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# **Code of Ethics of the Classical Homeopath**

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# Preamble

The practice of classical homeopathy touches the domain of health, suffering, hope, trust, and decisions that have a genuine impact on a person's life and the lives of their loved ones. For this reason, it cannot rest solely on knowledge, intuition, or private discretion. It requires grounding in ethics, maturity, diligence, and responsibility.

The Code of Ethics of the Classical Homeopath defines the attitude demanded by responsible practice of classical homeopathy. Its purpose is to protect the patient's wellbeing, strengthen trust, and build a culture of work grounded in honesty, empathy, respect, humility towards the limits of one's own competence, and readiness for continuous development. The Code constitutes one of the two pillars of the Standards of Classical Homeopathy and is inseparable from the Principles of Good Practice in Classical Homeopathy. There is no good practice without ethics. There is no ethics that does not find expression in practice.

This Code arises from the conviction that if classical homeopathy is to genuinely support people on the path to a long life in good health, it must itself develop in a responsible, ethical, balanced, modern, and trustworthy manner. It is intended to protect the patient's wellbeing, bring order to responsible practice, and strengthen trust in the entire community of classical homeopathy.

## Chapter I. General Provisions

**§1. Nature of the Code** The Code of Ethics of the Classical Homeopath is a document defining the fundamental values, principles of conduct, and ethical standards binding upon the classical homeopath. It has a normative, professional, and community character. It constitutes an integral element of the Standards of Classical Homeopathy.

**§2. Purpose of the Code** The purpose of the Code is in particular:

- protection of the patient's wellbeing,
- strengthening trust in classical homeopathy,
- supporting the professional maturity of homeopaths,
- building a shared language of ethics, quality, and responsibility,
- strengthening a culture of practice grounded in honesty, diligence, respect, and humility towards the limits of one's own competence,
- supporting the development of the community of classical homeopathy in a responsible, transparent, and trustworthy manner.

**§3. Scope of Application** The Code applies to every person who declares the practice of classical homeopathy in accordance with the Standards of Classical Homeopathy. It applies to:

- individual work with the patient,
- public and educational communication,
- marketing and informational activities,
- relations with other homeopaths and representatives of other professions,
- training, mentoring, and community activities.

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#### **§4. Definitions** For the purposes of the Code:

- classical homeopath — a person practising classical homeopathy and declaring the conformity of their practice with the Standards of Classical Homeopathy,
- patient — a person making use of the support of a classical homeopath,
- practice — all activities related to conducting the therapeutic process, communication, marketing, education, documentation, and the organisation of work,
- breach of the Code — an action or omission contrary to the principles set out in this document,
- Standards — the Standards of Classical Homeopathy, of which this Code forms a part.

## **Chapter II. Core Values**

**§5. Non-negotiable Values** The practice of classical homeopathy is grounded in values that are non-negotiable:

- the patient's wellbeing,
- respect for human dignity,
- trust,
- honesty,
- diligence,
- responsibility,
- empathy,
- humility towards the limits of one's own competence,
- maturity of practice,
- transparency of action,
- readiness for continuous development and learning.

**§6. Primacy of the Patient's Wellbeing** The patient's wellbeing stands above personal interest, convenience, ambition, the need to build one's image, or to confirm one's own effectiveness. In the event of a conflict of interest, the patient's wellbeing takes precedence.

#### **§7. Respect for Dignity and Autonomy**

1. The homeopath recognises the inalienable dignity of every person.
2. They respect the patient's autonomy, their right to make informed decisions regarding their own health and the manner in which they make use of support.
3. The patient has the right to ask questions, express doubts, request explanations, refuse certain actions, and terminate the collaboration without fear of judgement, pressure, or loss of respect.
4. It is impermissible to violate the patient's autonomy through the exertion of emotional, ideological, organisational, or financial pressure.
5. The role of the homeopath is to support the patient in making informed decisions, not to substitute their responsibility for their own choices.
6. It is impermissible to exploit the patient's dependency, fear, ignorance, or helplessness.

