

Guideline for - Code of Ethics for Clinical Engineers

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PREAMBLE

The following principles are established to aid individuals practicing engineering in healthcare to determine the propriety of their actions in relation to patients, healthcare personnel, students, clients, and employers. In their professional practices they must incorporate, maintain and promote the highest levels of ethical conduct.

GUIDELINES

PRINCIPLES OF ETHICS

In the fulfillment of their duties, Clinical Engineers will:

- Hold paramount the safety, health, and welfare of the public
- Improve the efficacy and safety of healthcare through the application of technology
- Support the efficacy and safety of healthcare through the acquisition and exchange of information and experience with other engineers and managers
- Manage healthcare technology programs effectively and resources responsibly
- Accurately represent their level of responsibility, authority, experience, knowledge and education and perform services only in their area of competence
- Maintain confidentiality of patient information as well as proprietary employer or client information, unless doing so would endanger public safety or violate any legal obligations.
- Not engage in any activities that are conflicts of interest or that provide the appearance of conflicts of interest and that can adversely affect their performance or impair their professional judgment
- Conduct themselves honorably and legally in all their activities

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