

## *A Universal Download Edition*

The Oath Hippocrates by Francis Adams SWEAR by Apollo the physician, and Aesculapius, and Health, and heal, and all the gods and goddesses, that, according to my ability judgment, I will keep this Oath and this stipulation- to reckon who taught me this Art equally dear to me as my parents, to share substance with him, and relieve his necessities if required; to upon his offspring in the same footing as my own brothers, and teach them this art, if they shall wish to learn it, without fee stipulation; and that by precept, lecture, and every other mode instruction, I will impart a knowledge of the Art to my own sons, those of my teachers, and to disciples bound by a stipulation oath according to the law of medicine, but to none others. I will that system of regimen which, according to my ability and judgment, consider for the benefit of my patients, and abstain from whatever deleterious and mischievous. I will give no deadly medicine to one if asked, nor suggest any such counsel; and in like manner will not give to a woman a pessary to produce abortion. With purity with holiness I will pass my life and practice my Art. I will cut persons laboring under the stone, but will leave this to be by men who are practitioners of this work. Into whatever house enter, I will go into them for the benefit of the sick, and will from every voluntary act of mischief and corruption; and, from the seduction of females or males, of freemen and slaves., in connection with my professional practice or not, in connection it, I see or hear, in the life of men, which ought not to be of abroad, I will not divulge, as reckoning that all such should be kept secret. While I continue to keep this Oath unviolated, may be granted to me to enjoy life and the practice of the art, respected all men, in all times! But should I trespass and violate this Oath, the reverse be my lot! END