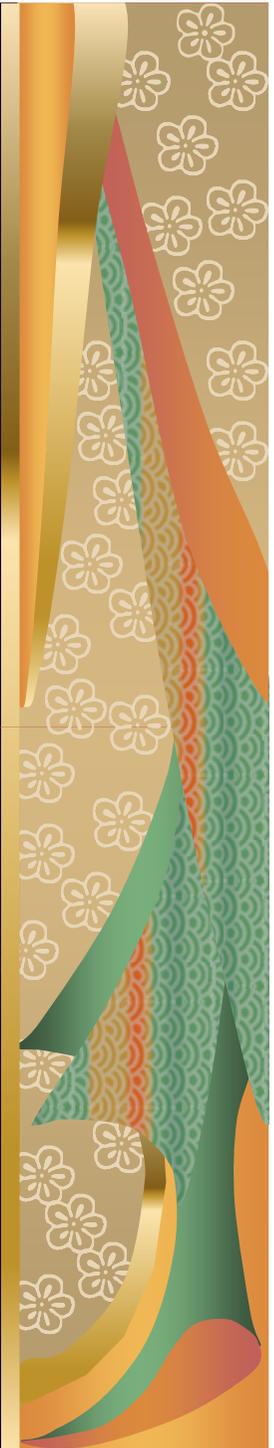


Professionalism in Psychiatry

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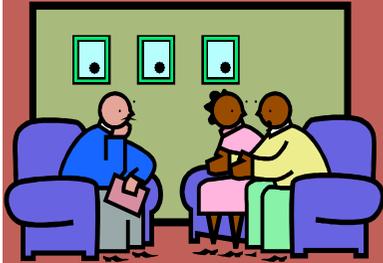


Medical professionalism demands:

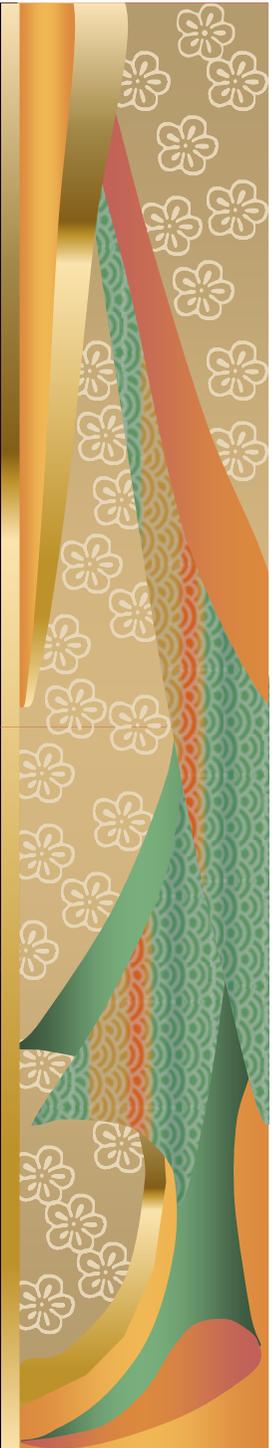
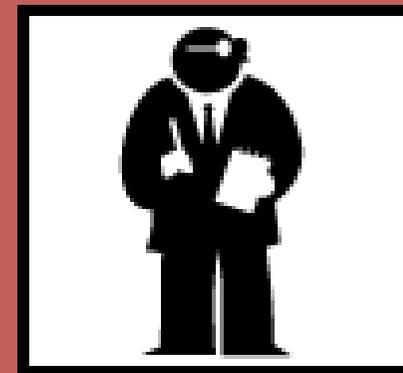
- placing the interests of the patients above those of the physician
- setting and maintaining standards of competence and integrity
- and providing expert advice to society on matters of health



