Hippocratic Oath and its Challenges
Study/Discussion Questions

- look at and be prepared to discuss all the case studies in this chapter

- from what perspective are codes written/presented?

- what is a code?

- basically, what is the Hippocratic Oath?

- describe the two sections of the Hippocratic Oath.

- why would surgery be prohibited?

- what are the other prohibitions?
    - why do you think they are there?

- from what does the Hippocratic Oath protect the patient?

- who makes the decisions under the Hippocratic Oath?

- what are the three reasons that the Hippocratic Oath began to collapse?

- given all the codes and rules that have arisen…where does it leave us in making medical decisions?

- if a physician breaks the Hippocratic Oath, have they done anything morally wrong?

- do you think the Hippocratic Oath is useful?
    - should it be a law?