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THE DENTIST'S PLEDGE

I, (Dental Student's Name), as a member of the dental profession, shall keep this pledge and these stipulations.

I understand and accept that my primary responsibility is to my patients, and I shall dedicate myself to render, to the best of my ability, the highest standard of oral health care and to maintain a relationship of respect and confidence.

Therefore, let all come to me safe in the knowledge that their total health and well-being are my first consideration.

I shall accept the responsibility that, as a professional, my competence rests on continuing the attainment of knowledge and skill in the arts and sciences of dentistry.

I acknowledge my obligation to support and sustain the honor and integrity of the profession and to conduct myself in all endeavors such that I shall merit the respect of patients, colleagues, and my community. I further commit myself to the betterment of my community for the benefit of all of society.

I shall faithfully observe the Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct set forth by the profession.

All this I pledge with pride in my commitment to the profession and the public it serves.

COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the UNE College of Dental Medicine is to improve the health of Northern New England as well as rural and underserved areas while shaping the future of dentistry through excellence in education, discovery, and service.

CORE VALUES

- Excellence
- Professionalism
- Patient-Centered Care
- Social Responsibility
- Diversity
- Scholarship
- Leadership

VISION

The College of Dental Medicine will:

- Be a premier institution in the United States for educating dental professionals who will fulfill their obligations to improve the oral health, overall health, and quality of life of people in their communities with integrity, compassion, and respect.
- Provide outstanding didactic and clinical education in a humanistic environment that embraces scientific and technological advances and supports patient-centered, evidence-based, comprehensive oral health care in a group practice model.
- Cultivate and support the richness of diversity in the development of professionalism, ethical behavior, communication, and leadership by encouraging and supporting diversity of faculty, students, and staff.
- Develop dental professionals who are leaders of their own oral health care teams and partners in the interprofessional health care delivery systems of the future.
- Educate dental professionals to understand and apply relevant clinical practices to the connections between oral health and overall health.
- Advance its commitment to community health and service of underserved populations.
- Promote scholarship, innovation, and lifelong learning for faculty, staff, and students.

THE POMP BEHIND THE CIRCUMSTANCE

Academic Regalia

THE GOWN

The history of the academic gown goes back to the 12th century. During this period, everyone — both men and women, royalty, lay folk, clerics, tradesmen, students — wore long flowing robes. The apparel varied in elegance according to the rank and wealth of the owner, from simple rough worsteds to rich gold brocades wrought with tassels and trimmed with colorful velvet and rich furs. It was in this period that the first organized bodies of learning were formed. From the gowns worn in the “universities” of the period have evolved the academic costumes of today.

The bachelor’s gown is a simple design falling straight from a rather elaborate yoke with long pointed sleeves. The gown worn by a master has long, closed, somewhat fuller sleeves, which reach nearly to the wearer’s knees. The arms go through slits at the elbow, giving the appearance of short sleeves. The doctoral gown is cut much fuller and has large bell-shaped sleeves. The gowns are usually, but not always, black, and those of bachelors and masters are generally devoid of ornamentation. The doctoral gowns are distinguished by the five-inch velvet panel around the neck and down both sides of the front as well as by three-inch velvet bars sewn on each sleeve. The color of the velvet trim may be black or may indicate the nature of the degree. For example, the color designating a Doctor of Dental Medicine is lilac.

THE HOOD

The hood seems to have had a somewhat practical origin. Medieval monks used their hood for two purposes: to protect their shaved heads in the winter and as a container in which to collect alms.

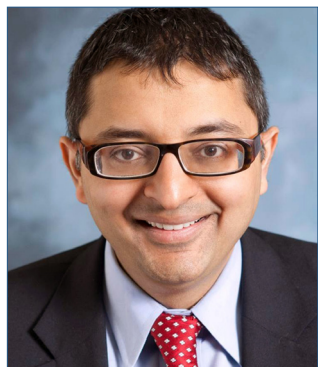
Today the hood serves as the most symbolic part of the academic regalia by which the observer can ascertain the wearer’s level and kind of degree. The bachelor’s hood is the smallest, being three feet long. The velvet trim along the edges, indicating the nature of the degree, is two inches wide. The master’s hood is six inches longer and bears a three-inch velvet trim.

The doctoral hood presented today is a full four feet long and exhibits a five-inch, lilac trim indicating the Doctor of Dental Medicine degree.

The colorful interior of the hood, visible from behind, indicates by hue the degree-granting institution. The University of New England’s colors are blue and grey.

THE CORDS AND STOLES

The cord in graduation ceremonies is used to signify a special designation or membership in an honor society. The origin of the cord is from the Catholic and Anglican churches, where cords were used to distinguish between the varying levels of clergy members. The orange and blue cords signify UNE Interprofessional Honors Distinction. The stole featuring navy blue with lilac trim and the gold insignia of OKU represents membership in the Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society.



**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT, DOCTOR OF SCIENCE**

NIRAV D. SHAH, M.D., J.D.
Director, Maine CDC

In June 2019, Nirav Shah, M.D., J.D., was appointed as the director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC). Dr. Shah comes to Maine CDC with broad experience in public health, most recently as director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, where he implemented key initiatives to address the state's opioid crisis, reduce maternal and infant mortality, and reduce childhood lead poisoning.

As an attorney and public health economist, Shah previously advised professionals and governments around the nation and globe on improving the delivery of health care. Earlier in his career, he worked for the Ministry of Health in Cambodia, where his work included investigating and managing disease outbreaks as an epidemiologist. He is the current president of the national Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO) and a liaison to the United States Centers for Disease Control Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Shah received both medical and law degrees from the University of Chicago. He also studied economics at Oxford University.

ORDER OF CEREMONIES

CEREMONIAL PRELUDE

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Claddagh Mhor Pipe Band

Macebearer: Michael Truscott, D.M.D., Assistant
Clinical Professor, College of Dental Medicine Faculty
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of Academic Affairs, University of New England

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Raica Mirza, Medical Biology '21

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James D. Herbert, Ph.D., President,
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HONORARY DEGREE PRESENTATION

Nirav Shah, M.D., J.D., Honorary Doctor of Science

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Nirav Shah, M.D., J.D., Honorary Doctor of Science,
Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control
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