

## *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.