



Disciplinary Program Overview

The members of the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) have agreed to a set of ethical and professional standards and have codified those standards in the Code of Professional Conduct (“Code”) and Qualifications and Guidelines for the Physician Expert Witness (“Expert Witness Guidelines”). In addition, members have agreed to be bound by a disciplinary process. The AAN’s Disciplinary Action Policy governs the AAN’s review process to examine allegations (“complaints”) that a member’s conduct conflicts with the Code, Disciplinary Action Policy, or the Expert Witness Guidelines.

If there is sufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action, the Executive Committee of the AAN Board of Directors may reprimand, suspend, or expel the AAN member. A reprimand may consist of a private letter to the member detailing how their conduct conflicted with the standards of the AAN, with an admonition to correct such behavior, or a public reprimand via notice in an AAN publication. Suspension means the disciplined member will lose all privileges associated with AAN membership for a period of time. Expulsion means the disciplined member will be informed in writing that his or her membership in the AAN is terminated. All suspensions and expulsions are published in an AAN publication and reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank. Members and nonmembers may file complaints against AAN members. AAN does not have jurisdiction over individuals who are not AAN members.