

Code of Ethics *for the* Transplant Practitioner

The Transplant Practitioner...

- maintains the highest standards of professional conduct
- assumes responsibility and accountability for individual judgments and actions
- gains and maintains proficiency of practice, always striving for professional growth
- participates in efforts to establish, implement and improve standards of practice
- contributes to the growth of professional knowledge
- advocates for patients by supporting local, state, and national efforts which promote ethical practices in donation and transplantation
- seeks justice in the distribution of scarce healthcare resources and promotes the concept of ethical organ stewardship
- respects individual privacy and holds confidential all information obtained in the course of practice
- maintains a cooperative, respectful relationship with other transplant practitioners and other health care professionals
- serves the public with compassion and without regard to race, age, ethnicity, culture, social or economic status, personal ideology or religious belief
- respects the dignity of all patients, donors, and donor families
- educates fellow practitioners and the public on donation and transplantation issues
- acts to protect the public when health care and safety are endangered, including exposing incompetence and illegal or unethical conduct of members of the profession
- avoids engaging in any form of conduct that creates a conflict of interest and discloses or discharges conflicts which potentially impact objectivity in research or clinical practice
- abides by the laws and regulations pertaining to organ donation and transplantation