While psychiatrists follow the same goals as all health care workers

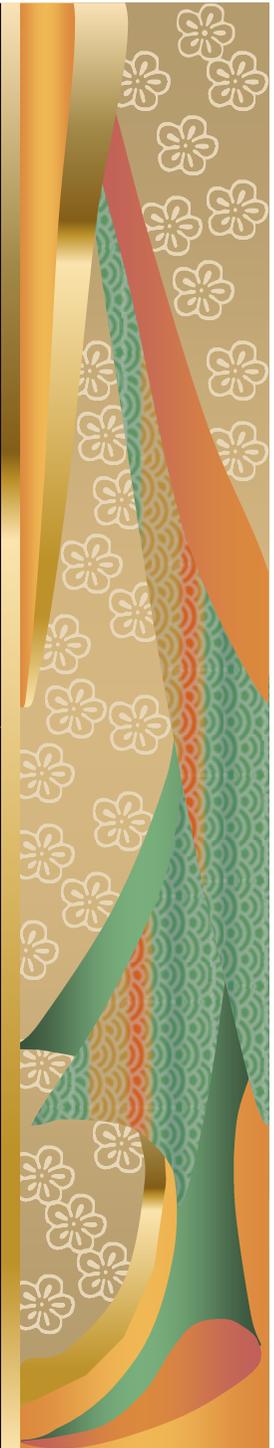


there are special ethical problems in psychiatric practice that differ from that in other branches of medical practice



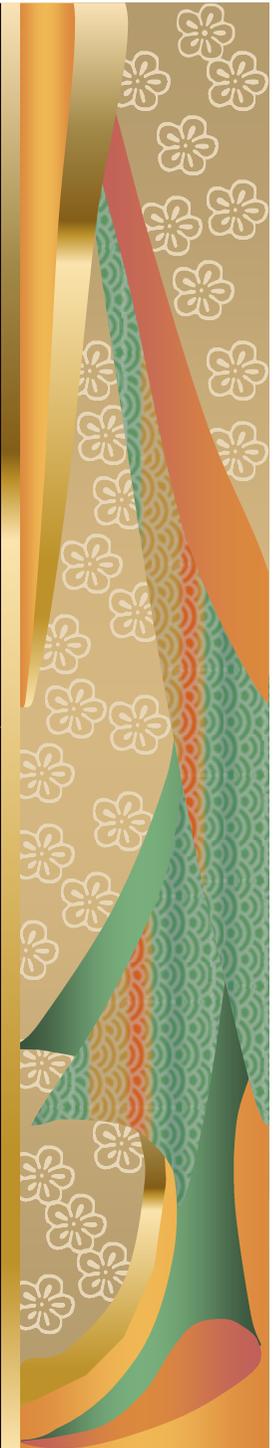
According to ABIM (American Board of Internal Medicine) professionalism aspires to:

- Altruism
- accountability
- excellence
- duty
- service
- honor and integrity
- and respect for others

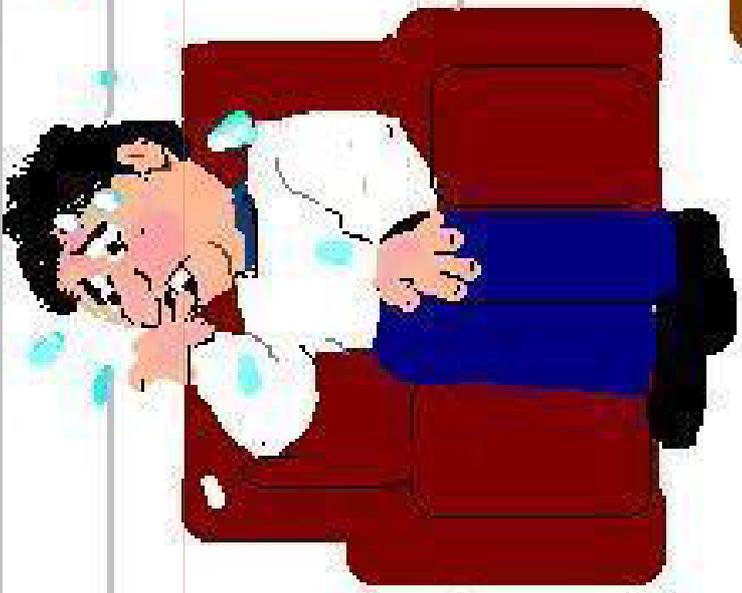


•Altruism

- a psychiatrist cannot suddenly terminate therapy for the patient's failure to pay a bill, failure to follow a treatment plan, or missing an appointment.
- altruism necessitate that the psychiatrist does his or her best for these patients compassionately and respectfully.
- As a forensic consultant, in addition to striving for truth and promoting justice, the psychiatrist has an ethical duty to clarify the role of forensic psychiatrist for the subject.
- In the psychiatric researches with human subjects, the psychiatrist should consider the best interests for his or her patient and don't exploit them for research purposes.

