

**Code of Ethics: Heart Failure Society of America
(approved by HFSA Board of Directors on March 23, 2021)**

Members of the Heart Failure Society of America (HFSA) are expected to comply with the following Code of Ethics for HFSA (“Code”). This Code sets forth the standards of conduct and practice that are in the best interests of patients, the heart failure profession, and the public. Violations of this Code may be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to the procedures established by the HFSA Board of Directors.

Professional Conduct

HFSA members are expected to maintain the highest level of professionalism in all their actions. Some representative examples are delineated below.

- Members will promote the interests, safety, and well-being of patients as their highest priorities when making clinical decisions.
- Members will provide compassionate care to their patients, free of any prejudice or discrimination.
- Members will act honestly and with integrity in the conduct of their responsibilities and in all professional interactions with others.
- Members will strive to contribute to advance the profession and heart failure care through their professional activities.
- Members who perform research will do so with integrity and report its results honestly and fully.

Continuing Education and Disclosure

- Members will maintain their professional skills and keep their knowledge of medical best practices and standards of care current by participating in educational meetings, conferences or other educational programs, and by keeping abreast of appropriate peer-reviewed publications.
- In HFSA educational and other matters, members will disclose any relevant conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest and avoid conduct that could cause a conflict of interest, consistent with the Society's current disclosure/conflict of interest policy.
- Members who serve as faculty in educational programs will make a good faith effort to align with and follow the principles in relevant HFSA position/policy statements regarding educational programs.

Adherence to Legal, Regulatory, Ethical Requirements

- Members will adhere to all laws, regulations, policies, and ethical standards that apply to the practice of medicine.
- Members will refrain from public behavior that is clearly in violation of professional, ethical, and/or legal standards that apply to the practice of medicine.
- Members will refrain from discrimination in professional activities, including relationships with employees, employers, patients, customers and their families, and other professionals.
- Members will report to HFSA any restrictions or other adverse actions on their medical license(s) or any felony convictions against them.

Adherence to HFSA Policies & Requirements

- Members will follow all HFSA policies, procedures, requirements, and rules. This includes the obligation to be aware of and understand these policies and requirements.
- Members will cooperate with HFSA regarding matters related to this Code of Ethics, including complaint and/or disciplinary investigations. In the case of alleged and proven violations of this policy, such violations will be adjudicated by the HFSA Executive Committee in accordance with procedures established by the HFSA Board of Directors.
- Members will adhere to HFSA policies regarding the use and display of credentials awarded by the HFSA.