



CODE OF ETHICS



THIS GUIDANCE IS ISSUED BY THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF RADIOGRAPHER SOCIETIES (EFRS) TO GIVE ADVICE TO RADIOGRAPHERS. RADIOGRAPHERS SHOULD USE THEIR JUDGEMENT TO APPLY THESE PRINCIPLES TO THE VARIOUS SITUATIONS IN WHICH THEY PRACTICE AND IN THEIR PERSONAL LIVES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE WIDEST PUBLIC TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN THE PROFESSION. RADIOGRAPHERS MUST ALWAYS WORK WITHIN BOTH NATIONAL AND EU- OR EUROPEAN LAWS, REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES WITH RESPECT TO THEIR PROFESSION.

1. PROFESSIONAL LIFE

- 1.1** *I will provide a high standard of practice and care at all times*
- 1.2** *I will work within the limits of my competence and apply best Evidence or best practice In my daily work*
- 1.3** *I must keep my knowledge and skills up to date throughout my working life*
- 1.4** *I must keep to a minimum the radiation exposure to the patient, myself and other persons present at the time of the examination or treatment*
- 1.5** *I will always strive to deliver the best quality of care and treatment to all patients.*
- 1.6** *I will always ensure the proper function and use of equipment and accessories with care and based upon proper knowledge*

2. RELATIONSHIP WITH PATIENTS

- 2.1** *I will always do my best to maintain the rights and dignity of patients at all times to provide a safe and supportive environment*
- 2.2** *I understand that information relating to patients must be treated as confidential*
- 2.3** *I must not discriminate against any patient in any way*
- 2.4** *I will maintain effective communication with patients during their treatment and care*
- 2.5** *I must always be aware of the patient's individual needs and vulnerability due to their disease and will provide support as and when needed*
- 2.6** *I understand that it is the right of all patients to be given information regarding their future imaging procedures or treatments*

3. PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- 3.1** *I will promote trust and confidence in the profession by my conduct in both in my personal and professional life and uphold the reputation of my profession at all times*
- 3.2** *I must keep myself informed of developments within the profession to ensure best possible standards of care*
- 3.3** *Whenever possible, I will support and participate in audit and research in order to provide evidence of best practice*
- 3.4** *I will support and participate in the clinical education of radiography students to improve their understanding and knowledge of radiography practice*
- 3.5** *I will share knowledge with others in a spirit of collegiality, fully engage in teamwork and uphold the rights of patients in all situations*