



State of Idaho
Division Of Occupational and Professional Licenses
Respiratory Therapy Licensure Board

Code of Ethics

The following Code of Ethics has been adopted by the Board in rule. All respiratory care practitioners are required to comply with this ethical code.

01. Method of Treatment.

The Respiratory Care and Polysomnography Related Respiratory Care Practitioner shall practice medically acceptable methods of treatment and shall not endeavor to extend his practice beyond his competence and the authority vested in him by the physician.

02. Commitment to Self-Improvement.

The Respiratory Care and Polysomnography Related Respiratory Care Practitioner shall continually strive to increase and improve his knowledge and skills and render to each patient the full measure of his ability. All service shall be provided with respect for the dignity of the patient, unrestricted by considerations of social or economic status, personal attributes, or the nature of health problems.

03. Confidentiality.

The Respiratory Care and Polysomnography Related Respiratory Care Practitioner shall hold in strict confidence all privileged information concerning the patient except as disclosure or use of information as permitted or required by law.

04. Gratuities.

The Respiratory Care and Polysomnography Related Respiratory Care Practitioner shall not accept gratuities for preferential consideration of the patient and shall guard against conflicts of interest.

05. Professionalism.

The Respiratory Care and Polysomnography Related Respiratory Care Practitioner shall uphold the dignity and honor of the profession and abide by its ethical principles and should be familiar with existing state and federal laws governing the practice of respiratory care and polysomnography related respiratory care and comply with those laws.

06. Cooperation and Participation.

The Respiratory Care and Polysomnography Related Respiratory Care Practitioner shall cooperate with other health care professionals and participate in activities to promote community and national efforts to meet the health needs of the public.