



## Honor and PHS Values

The United States Public Health Service (USPHS) is an organization that is collegial and professional. By accepting a commission, PHS officers pledge to demonstrate exceptional commitment, dedication, and honor to the USPHS Commissioned Corps. Officers take an oath to be honorable by promising to “bear true faith and allegiance” and conduct themselves in the highest ethical manner in all relationships by exemplifying the Core Values of the PHS.

The four essential Core Values that PHS officers must strive to embody are listed below.

- **Leadership:** Provide vision and purpose in public health through inspiration, dedication, and loyalty.
- **Service:** Demonstrate a commitment to public health through compassionate actions and stewardship of time, resources, and talents.
- **Integrity:** Exemplify uncompromising ethical conduct and maintain the highest standards of responsibility and accountability.
- **Excellence:** Exhibit superior performance and continue improvement in knowledge and expertise.