**§8. Honesty and Transparency** The practice of the classical homeopath should be honest, clear, and responsible. The patient must not be misled or left in uncertainty regarding the nature of the collaboration, the limitations of the homeopath's role, or the limits of the method itself.

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**§9. Responsibility and Humility** The homeopath takes responsibility for the quality of their own conduct. They know the limits of their knowledge, experience, and responsibility. They do not exceed the boundaries of their own competence.

### **Chapter III. Principles of the Relationship with the Patient**

**§10. A Relationship Built on Respect** The relationship with the patient should be built on respect, attentiveness, empathy, understanding, personal culture, and genuine listening. It is impermissible to ridicule, shame, disregard, or objectify the patient.

**§11. Attentiveness to the Whole Person** In the practice of classical homeopathy, the patient is not reduced to a symptom, a diagnosis, or a single crisis. At the centre remains the person seen in their entirety — with their history, patterns of response, the dynamics of the organism, emotional state, susceptibility to overload, capacity for regeneration, and inner balance.

**§12. The Patient's Psychological Safety** The homeopath ensures that the manner of asking questions, formulating conclusions, and conducting the conversation does not violate the patient's psychological safety. They do not deepen the patient's fear, sense of guilt, or confusion.

**§13. Clarity of Communication** The homeopath communicates in a manner that is comprehensible, calm, and appropriate to the patient's situation. They explain the purpose of the collaboration, the assumptions adopted, the possible limitations, and the significance of observing one's own organism. They communicate in such a way as to strengthen the patient's understanding, agency, and autonomy — not their dependence on the homeopath.

**§14. Prohibition on Manipulation** It is impermissible to exert emotional, ideological, or financial pressure. It is not permissible to exploit professional authority to create dependency or submission in the patient. It is also impermissible to encourage the purchase of products, services, or solutions that have no material connection to the quality and effectiveness of the therapeutic process. The patient's trust must not be exploited for unjustified sales or for creating financial dependency.

**§15. Confidentiality** Information obtained from the patient is confidential. The homeopath protects the patient's privacy and all related data and information with due care. The disclosure of information may take place only within the limits of the law, ethical principles, and the patient's informed consent.

**§16. Continuity of Care and Prohibition on Abandoning the Patient** Maintaining responsible contact with the patient constitutes an essential element of the ethical conduct of the therapeutic process. Within the framework of the agreed terms of collaboration, due care must be taken to ensure clarity of communication, predictability of contact, and adequate accompaniment of the patient throughout the process.

It is impermissible to abandon the patient, understood as the unjustified breaking off of contact, leaving the patient without information, without a response, without an indication of the next steps, or without closure of the therapeutic relationship in a situation in which the patient remains under the reasonable belief that they are still in the process of care.

If continuation of the collaboration is not possible, this should be communicated clearly, honestly, and responsibly, with respect for the patient's wellbeing.

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Abandoning a patient in the course of therapy constitutes a serious breach of the ethics of the classical homeopath, as it harms the patient's wellbeing, the safety of the process, trust, and professional responsibility.

## **Chapter IV. The Professional Responsibility of the Homeopath**

**§17. Substantive Diligence** Diligent practice requires solid professional preparation. This encompasses the acquisition of knowledge, participation in courses and training, case analysis, the development of experience, and reflection on one's own work.

**§18. Continuous Development and Reflection on One's Own Practice** Mature practice requires continuous development of competencies. This is served by education, mentoring, supervision, consultations, and other forms of development that support the quality of patient guidance.

Also essential is a readiness for continuous reflection on one's own practice, manner of communication, decisions taken, their consequences, and the limits of one's own understanding.

Professional maturity consists not only in acquiring new knowledge, but also in honestly examining one's own errors, limitations, oversimplifications, and areas requiring correction.

**§19. Responsibility for One's Words** The homeopath is aware that their words influence the patient's health decisions. They speak with deliberation, precision, and appropriateness. They do not overuse the language of certainty where there are no grounds for certainty.

