



ISCFS CODE OF ETHICS

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Members of the International Society of Craniofacial Surgery will:

- Treat all patients, professional colleagues, and staff with full dignity and respect.
- Continuously strive to improve their medical and surgical skills to ensure that their patients and colleagues benefit from their current professional knowledge.
- Practice methods of healing derived from acknowledged science and not associate professionally with those who do not adhere to this principle.
- Strive to protect the public and the profession from those who are incompetent or have a low moral character.
- Observe laws, respect the dignity of the profession, and accept discipline if rendered by the society.
- Expose unethical or illegal conduct of others.
- Charge professional fees that are commensurate with the service rendered.
- Maintain practices that are always in the best interest of the patient.
- Seek the opinion of colleagues in difficult cases, or if the quality of medical service to the patient may be enhanced.
- Act in the highest professional manner as a member of the society.
- Abide by all rules, regulations, ethical principles, and legal requirements as prescribed by their institution and legal authorities in the conduct of any and all research activity.

The society reserves the right to impose disciplinary action if:

- Your right to practice is terminated by any legal authority for a violation of the medical practice act or other statute or governmental regulation including but not limited to the prescribing of excessive drugs, exhibiting medical incompetence, or charges of sexual harassment.
- You are found to provide unjustified treatment that will not benefit the patient.
- You are found to exhibit unprofessional conduct according to any National Code of Ethics in the country in which you practice.
- You solicit patients by an advertisement that contains misrepresentation, or is likely to deceive, or create false or unjustified expectations; or if you imply that your skills are superior to other equally trained physicians; or if you promote advertisements that would cause the lay person to misunderstand or by primarily appealing to the fears or emotions of the lay person.
- You engage in self-aggrandizement by excessive reference to yourself in the public media as being the only one capable of doing certain types of surgery, referring to income or wealth, or making disparaging remarks about other ethical medical doctors.

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