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RULES OF ETIQUETTE
AND RATES OF CHARGES
OF THE
PHYSICIANS OF MOBILE.

The Physicians of Mobile having for some time past felt the necessity of some regulations by which they should be guided in their professional intercourse with each other, and also the importance to the community and to themselves of some fixed rates of charges for their services, a meeting was held on the 14th February, 1838, for the purpose of taking into consideration these and other matters connected with the profession and the following regulations were unanimously adopted:—

RULES OF ETIQUETTE.

1st. Resolved, that any interference with a patient under the charge of another physician is most scrupulously to be avoided, that no meddling enquiries be made, no unnecessary hints given relative to the nature or treatment of the case, nor any course of conduct pursued which may tend either directly or indirectly to injure the standing of the physician or impair the confidence reposed in him by the patient or

his friends—that we consider such conduct to be highly reprehensible, unworthy of a gentleman, and as such to be dis-
countenanced by every member of the profession.

2nd. Resolved, That no physician shall attend a patient who is already under the care of another member of the profession, unless he has satisfactory evidence that the former physician has had due notice from the patient or his friends that his services are no longer required.

3d. Resolved, That in case of consultation, it shall be the duty of the attending physician to furnish as correct a statement as may be, of the previous history and treatment of the case, and give the consulting physician every facility for instituting such enquiries as he may deem necessary for its elucidation and the forming of an accurate judgement, that no subsequent visit be made but in concert, no statement or discussion of the case take place except in the presence of all the attending physicians, and no opinions or directions be given which are not the result of previous deliberation and concurrence.

4th. Resolved, Whenever a physician officiates for another who is sick or absent, he shall make no charge, but hand a memorandum of his visits to the person for whom he acts, who will charge the same as if the services were rendered by himself—should however the sickness or absence be of long duration it may be optional with the person thus attending to charge and receive the fees for his services.

5th. Resolved, that in case of emergency when called to visit a patient who is already under the care of another physician, who cannot at the time be found or has no notice of such call—the physician thus summoned may act in such manner as he deems best suited to the exigencies of the

case; but it shall be his duty to give the earliest notice of the transaction to the attending physician, together with the treatment he found it necessary to adopt and request him to take charge of the patient.

J. MECHLIN, jr.

WM. H. STOKES,

GEO. E. REDWOOD,

W. B. CRAWFORD.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CHARGING, COLLECTING, &c.

1st. Resolved, that from and after this date no annual or other contract will be entered into by any member of the profession, for medical services to individuals or families.

2nd. Resolved, that all accounts against permanent resident citizens (families) are due and to be collected semianually.

3d. Resolved, that all bills for medical services rendered to single men and transient persons are due and to be collected as soon as the services are rendered.

4th. Resolved, that we will not attend any person on board (connected with) Steamboats or vessels unless the Captain or owners become responsible for the charges in writing.

5th. In cases of poverty or long continued illness in families of moderate property, or any cases of indigence, it shall be allowed the practitioner to abate the current amount of the bill to suit the circumstances, but such deduction must not be expressed on the bill rendered.

6th. Resolved, that such deductions may be made from the rates of the Fee Bill as the Surgeon may deem proper for Surgical services rendered to negroes.

FEE BILL.

When called to any other than regular patrons the first visit shall be charged.....	\$ 5 00
For the first visit and prescription of each day,.	3 00
For each subsequent visit and prescription on the same day,	2 00
When there are more patients than one at the same place and belonging to the same family, visit to be charged as for one, and prescription for each,.	1 00
Consultation visit,.....	12 00
Each subsequent consultation visit occasional,....	5 00
Do. do. do. do when daily,.....	3 00
Opinion in writing, from..... \$5 00 to	15 00
Advice at office according to importance, 1 00 to	25 00
Every requested visit after 9 o'clock at night to be considered as a night visit and charged.....	5 ..
Detention per hour,.....	3 ..
Do. all night in summer,.....	30 ..
Do. " " in winter,.....	20 ..
Mileage (measuring from the Court House) not exceeding 10 miles,.....	1 ..
Over 10 miles and not exceeding 30,.....	2 ..
Visit to Blakely,.....	30 ..
Do. to Mobile Point,.....	50 ..
Do. to vessels below Dog River Bar,.....	30 ..

Visit to vessels in the stream according to the distance and detention,.....	\$5 00 to 25 ..
Mileage in the night or rain double,.....	
Town visit to be added to mileage in every instance.	
Opinion on the soundness of negroes when verbal, ..	5 ..
Do do. do. do. written, ...	10 ..

MIDWIFERY.

Natural cases Midwifery,.....	\$ 50 ..
Preternatural cases do.,.....	75 ..
Instrumental do. do.,.....	100 ..
Extracting Placenta, alone,.....	\$20 00 to 50 ..
Visit and advice given to Midwife in cases of labor,.....	10 00 to 25 ..
All visits subsequent to delivery to be charged in addition to the regular fee, provided such visits are deemed necessary after the expiration of three days.	
Mileage to be charged in all cases of Midwifery.	
For negroes a deduction of 30 per cent. to be made in cases of Midwifery.	

