

## ONLINE CODE OF CONDUCT

By using AAN's website, you agree that you have read and will follow the rules and guidelines set forth below.

As with any community, there are guidelines governing behavior on the website. For instance, violating antitrust regulations, making libelous statements, selling, and marketing are not permissible. Please take a moment to acquaint yourself with these important guidelines.

- **Courtesy.** Do not attack others. Comments are meant to stimulate conversation not to create contention. Let others have their say, just as you may.
- **Do not post commercial messages.** Contact people directly with products and services that you believe would help them.
- **Privacy Laws.** Remember to comply with HIPAA and other privacy laws. Accordingly, when talking about patients or submitting any image or video regarding a patient, be sure to follow HIPAA and disclose only de-identified health information.
- **Use caution.** Information and comments posted on the website are available for all to see, and comments are subject to libel laws. Do not post anything that you would not want the world to see or that you would not want anyone to know came from you. Do not post any defamatory, abusive, profane, threatening, offensive, or illegal materials.
- **Antitrust.** The AAN scrupulously complies with all antitrust laws, and the AAN reminds all users to guard against activity that could be construed as a violation of the antitrust laws. Do not post any material that:
  - References specific fees charged or paid for professional services.
  - Discusses prices, discounts, terms or conditions of sale with regard to medical suppliers or other vendors or terms and conditions of provider agreements relating to reimbursement levels, bonus payments, and other price or cost-related items.
  - Addresses salaries or terms of employment.
  - Attempts to allocate patient markets or encourage collective or coercive activity with regard to third-party payors, hospitals, other healthcare providers, or suppliers.
  - Includes information that could otherwise be construed to impose a restraint on trade and inhibit free and fair competition.
  - Comments should not be posted if they encourage or facilitate members to arrive at any agreement that either expressly or impliedly leads to price fixing, a boycott of another's business, or other conduct intended to illegally restrict free trade. Messages that encourage or facilitate an agreement about the following subjects are inappropriate: prices, discounts, or terms or conditions of sale; salaries; profits, profit margins, or cost data; market shares, sales territories, or markets; allocation of customers or territories; or selection, rejection, or termination of customers or suppliers.
- **Copyright.** Do not post any information or other material protected by copyright without the permission of the copyright owner.