**§20. Responsibility for the Quality of the Process** The homeopath bears responsibility for the manner in which the therapeutic process is conducted within the limits of their own role. They attend to the continuity, order, transparency, and quality of their own work. Responsibility for the quality of the process also encompasses care for the continuity of contact with the patient, adequate closure of successive stages of the collaboration, and preventing situations in which the patient is left without clarity, support, or information regarding the next steps.

**§21. Organisational Transparency** Good practice requires organisational transparency. This encompasses clear communication of the terms of collaboration, the conditions for consultations, the manner of contact, and the organisation of the process. It is impermissible to employ opaque financial, organisational, or communication practices.

## **Chapter V. Limits of Practice and Responsible Coexistence with Other Forms of Care**

**§22. Homeopathy as One of Many Paths** The homeopath recognises that classical homeopathy is one of the paths for supporting health. They do not present it as the sole, exclusive, or universal answer to every health problem.

**§23. No Opposition to Conventional Medicine** The homeopath does not position their practice in total opposition to conventional medicine. They recognise the possibility of coexistence of various forms of healthcare. They respect the role of diagnostics, health parameter monitoring, prevention, and modern tools supporting conscious care for health.

**§24. Responding in Situations Requiring Broader Support** If the patient's situation requires diagnostics, medical consultation, specialist intervention, or another form of support, this should be

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recognised and communicated clearly, responsibly, and without delay. It is impermissible to trivialise circumstances that exceed the scope of one's own practice.

**§25. Prohibition on Exceeding Competence** The homeopath does not speak authoritatively outside the scope of their competencies. They do not ascribe to themselves qualifications they do not possess. They do not impersonate representatives of other professions if they do not hold the formal entitlements to do so.

**§26. Responsible Use of Modern Technologies** The homeopath may make use of modern technologies, including digital, analytical, and artificial intelligence-based tools, provided they serve the patient's wellbeing, the quality of practice, transparency of action, and support responsible decision-making. The use of such tools must not lead to a weakening of the homeopath's responsibility, a violation of trust, a restriction of the patient's autonomy, or a substitution of the relationship, ethical judgement, and individual approach to the person. The homeopath exercises particular caution with regard to the risk of error, oversimplification, excessive automation, opacity of action, and violation of confidentiality and information security. Technology may support practice, but does not relieve the homeopath of personal responsibility for the manner of guiding the patient and the decisions taken.

## **Chapter VI. Honesty in Public Communication, Education, and Marketing**

**§27. Prohibition on Unfounded Promises** The homeopath does not promise healing, a certain effect, or a guaranteed outcome. They do not build their communication on unfounded promises, sensationalism, or oversimplification.

**§28. Educational Honesty** The transmission of knowledge should take place in a manner that is calm, honest, diligent, and comprehensible. The role of the homeopath is to explain, not to impose; to support independent thinking and informed decisions, not to build dependency based on ambiguity or oversimplification.

This also applies to content created or co-created using modern digital tools and artificial intelligence. Responsibility for their diligence, honesty, and conformity with the Code always rests with the homeopath.

**§29. Responsibility for Public Content** In educational materials, social media, training sessions, webinars, presentations, marketing content, and the like, the homeopath maintains the same ethical standard as in individual work. They do not publish content that undermines trust in the practice through dishonesty, aggression, contempt, or manipulation.

**§30. Prohibition on Abusing Authority** The homeopath does not build their position by discrediting patients, homeopaths, physicians, or other persons. They do not exploit the ignorance or suffering of others as a tool of self-promotion.

## **Chapter VII. Relations Within the Professional Community**

**§31. Respect for Other Practitioners** The homeopath relates to other homeopaths and representatives of other professions with personal culture, respect, and responsibility for the shared good of the community. They avoid dishonest and unfounded undermining of the reputation of others.

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**§32. Readiness for Collaboration and Learning** Mature practice recognises the value of consultations, mentoring, supervision, and the exchange of experience. Professional isolation and closure to dialogue are not signs of maturity.

