university environment, know and respect the history of the University, save and enrich traditions of the University;
- keep your social media ethical, not post anything that contradicts common ethical and moral norms, norms of the Code, or that discredits dignity of teachers, personnel, and other students;
- take care the University's property in educational buildings, hostels, clinical departments, as well as of the library and information resources. Students must not take out the property of the University, including anatomical preparations, educational equipment, posters, patients' case reports, etc.;
- maintain cleanliness and order around;
- try to lead a healthy lifestyle, refrain from smoking on the territory of the University and hostels, health centers;
- take foods in the special places, take out rubbish;
- organize studying and leisure time reasonably;
- observe regulations for ensuring safety, rules of fire safety on the whole territory and in the buildings; in the medical organizations a student must observe medical and preventive as well as anti-epidemic regimes.

2.2. At clinical bases students must:

- treat patients with respect, in a good manner, respect their right for personal information, have understanding for the patient's relatives and closed ones;
- avoid advertising your services, other doctors, medications, equipment when communicating with patients;
- not take photos and videos of patients and in places not designed for this purpose;

- must not publish and discuss personal data of patients, photos of medical events, patients' case reports and situations which have become available during the process of studying on the social networks and other open sources without the patient's consent.

2.3. Clothes have to correspond with the place, time and nature of the activity. At the University it is recommended to wear classic clothes and a medical uniform where required.

A medical uniform is a symbol of doctors' clear mind, strictness in their behavior and requires:

- having clean and ironed medical gown and cap; medical gown has to cover clothes. Medical costume is acceptable if all parts of it are used. Wearing a medical costume is regulated by specifics of the discipline and internal regulations of the departments;
- having shoes to change in hospitals;
- no any other head gear but only medical caps at clinical bases and departments.

2.4. Apart from medical uniform, these **requirements of appearance** are to be followed by students:

- hair must be neatly hidden under the medical cap;
- nails must be clean and short-cutted;
- no colorful, big jewelry, no strong perfume;
- moderate amount of make up;
- hats must be taken off and outwear must be left in the cloakroom after entering the University or clinical bases.

2.5. Within academic process and everyday life, it is prohibited to:

- take examination, credits instead of other students;
- use notes as well as cribs, receiving-sending technical equipment at examination, credits;
- talk on the phone during classes;
- make photos or videos of practical classes without the lecturer's permission;
- falsify documents;
- disrespect other's intellectual property;
- disobey the rules of the anticorruption legislation;
- appropriate other works fully or in parts while taking examination, performing tasks or preparing academic papers for it to be considered one's own work;
- write, prepare or create examination works, tasks or academic works and do research fully or in parts for other students;
- offer rewards of any kind to teachers (instructors, lecturers) or personnel for easier taking of examination and credits or for any other favors.
- distribute antisocial information, aimed at destabilization of the order established at the University, as well as a student must not participate in unsanctioned meetings, demonstrations, rallies, pickets, and actions;
- use explicit language, rudeness towards students and personnel, public expression of aggressive behavior and other reprehensible behavior;

- exceed the appropriate level of noise, when using technical equipment for music or speaking, laughing, etc. in hostels, apartments and other social places.

3. LIABILITY FOR VIOLATION AND DISOBEDIENCE OF COMMON ETHICAL AND MORAL NORMS, NORMS OF THE CODE

3.1. Violation of the Code, common ethical and moral norms are discussed at the meeting of the University's Commission on ethics that operates on the basis of the Regulation on the Commission on ethics of the Education Institution Grodno State Medical University which is approved by the Rector of the University.

3.2. The following measures of moral effect can be applied to the student:

- request, advice, suggestion (recommendation);
- remark;
- moral condemnation;
- public censure;
- imposition of the obligation to make amends for committing immoral act (inaction) that caused moral or psychological discomfort to other person or group of people.

3.3. Dean of the Faculty or the Commission on ethics on their own, minding seriousness of committed violation, can recommend discussing the fact of unethical act allowance (disobedience or inappropriate fulfillment of demands provided by norms of Students' Ethical Code of the Educational Institution Grodno State Medical University) at the meeting of the Commission on ideological and educational affairs.

4. CONCLUDING REGULATIONS

4.1. Regulations of the Code are necessary to be followed by all students of the University. The Code is a normative ground for academic, science and research, cultural and administrative activity of all members of the University's community.

4.2. Ignorance and disagreement with ethical norms is not an excuse for unethical behavior.