



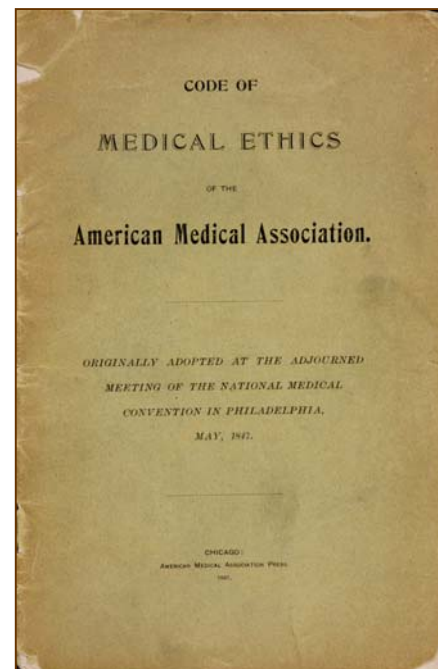
Introductory Remarks

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1847 – Founding of the AMA and Publication of the Code of Medical Ethics



“Physicians, **as conservators of the public health**, are bound to bear emphatic testimony against quackery in all its forms....”



AMA mission



- To promote the science and art of medicine and the betterment of public health



- Unchanged since 1920





AMA



TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER





AMA core strategy



The AMA helps doctors help patients by uniting physicians nationwide to work on the most important professional and public health issues. Together we are stronger.



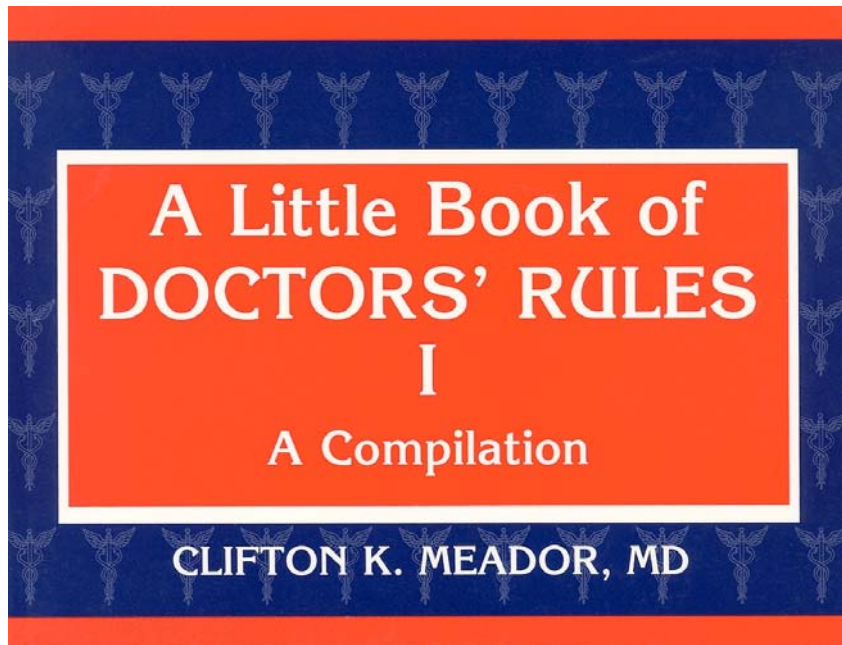


AMA's health care advocacy agenda for 2007



- Expand medical coverage for the uninsured
- Reform the Medicare physician payment system
- Reform the medical liability system
- Improve the quality and safety of health care
- **Improve public health**





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Aesculapius is said to have spent most of his time keeping his two fighting daughters separated.

One was Hygeia, the goddess of prevention.
The other was Panacea, the goddess of cure.



Influenza Vaccination

- AMA and CDC launched the annual National Influenza Vaccine Summit in 2001
- www.ama-assn.org/go/influenzasummit (newsletters, presentations, etc)
- Original attendance: 30 people representing 15 stakeholder organizations
- Now: > 225 participants representing > 115 stakeholders





Influenza Summit stakeholders

- Vaccine manufacturers
- Vaccine distributors
- Federal agencies
- Medical societies
- Nursing organizations
- Public health
- Hospitals
- Pharmacists
- Long-term care
- Community immunization providers
- Occupational health providers
- Business
- Private health insurance & managed care
- Quality improvement organizations
- Advocacy groups
- Consumers





Key Issues



- Improving the supply and timely distribution of flu vaccine
- Bolstering our national infrastructure for adult immunization
- Preparing for pandemic flu





Influenza Vaccination – AMA policy

- AMA House of Delegates approved a comprehensive report on flu vaccine supply at its December 2004 meeting (Board of Trustees Report 28, I-04)
- www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/465/bot28i04.doc
- The report proposed strategies for strengthening the infrastructure for adult immunization.
- An informational report on this subject will be presented at the annual meeting in June 2007





Influenza Vaccine – HFHS



- Henry Ford Health System (HFHS) administers ~ 100,000 doses per year
- In fall 2004, HFHS provided 12,000 doses to health departments for Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties, and the City of Detroit, to alleviate their shortages



Henry Ford – on partnership



“Coming together is
a beginning;
keeping together is
progress;
working together is
success.”

