



# RAWALPINDI MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

Registrar Department

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## NOTIFICATION

Upon recommendations of the Academic Council RMU, the syndicate in its **16<sup>th</sup>** meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024, has approved the RMU Code of Conduct, applicable to all RMU students.

  
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Deputy Registrar

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# Rawalpindi Medical University

## Code of Conduct for Medical Students

**Preamble:** The mission of Rawalpindi Medical University (RMU) is to train and inspire future healthcare professionals to serve humanity with compassion, integrity, and excellence. To achieve this, all students are expected to adhere to high ethical and professional standards, both inside and outside the university. This code of conduct outlines the principles and responsibilities of students enrolled in RMU.

### 1. Professionalism and Integrity

- **Honesty and Integrity:** Students must demonstrate honesty in academic, clinical, and social settings. Any form of cheating, plagiarism, or misrepresentation is strictly prohibited.
- **Confidentiality:** Respect patient privacy by maintaining confidentiality in clinical settings. All patient information should be handled according to ethical and legal standards.
- **Responsibility:** Be punctual, reliable, and fulfill all academic and clinical obligations. Consistently demonstrate dedication to the profession.
- **Appearance:** Maintain a professional appearance in line with RMU's dress code during clinical rotations and in professional settings.

### 2. Respect for Patients and Faculty

- **Compassion and Empathy:** Treat patients with dignity, respect, and kindness. Ensure patient welfare is the priority in all clinical interactions.
- **Respect for Authority:** Show respect to all faculty members, clinical instructors, and healthcare staff. Follow instructions and seek clarification when necessary.
- **Non-Discrimination:** Treat all individuals—patients, faculty, peers, and staff—without discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender, religion, socioeconomic status, or other characteristics.

### 3. Commitment to Learning

- **Academic Excellence:** Strive for excellence in all academic pursuits. Regular attendance in lectures, practicals, and clinical rotations is mandatory.
- **Active Participation:** Engage actively in discussions, hands-on learning, and research. Students are encouraged to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Commit to lifelong learning. Stay updated with advancements in medical science and healthcare through continued education and research.

### 4. Ethical Behavior in Research and Academics

- **Academic Honesty:** Uphold honesty in exams, assignments, and research. Copying or falsifying data is considered a serious offense.
- **Research Integrity:** When involved in research, follow ethical guidelines, ensure accurate data reporting, and give proper credit to collaborators.

## 5. Responsibility in Clinical Practice

- **Patient Safety:** Prioritize patient safety at all times. Adhere to standard clinical procedures, hygiene protocols, and infection control practices.
- **Teamwork:** Collaborate effectively with fellow students, healthcare professionals, and faculty. Respect the multidisciplinary nature of healthcare delivery.
- **Ethical Decision-Making:** When faced with clinical challenges, apply ethical principles and seek guidance from supervisors when necessary.

## 6. Respect for University Policies and Environment

- **Compliance with Rules:** Abide by all university policies, including attendance, dress code, and examination rules. Any violation will result in disciplinary action.
- **Respect for University Property:** Respect and care for the university's physical resources, including classrooms, laboratories, libraries, and clinical facilities.
- **Refrain from Political Activities:** Students must refrain from engaging in any form of political activity, including protests, demonstrations, or promoting political agendas, while on university premises or during university-sponsored activities. The university is a neutral space dedicated to education and healthcare.

## 7. Health and Well-Being

- **Mental and Physical Health:** Recognize the importance of maintaining mental and physical health to meet the demands of medical training. Seek support from the university's counseling and wellness services when necessary.
- **Substance Abuse:** RMU has a zero-tolerance policy for substance abuse. Students must refrain from using drugs or alcohol during academic or clinical activities.

## 8. Disciplinary Measures

- **Violations:** Any violation of this code of conduct will result in disciplinary action. Consequences may range from warnings to suspension or expulsion, depending on the severity of the violation.
- **Reporting Misconduct:** Students are encouraged to report any observed misconduct to the appropriate authorities within RMU.

## 9. Commitment to Community and Society

- **Social Responsibility:** Contribute to the health and well-being of society through community service, health education, and outreach programs.
- **Ethical Standards:** Uphold the highest ethical standards in all community engagements, ensuring respect for the values and traditions of the communities you serve.

**Final Note:** The Code of Conduct is designed to prepare students for the ethical and professional challenges they will face as healthcare providers. Adherence to these principles is essential for personal growth and professional success.