GOOD RESEARCH PRACTICE

AT THE LEE KONG CHIAN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

COMMITMENTS WE HAVE MADE

HUMILITY

WE COMMIT TO

- Welcome feedback, be receptive to new ideas, and be open to having one's ideas challenged.
- Work as part of a team, and to value and fairly acknowledge others' contributions.
- Support science and medicine's role in benefiting humanity.

WE WILL

- Listen to other's suggestions, and learn from them.
- Respect and be open to differences of opinion.
- Work as a team member, and recognise others' contributions to our research goals.
- Not overstate my contribution, or the significance of my work.

COMPASSION

WE COMMIT TO

- Support and minimise the suffering of colleagues in times of need.
- Minimise pain and distress experienced by research subjects.
- Empathise, as members of a medical school, with the suffering of people who have the diseases that we research.

WE WILL

- Look out for the well-being of faculty, staff and students, particularly at times of stress.
- Offer support to colleagues who are suffering.
- Look out for and minimise any pain or discomfort experienced by my human and animal study subjects.
- Actively seek to understand patients' and carers' experiences.

INTEGRITY

WE COMMIT TO

- Adhere to moral and ethical principles.
- Honesty.
- Transparency.
- Accuracy.
- Accountability.

WE WILL

- Conduct and report my research truthfully and accurately.
- Properly record and securely preserve my primary data.
- Ensure my subjects fully understand and consent to participate, unless exempted by an Institutional Review Board.
- Not exaggerate or fabricate my research findings, or put pressure on others to do so.
- Not take shortcuts that could compromise the integrity of my research.
- Be honest about mistakes and appropriately report incidents that could compromise the good standing of the School.
- Ensure my research output accurately reflects others' contributions, funding sources, and any potential conflicts of interest.

PROFESSIONALISM

WE COMMIT TO

- Role-based excellence.
- Uphold the good reputation of the school and its parent Universities.
- Abide by relevant legal requirements, institutional policies and procedures, and ethical codes and guidelines for clinical and non-clinical research.
- Respectful engagement with other members of the research community.
- Responsible use of funds.

WE WILL

- Take pride in my work, and set myself high standards.
- Be punctual and reliable.
- Represent the School and the Universities to the best of my ability.
- Familiarise myself with and adhere to all relevant laws, policies, guidelines and standard operating procedures.
- Prevent personal biases or conflicts of interests affecting my professional judgement.
- Not offend or discriminate in the workplace based on language, gender, cultural or other personal characteristics.
- Be considerate to other peoples' time and needs.
- Duly acknowledge other researchers' achievements.
- Not misuse research funds.

CONTINUOUS LEARNING

WE COMMIT TO

- Active learning and self-improvement.
- Provide learning opportunities for others.
- An environment and culture conducive to learning for all.

WE WILL

- Take deliberate actions to keep up to date in my field.
- Reflect on and learn from mistakes, and seek opportunities to improve.
- Initiate discussions and share new knowledge and ideas with my colleagues.
- Participate in lab meetings, seminars and other academic forums.
- Encourage our researchers to access professional development opportunities.
- Recognise and fulfil my supervision and mentoring responsibilities.
- Support students, new researchers and junior faculty to develop and maintain good research practices.

Our commitments were made by 250 members of LKCMedicine's research community, through a process that began at Research Day on October 28, 2016.

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