SURGERY.

Venesection,.....	\$ 1 ..
Do. Jugular Vein,.....	5 ..
Arteriotomy,.....	10 ..
Extracting tooth,.....	1 ..
Visit and vaccinating an individual,.....	5 ..
Vaccination at office,.....	3 ..
Do. of any number over three and not exceed-	

ing five \$3 each—over five and not exceeding ten
\$2 each—for any number over ten \$1 each.

Gonorrhœa, fee in advance, (medicine extra,).....	\$ 10 ..
Primary Syphilis, exclusive of visits and medicines,	30 ..
Secondary Syphilis,.....	\$50 to 100 ..
Amputation of the limbs,.....	50 ..
Do. at the great joints,.....	150 ..
Do of fingers and toes,.....	15 ..
Do. of tarsal and metatarsal bones,.....	50 ..
Do. of the breast,.....	\$50 to 100 ..
Do. of the Penis,.....	30 ..
Excision of the great joints,.....	100 ..
Operations, for Necrosis and Exostosis,.....	\$25 to 100 ..
Do. of Trephining,.....	150 ..
Do. for Lithotomy,.....	\$300 to 500 ..
Do. for strangulated inguinal Hernia,.....	150 ..
Do. do. femoral do.....	200 ..
Do, for cataract, extraction.....	150 ..
Do. do. depression,.....	125 ..
Do. for Fistula Lachrymalis,.....	\$ 20 to 50 ..
Do. Minor, on the eye,.....	5 to 20 ..
Do. for Fistula in Ano,.....	25 to 50 ..
Do. do. do. in Perineo,.....	50 to 100 ..
Do. for Aneurism,.....	100 to 300 ..
Do. for Hare Lip.....	50 to 100 ..
Do. for Phymosis or Paraphymosis,.....	15 ..
Do. for Tracheotomy,.....	50 ..
Do. of tying Varicose Veins,.....	20 ..
Do. for Ramula,.....	25 ..
Dislocation, of humerus, reduction of.....	\$20 to 75 ..

Do. of Thigh,.....	50 to 100 ..
Do. of Elbow,.....	25 ..
Do. of all minor,.....	\$5 to 10 ..
Fracture of Thigh, reduction of.....	30 ..
Do. of arm or forearm,.....	30 ..
Do. of Leg,.....	25 ..
Do. of Clavicle,.....	25 ..
It is intended that subsequent visits shall be charged in addition, in fractures, dislocations and surgical operations.	
Extirpation of the Ball of the Eye,.....	100 ..
Do. of Polypus of the Nose,.....	30 ..
Do. of Tumors,.....	\$ 5 to 150 ..
Do. of Tonsils,.....	20 to 50 ..
Do. of Testicle,.....	50 ..
Do. of Cancerous Lip,.....	\$25 to 100 ..
Do. Hemorrhoids,.....	10 to 30 ..
Reduction of Hernia and fitting Truss,.....	25 ..
Do. of Prolapsus Ani,.....	10 ..
Do. of do. Uteri and introducing Pessary,..	25 ..
Paracentesis Abdominis,.....	25 ..
Do. Thoracis,.....	50 ..
Do. of Bladder,.....	\$50 to 100 ..
Operations of Hydrocele,.....	25 to 75 ..
Ligatures of arteries in cases of wounds,...	25 to 50 ..
Extraction of Calculus from Urethra,.....	5 to 30 ..
Strictures of the Urethra,.....	25 to 100 ..
Removing foreign bodies from the Asophagus and other passages,.....	20 ..
Extracting foreign bodies from Gunshot and other wounds,.....	20 ..

Puncturing Tympanum,.....	10 ..
Dressing recent wounds,.....	\$5 to 10 ..
Introducing Setons and Issues,.....	5 ..
Opening abscesses,.....	\$2 to 5 ..
Introducing Catheter,.....	5 ..
Cupping,	5 ..
Lancing Gums,.....	1 ..

Resolved, That we the members of the Medical profession of Mobile, pledge ourselves to each other to be governed by the foregoing Resolutions and Rates of Charges:—

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JOHN M'NALLY,
WM. C. TURNER,
R. SEMPLE,
S. W. HEUSTIS
A. TARDY.

WM. P. DEWEES,
J. MECHLIN, Jr.,
R. LEE FEARN,
JESSEE CARTER,
WM. H. STOKES,
JOHN. H. WOODCOCK,
F. MORENO,
J. W. MICHAUX,
THEADORE DEWEES,
C. L. CHIEUSSE,
A. RIGEAUD,
W. B. CRAWFORD.

Lewis
Bensadon
Harral
Koch
Kelly
Webb
Ward
Green
Wiley
Wiley

Jayne
Goff
Beverly
E. A. Nott
Robt
Moore
Jewett (Adams)



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