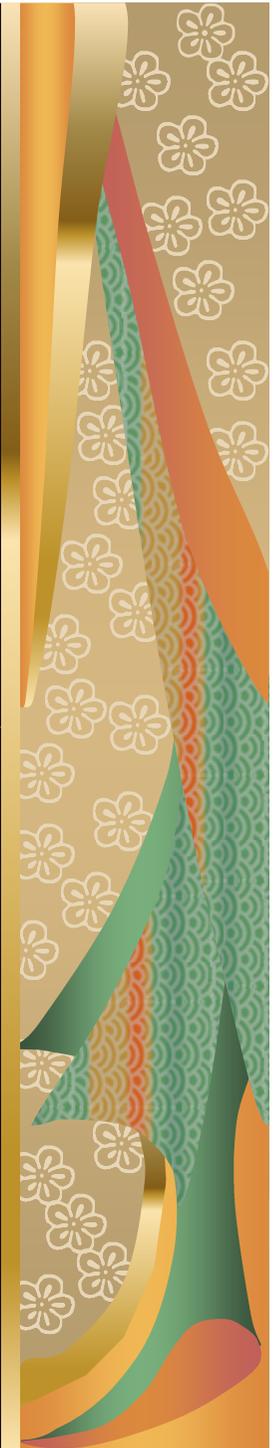


*fear of abandonment support
group meets tonight*



•Accountability

- Psychiatric services, like all medical services, are dispensed in the context of a contractual arrangement between the patient and the physician. The provisions of the contractual arrangement, which are binding on the physician as well as on the patient, should be explicitly established.
- Special consideration should be given to those psychiatrists who, because of mental illness, jeopardize the welfare of their patients and their own reputations and practices. It is ethical, even encouraged, for another psychiatrist to intercede in such situations
- A physician shall respect the law and also recognize a responsibility to seek changes in those requirements which are contrary to the best interests of the patient
- A physician shall recognize a responsibility to participate in activities contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health



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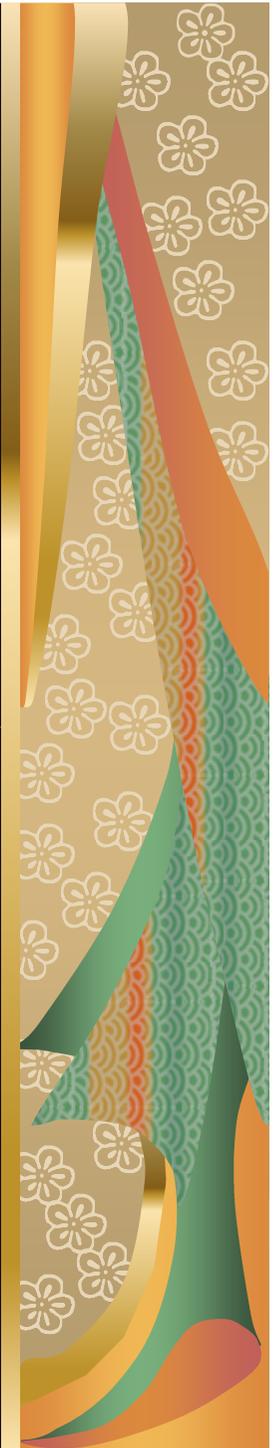
Reading



"YOU CAN DISCUSS SEXUAL FAILURE WITH ME
MR HARMSWORTH, I'M TRAINED NOT TO LAUGH."

