

Adopt Ph 501, previously eff. 11-1-13 (doc. #10455) and expired 11-1-23, to read as follows:**PART Ph 501 CODE OF ETHICS**Ph 501.01 Standards of Conduct.

(a) The ethical standards set forth in this part shall bind all licensees, and violation of any such standard shall be a basis for the imposition of disciplinary sanctions.

(b) A licensed pharmacist shall:

- (1) Hold the health and safety of patients to be of first consideration and render to each patient the full measure of his/her ability as an essential health practitioner;
- (2) Never condone the dispensing, promoting or distributing of drugs or medical devices, or assist therein, which are not of good quality, which do not meet standards required by law or which lack therapeutic value for the patient;
- (3) Always strive to perfect and enlarge his/her professional knowledge;
- (4) Utilize and make available his/her knowledge as might be required in accordance with his/her best professional judgment;
- (5) Observe the law, uphold the dignity and honor of the profession, and accept its ethical principles;
- (6) Not engage in any activity that will bring discredit to the profession and shall expose, without fear or favor, illegal or unethical conduct in the profession;
- (7) Seek at all times only fair and reasonable remuneration for services rendered;
- (8) Never agree to or participate in transactions with practitioners of other health professions or any other person under which fees are divided or which might cause financial or other exploitation in connection with the rendering of their professional services;
- (9) Respect the confidential and personal nature of professional records, except in emergency situations where the best interest of the patient requires or the law demands, and shall not disclose such information to anyone without patient authorization;
- (10) Not agree to practice under terms or conditions which tend to interfere with or impair the proper exercise of professional judgment and skill, which could cause a deterioration of the quality of his/her service or which require him/her to consent to unethical conduct;
- (11) Refrain from advertising professional services in a manner which is misleading to the public or which conveys by implication that the services of fellow pharmacists are unethical or inferior;
- (12) Maintain a sanitary and orderly prescription department which is fully equipped and stocked to meet the needs of the community; and
- (13) Fulfill all professional obligations conscientiously and with due respect for the physical and well-being of the community, and, uphold at all times the standards of the profession of pharmacy.

Appendix: State Statutes Implemented

Rule	State Statutes Implemented
Ph 501	RSA 318:5-a, VI