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## **NBPSA Code of Conduct**

The NBPSA aims to provide a safe and welcoming collegiate environment for the benefit of members and all those attending NBPSA events.

Sharing of clinical practice information with professional peers is a necessary part of continuing education. In our work, there exists a diversity of practice resulting from the relative lack of quality clinical research to support practice guidelines.

In the undertaking of clinical communication amongst professional colleagues, members and patients have a right to both respect and privacy.

### **Professional Respect**

To support professional respect, members and attendees are expected to:

- treat each other with courtesy and respect at all times;
- respect differing approaches to clinical practice;
- seek to engage in constructive debate on professional matters; and,
- maintain respectful and objective professional discussion. This includes refraining from statements intended to shame or criticise individuals when professional communication addresses practices that may be considered incorrect or problematic.

### **Confidentiality**

In all NBPSA discussion forums and events, members and attendees are expected to:

- make all appropriate attempts during case discussions to de-identify patients and families, and minimise the likelihood of identification; and,
- hold in confidence any information shared by others during professional development activities or case discussions, where the material presented potentially leads to the identification of children and families (both during and after the sharing).

### **Open Disclosure of Interests**

Members and attendees at NBPSA events are expected to disclose any actual or perceived conflicts of interest, particularly financial interest in any pharmaceutical or other therapeutic interventions, that may be relevant to discussions in which the member or attendee is participating.

Should matters of potential professional misconduct arise during activities hosted by the NBPSA, to the point of possible malpractice or negligence, these should be discussed with a member of the Society's Executive regardless of what other action is considered necessary.

The NBPSA retains the right to exclude from NBPSA activities and events any member or attendee who is unwilling or unable to adhere to this Code of Conduct.