

Bangladesh Physiotherapy Association (BPA)

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Code of Ethics

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The code of conduct has been established by the Bangladesh Physiotherapy Association as the basis for ethical and professional conduct, which meets community expectations and justifies community trust in the judgment and integrity of BPA members.

As Physiotherapy is an autonomous health care profession in Bangladesh the Physiotherapists who are members of the Bangladesh Physiotherapy Association must need to abide by the BPA code of ethics.

1. BPA members shall respect the rights and dignity of all individuals.
2. BPA members shall comply with the constitution, regulation, policies and procedure of Bangladesh Physiotherapy Association.
3. BPA members shall practice within the scope of practice, based on current knowledge and competency standard, shall practice in a careful, honest and accountable manner and accept responsibility for the exercise of the sound judgment.
4. BPA members shall respect the confidentiality and security of patient.
5. BPA members shall maintain professional relationship with patients and care givers.
6. BPA members shall communicate and cooperate with colleagues and other health care professionals for the benefit of the patients.
7. BPA members shall disseminate accurate update information about Physiotherapy to the patient and community.
8. BPA members shall adhere all time to personal and professional development, which reflect the professional credit.
9. BPA members shall protect the public and the profession from unethical, incompetent and illegal acts.

INTERPRETATION:

1. BPA members shall respect the rights and dignity of all individuals:

- Clients shall not be denied the right to Physiotherapy on the basis of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, creed (belief) or Physical, economical, social and political status.
- Clients have the right to have individual feelings and cultural customs respected.
- Clients have the right to have privacy
- Clients have the right to participate in decisions about their Physiotherapy care.
- Clients have the right to obtain a second opinion and to cease Physiotherapy.
- Clients have the right to discuss concerns and to have complaints managed sensitively and appropriately.
- Clients have the right to expect relationships with their treating Physiotherapists will be based on confidence and trust.
- Physiotherapists shall not make unfair relationship with per client.

2. BPA members shall comply with the constitution, regulation, policies and procedure of Bangladesh Physiotherapy Association.

- Physiotherapists shall have full understanding of all the laws and regulations, policies and procedure of constitution relevant to the practice and application all of them while practice.

3. BPA members shall practice within the scope of practice, based on current knowledge and competency standard, shall practice in a careful, honest and accountable manner and accept responsibility for the exercise of the sound judgment.

- Clients have the right to benefit from Physiotherapist, which is designed to meet their unique needs.
- Clients have the right to be referred to more suitably qualified practitioners.
- Clients have the right to protect from inappropriate servicing.
- Physiotherapists are responsible and accountable for their provision of Physiotherapy services and for the relevant knowledge and competence, which such service require.
- Physiotherapists shall ensure that their practice is conducted in a safe manner that contraindication are observe, the safety test are undertaken and recorded and that equipment meets health and safety requirements.
- Physiotherapists shall not delegate any activity, which requires the unique skill, knowledge and judgments of Physiotherapists.
- Physiotherapists shall accept responsibility for all treatment provided by other acting number the supervision.

- Physiotherapists shall, when teaching physiotherapy skills to others, ensure that they do not undermine the practice of professional standard of Physiotherapy.
- Physiotherapists shall keep a confidential record for every client to allow for the effective evaluation of the clients progress and the Physiotherapist practice.
- Physiotherapists have the right to refuse to provide a service where there is reasonable ground for doing especially when in their opinion it is not in the best interest of the client.
- Physiotherapists shall have adequate personal professional indemnity insurance.
- BPA members shall treat the patient with fair remuneration.

4. BPA members shall respect the confidentiality and security of patient.

- Clients have the right to confidentiality and this right shall encompass all clients' information including attendance for treatment.
- Physiotherapist shall ensure that all staff under their supervision also respect client's confidentiality.
- Physiotherapist shall keep a confidential record for every patient, which is complete, legible, and understandable and held securely for at least the period required by law.
- Physiotherapists shall not disclose any information about a patient to a third party without the patient's permission, unless such disclosure is required by law.

5. BPA members shall maintain professional relationship with patients and care givers.

- Physiotherapist must be obtained informed consent from the patients before starting assessment or treatment.
- Physiotherapists must need to explain to have adequately prepared the patient before applying Physical examination or particular treatment technique.
- Physiotherapist must need to allow patients care giver considering patients expectation.
- Physiotherapist must not involve with any kind unfair relationship with patients or care givers.
- Physiotherapist will not suppose to get any extra benefit from the patient.

6. BPA members shall communicate and cooperate with colleagues and other health care professionals for the benefit of the patients.

- Clients have the right to expect that physiotherapists will communicate appropriately with professional colleagues and other relevant persons or agencies, to maximize the benefits of physiotherapy services provided.
- Clients have the right to be referred to more suitably qualified practitioners whenever that course is clinically appropriate.

- Physiotherapists shall respect client privacy during the exchange of client information within multidisciplinary teams.
- Physiotherapists have the right to expect cooperation from their colleagues.
- Physiotherapists should ensure that any public debate be conducted objectively and in the best interests of their clients and the general community.

7. BPA members shall disseminate accurate update information about Physiotherapy to the patient and community.

- Clients have the right to appropriate, objective, truthful and understandable information about their condition and about proposed physiotherapy procedures and programs, including expected benefits, perceived risks, alternatives, costs and fees to enable and informed consent to be given or withheld.
- Where a client is unable to give effective consent to treatment, information shall be supplied to and consent obtained from and appropriate person acting on behalf of the client.
- Physiotherapists advertising their services shall not make false or misleading claims or otherwise bring the physiotherapy profession into disrepute.
- Physiotherapists shall use only titles, which correctly describe their professional status or expertise.
- Only fellows of the Australian college of Physiotherapists are entitled to use the term Specialist or any of its derivatives.

8. BPA members shall adhere all time to personal and professional development, which reflect professional credit.

- Physiotherapist shall be aware of and measure their conformance with currently accepted standard of practice.
- Physiotherapist shall participate in continuing professional development to enhance their basic skill and knowledge and generate new knowledge.
- Physiotherapists shall support high quality education in academic and clinical setting.
- Physiotherapists engaged in research shall abide by the accepted rule governing the ethical conduct of research and share their learning, especially in journal and conference presentation.

9. BPA members shall protect the public and the profession from unethical, incompetent and illegal acts.

- Physiotherapist shall not Condon or associate with unethical practice.
- Physiotherapist shall not put the degree and title that misguide the people.