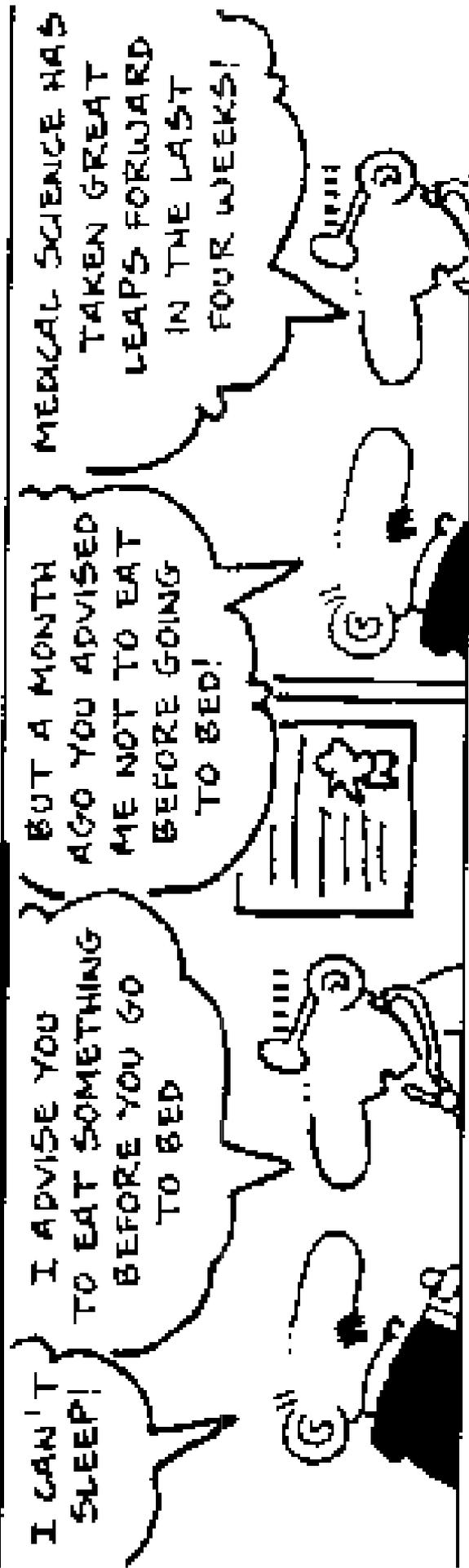
• Excellence

- psychiatrists need to continue to develop their skills
- to do only that they know how to do
- and to know the relative effectiveness of treatments for different disorders.
- In fact, the psychiatrist shall continue to study, apply, and advance scientific knowledge as a life-long duty.



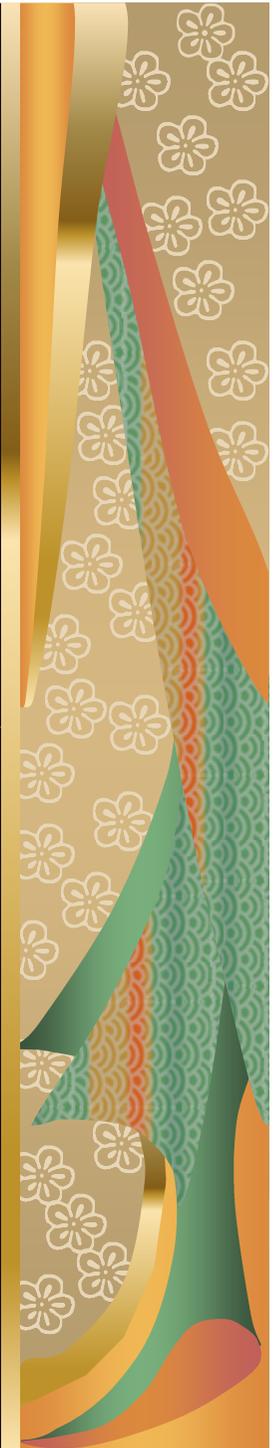


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•Duty

- Being available and responsive when “on call”
- Accepting inconvenience and risk to meet the needs of the patient
- Providing the best possible care regardless of the ability to pay and volunteering one’s skills
- Expertising for the welfare of the community
- Rendering good care
- continuing the commenced treatment relationship until the patient ends the treatment or a referral process is concluded





*"One of the hidden pitfalls of private medicine, I'm afraid -
I've found out what's wrong with you, but I won't tell you
unless you pay double."*

