Code of Ethics for the Dietetic Profession in Canada

Professional Oath:
As a professional dietitian/nutritionist I pledge to practice the art and science of dietetics to the best of my abilities:

• to maintain integrity and empathy in my professional practice;
• to strive for objectivity of judgment in such matters as confidentiality and conflict of interest;
• to maintain a high standard of personal competence through continuing education and an ongoing critical evaluation of professional experience;
• to work co-operatively with colleagues, other professionals, and laypersons;
• to protect members of society against the unethical or incompetent behaviour of colleagues or other fellow health professionals;
• to ensure that our publics are informed of the nature of any nutritional treatment or advice and its possible effects;
• to obtain informed consent for our invasive or experimental procedures.

I further pledge to promote excellence in the dietetic profession:
• to support others in the pursuit of professional goals;
• to support the training and education of future members of the profession;
• to support the advancement and dissemination of nutritional and related knowledge and skills;
• to involve myself in activities that promote a vital and progressive profession.
The Code of Ethics was developed by Dietitians of Canada and officially adopted by the provincial dietetic associations and regulatory bodies:

- Alberta Registered Dietitians Association
- British Columbia Dietitians’ and Nutritionists’ Association
- College of Dietitians of Ontario
- New Brunswick Association of Dietitians
- Newfoundland Dietetic Association
- Nova Scotia Dietetic Association
- Nova Scotia Dietetic Association
- Manitoba Association of Registered Dietitians
- Ontario Dietetic Association
- Ordre professionnel des diététistes du Québec
- Prince Edward Island Dietetic Association
- Saskatchewan Dietetic Association

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