

Professional Organizations' Position on Professionalism

The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) has been an instrumental leader in the advancement of professionalism among physicians. The ABIM established Project Professionalism as a mechanism to comprehensively address the many facets of evaluating and improving physician professionalism. Their report and recommendations are contained in this section, as is a preview of the physician professionalism charter that they are developing.

In 1999, the Accreditation Council for Graduate medical Education (ACGME) endorsed six facets of general competency for residents, including an area on professionalism. Beginning in July 2002, residency programs will be responsible for teaching and evaluating residents on these competencies. The ACGME's outline of these general competencies is included in this section.

The American Nursing Association approved nine provisions to its Code of Ethics for Nurses in 2001. These provisions address the practices and behaviors of nurses, and reference many of the ideals inherent to professionalism. These provisions are included as well.

Also included are statements from the American Board of Pediatrics and the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine on the topic of professionalism.