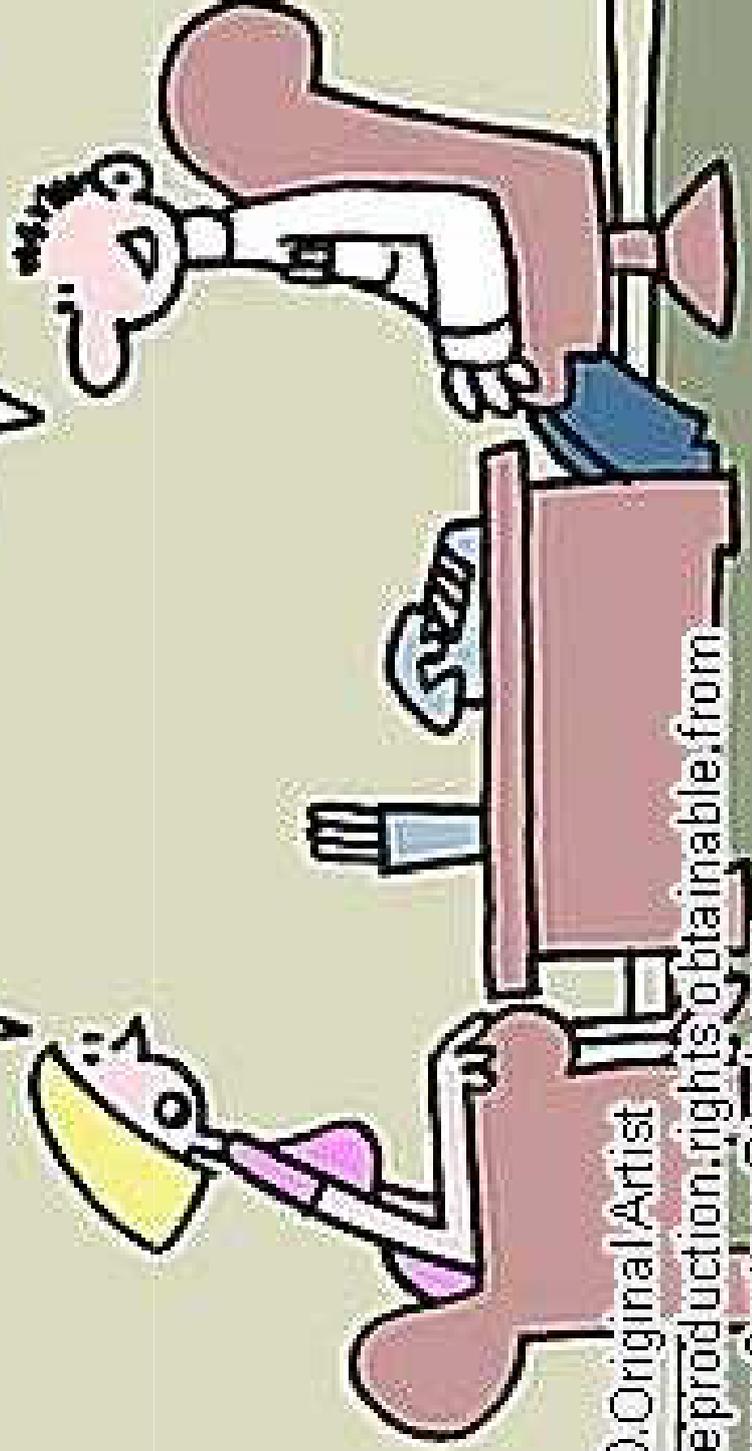
•Honor and Integrity

- Psychiatric records, including even the identification of a person as a patient, must be protected with extreme care.
- Confidentiality is essential to psychiatric treatment. This is based in part on the special nature of psychiatric therapy as well as on the traditional ethical relationship between physician and patient.
- Honor and commitment are of greater importance in psychiatry than any other medical specialty.



ARE MY TEST
RESULTS IN
YET?

YES, YOU CAN
SEE THEM ON MY
WEBSITE!



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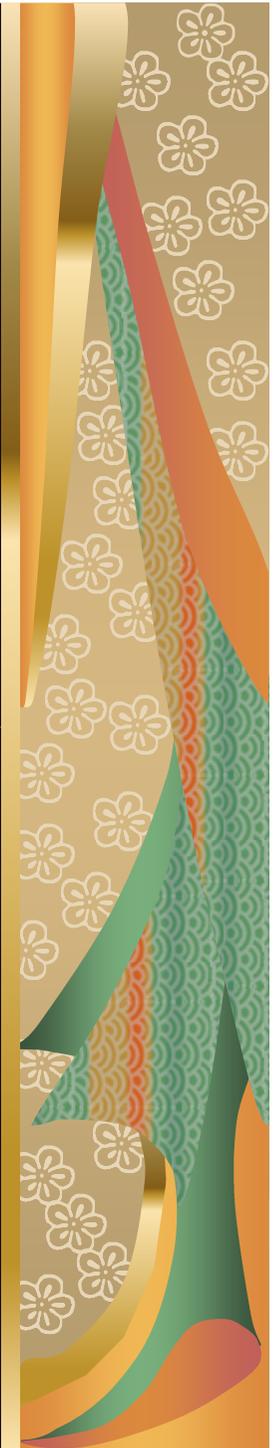
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**“Your medical records are safe with us.
We take patient privacy very seriously.”**

•Respect

- physicians must respect patients, families, nurses, medical students and colleagues; this is the essence of humanism.
- Because of the special nature of psychiatric disorders, respect to these patients and their families and public education in this regard is of a great importance, more than any other medical specialty.





A Patient's Nightmare.

Conclusion

- In psychiatry, honor (because of the great importance of confidentiality) and duty (because of unpredictable nature of many psychiatric disorders and poor economic status of most chronic psychiatric patients) are of special importance





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