



*Enhancing human health and wellness
by advancing the profession of
naturopathic medicine.*

AANP House of Delegates Ethics Task Force

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Ethics Task Force

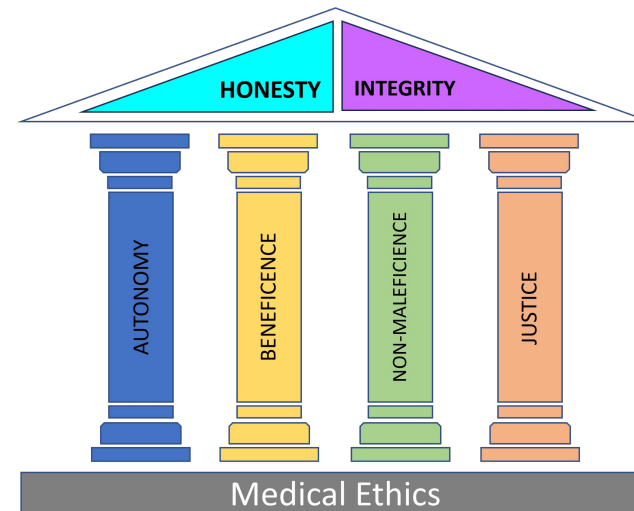
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Task Force Charge & Objectives

- The Corporation shall establish, maintain, and promote the observance of a Code of Ethics to guide members in the duties of (a) physicians to patients; (b) physicians to physicians and other health care providers and (c) physicians to the public
- The creation, maintenance and promotion of the Code of Ethics shall be a responsibility of the House of Delegates, as a matter of policy
- The House of Delegates shall invite, promote, and consider the widest reasonable debate and comment before amending the Code of Ethics

Task Force: First Draft Overview

- [Reviewed AANP's Current Code of Ethics](#) and nine additional healthcare organizations codes of ethics policy statements
- Identified content that was desirable, organization of content that made it easy to read and understand, and clarity of language for adopting and utilizing in one's practice
- Revised AANP content under the well known and established Four Pillars of Medical Ethics - while ensuring the language intent and meaning were specific to naturopathic medicine



- AANP Code of Ethics
- AMA Code of Medical Ethics
- American Association of Physician Associates
- American Osteopathic Association
- National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
- American Physical Therapy Association
- American Herbalists Guild
- American Academy of Functional Medicine
- North American Society of Homeopaths

Code of Ethics External Review Process

Phase I: SME Review:

- Natiya Guin, ND, Instructor and course creator for the University of California San Diego: Medical Ethics
- Alena Guggenheim, ND
- Nancy Scarlett, ND, Professor at NUNM

Phase II: External Stakeholder Review:

- FNMRA Board of Directors / Members
- AANMC Naturopathic Medicine Program Deans
- AANP House of Delegates
- AANP Membership

Phase III:

- Task Force considers all feedback and compiles Final Draft
- Final Code of Ethics published to all external stakeholders
- AANP House of Delegate Vote to Adopt Scheduled

Review & Feedback Prompts

Comment and Feedback April 1, 2024

[AANP Code of Ethics Review & Comments Form](#)

AANP Code of Ethics Discussions

- AANP Annual Conference - Leadership Summit July 10, 2024
- AANP Town Hall - TBD

Questions?

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