



Professional Code of Conduct and Ethics

PRELIMINARY

This Code of Ethics has been established by the Ethics Committee of the Australasian Association of Ayurveda Inc.

The purpose of this Code of Ethics is to set a standard of conduct for the Professional Members of the Australasian Association of Ayurveda Inc, hereinafter called the Association.

A Professional Member hereinafter may be referred as a physician or a practitioner, meaning a practitioner of Ayurvedic Medicine.

By becoming a member of the Australasian Association of Ayurveda Inc, the member accepts this Code of Ethics and will conduct his/her profession accordingly.

Any serious breach of this Code of Ethics will subject the member to disciplinary action by the Executive Committee or by any such sub-committee appointed by the Executive Committee for this purpose.

CODES

1. The primary function of the physician is to maintain the health of the healthy and alleviate the disease of the diseased.
2. In doing so the physician must take utmost care in diagnosing and only then prescribe an appropriate treatment.
3. The physician must take utmost care with the choice of drugs and recipes, which should be suitable and effective; no harmful therapy should be adopted however much it has been extolled.
4. Treatment is to be done to the last breath as there is always the possibility for the recovery of the patient.
5. The physician must be humble, kind and caring, and when the physician realizes that he/she may not be able to help the diseased he/she must refer the diseased to others who may be able to help further.
6. The physician must act or do such things so as to improve and learn more about his/her art of practice for the benefit of his/her patients.

7. The physician must not attend to a diseased under the influence of alcohol, drug or any such substance that may impair his/her judgement as a physician.
8. The physician must not engage himself/herself in sexual misconduct with the patient.
9. The physician must practice within the legal system of the Commonwealth, State or Territory and must not knowingly breach any such law that may bring disrepute to his/her colleagues and/or the Association.
10. The physician must not refuse to treat a patient on the basis of religion, cast, colour, creed, sex, ethnic origin, marital status, cultural back ground or any such thing that may be discriminatory.
11. The physician must maintain a good standard of practice with all relevant records of the patient and treatment provided, and keep such record/s in a secure area.
12. The physician must not provide false and/or misleading information that may be incriminating, such as claiming to cure a disease or condition that may give false hope to the patient.

13. The physician must not give false or misleading information about the therapy he/she is proposing for the patient that can not be substantiated.
14. The Physician must obtain consent from the patient for any procedural treatment provided or proposed.
15. The physician must not divulge information obtained from the patient in confidence without the consent of the patient concerned, however, the physician with his/her colleagues may discuss matters with the consent of the patient for the benefit of the patient.
16. The physician must not engage himself/herself that will in any form or manner denigrate the Association and bring disrepute to his/her colleagues.
17. The physician must clearly display within the premises the trading hours and the cost of services provided.
18. The physician must do or act in such a manner that will bring the Association and its members to a high standing within the community in general and bring the profession to a high standard of health care.