**§33. Responsibility for the Community** The homeopath understands that their practice influences the level of trust in the entire community of classical homeopathy. They support a culture of quality, responsibility, transparency, and trust, in accordance with the developmental direction of the Standards.

**§34. Absence of Artificial Hierarchy** The homeopath does not support a culture of dominance, arbitrary authority, and opaque dependency. They recognise that the development of the community should be grounded in quality, ethics, and responsibility — not in an artificial hierarchy.

## **Chapter VIII. Respect for Life, Nature, and Sustainable Development**

**§35. Respect for Life** The homeopath carries out their work in a spirit of respect for life and well-being. They understand that classical homeopathy applies not only to humans but also to animals and plants.

**§36. Harmony with Nature** The homeopath recognises that responsible practice requires not only care for the person, but also an attitude of respect for nature, the natural environment, and the harmony of which we are all a part.

**§37. The Sustainable Character of Practice** The homeopath strives for a manner of action that is as responsible, balanced, and consistent as possible with long-term care for the person, the community, and the environment. They understand sustainable development as an element of the ethics of practice, and not merely an image-related slogan.

## **Chapter IX. Adoption of the Code and Ethical Commitment**

**§38. The Personal Character of the Commitment** The Code of Ethics is not solely a formal document. It is a personal and professional commitment of the homeopath towards the patient, the community, and the very essence of responsible practice. Adoption of the Code signifies a readiness for honest reflection on one's own practice and for correcting one's conduct whenever the patient's wellbeing, the quality of work, or the ethical standard so requires.

**§39. The Obligation to Know and Apply the Code** Every homeopath declaring conformity with the Code undertakes to know its content, understand its meaning, and apply it in practice. A declaration of conformity with the Code signifies a readiness to submit one's own practice to assessment with regard to conformity with its provisions.

**§40. Ethics as Everyday Practice** Ethics finds expression not in declarations, but in everyday decisions, the manner of communication, boundaries, responsibility, and the culture of work. A breach of the Code may arise from both action and omission.

## **Chapter X. Breaches of the Code and Community Responsibility**

**§41. What Constitutes a Breach of the Code** A breach of the Code consists in particular of:

- action contrary to the patient's wellbeing,
- making unfounded promises,



- manipulating the patient,
- exceeding the limits of one's own competence,
- concealing material information,
- dishonest public communication,
- failure to respect the dignity or autonomy of the patient,
- violation of confidentiality,
- deliberate undermining of transparency, quality, or trust within the community,
- abandoning the patient in the course of the therapeutic process, in particular through unjustified breaking off of contact, failure to respond, failure to close the relationship, or leaving the patient without clear information regarding the next steps.

**§42. The Significance of Observing the Code** The Code of Ethics of the Classical Homeopath is not solely a symbolic document. It is an expression of the values and limits that should be present in every responsible practice. Violation of its principles harms the patient's wellbeing, weakens the quality of the therapeutic process, and undermines trust in the entire community of classical homeopathy.

**§43. Responsibility for the Quality of Practice** Every classical homeopath should remain ready to reflect on their own practice, to accept constructive feedback, and to correct their conduct wherever the patient's wellbeing, professional honesty, or the standard of responsible practice so requires. It is precisely this attitude that builds the maturity of the community and strengthens the credibility of classical homeopathy.

## Chapter XI. Final Provisions

**§44. Relationship to Other Documents** The Code of Ethics of the Classical Homeopath should be read in conjunction with the Standards of Classical Homeopathy and the Principles of Good Practice in Classical Homeopathy. In the future, the Code will serve as the basis for processes of assessment, recommendation, and certification of the quality of practice, education, and materials related to classical homeopathy, which is consistent with the developmental direction of the Standards.

**§45. Open and Developmental Character** The Code has a developmental character. It may be subject to refinement, updating, and expansion as the quality system in classical homeopathy develops. Every change should remain consistent with the foundations of the Standards: the patient's wellbeing, ethics, responsibility, transparency, and trust.

## Declaration of Adoption of the Code of Ethics of the Classical Homeopath

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