Emory University School of Medicine
Honor Code

Preamble

The students, faculty, and administration of the Emory University School of Medicine join together in support of this MD Student Honor Code for the purposes of (a) providing an atmosphere of mutual trust, concern, and respect; (b) fostering honorable and ethical behavior; and c) cultivating lifelong professional conduct.

To promote this purpose, matters regarding academic misconduct shall fall under the jurisdiction of the Honor Code, while other aspects of a student’s medical education will be covered by the guidelines stated in the Student Conduct Code. Students who matriculate in the Emory University School of Medicine are obligated to uphold the Honor Code.

Statement of the MD Student Honor Code

Any action indicating lack of integrity or dishonesty in academic matters is considered a violation of academic ethics. Such offenses include, but are not limited to, engaging in or attempting to engage in cheating, plagiarism, sabotage, falsifying or manipulating data, misrepresenting attendance, or knowingly passing off work of another as one’s own.

Honor Code Violations Definitions and Policies

• Cheating includes knowingly acquiring, receiving, or passing on information about the content of an examination prior to its authorized release or during its administration; provision or utilization of unauthorized aids; or impermissible collaboration.
• Plagiarism is defined as the act of incorporating into one’s own work, the work or expression of another, without appropriately and adequately indicating the source.
• Sabotage is defined as intentional and malicious actions that impair another student’s academic performance.
• Falsifying or manipulating data is defined as the act of creating, enhancing, or otherwise changing actual results in academic, clinical, or research matters.

Acts observed that appear to be in violation of the Honor Code will be reported to the HONOR COUNCIL. Failure on the part of a student to report such apparent violation will itself be considered a violation of the Honor Code.

Lack of knowledge of the aforementioned precepts will not stand as adequate defense for violation of the Honor Code.

The following pledge may be signed at the end of all final examinations, quizzes, and other important projects on which the pledge is required by an instructor:

“On my honor, I have neither given nor received any aid on this [examination, quiz, or paper], nor am I aware of anyone who did.”
However, absence of this pledge does not exempt the student or the assignment from the obligations set forth under this Honor Code.

Each student upon entering the School of Medicine must sign a matriculation pledge stating that he/she has read, understands, and is aware of his/her responsibilities under the Honor Code. Students will be asked to renew their Honor Code Pledge every year of their enrollment.

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