


<b>Name of Policy:</b> <u><a href="#">American Medical Association (AMA) medical code of ethics and availability</a></u> <b>Policy Number:</b> 3364-171-01-01 <b>Department:</b> Sleep Disorders <b>Approving Officer:</b> Senior Hospital Administrator <b>Responsible Agent:</b> Director, Sleep Disorders  <b>Scope:</b> The University of Toledo Medical Center Pulmonary Services Department	  <b>Effective Date:</b> 3/17/2023 Initial Effective Date: 3/17/2023
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**(A) Policy Statement**

The Sleep Lab is committed to the fundamental principle of admitting, treating, and discharging patients. Protecting the integrity of clinical decision making, ethical conduct has always been an intrinsic part of the mission of the University of Toledo Medical Center.

**(B) Purpose of Policy**

All Staff physicians, qualified and trained Polysomnographic Technologists and sleep staff are responsible for adhering to the AMA medical code of ethics.

**(C) Procedure**

When a situation presents itself of an ethical nature, The Sleep Lab staff will refer to the AMA Medical Code of Ethics for guidance. This can be assessed via the internet using the link below. The Manager will also be contacted.

<https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/ethics/code-medical-ethics-overview>

**AMA CODE OF MEDICAL ETHICS**

**AMA PRINCIPLES OF MEDICAL ETHICS\***

\* Revised June 2001.

*Preamble*

The medical profession has long subscribed to a body of ethical statements developed primarily for the benefit of the patient. As a member of this profession, a physician must recognize responsibility to patients first and foremost, as well as to society, to other health professionals, and to self. The following Principles adopted by the American Medical Association are not laws, but standards of conduct that define the essentials of honorable behavior for the physician.

*Principles of medical ethics*

- I. A physician shall be dedicated to providing competent medical care, with compassion and respect for human dignity and rights.
- II. A physician shall uphold the standards of professionalism, be honest in all professional interactions, and strive to report physicians deficient in character or competence, or engaging in fraud or deception, to appropriate entities.
- III. A physician shall respect the law and also recognize a responsibility to seek changes in those requirements which are contrary to the best interests of the patient.
- IV. A physician shall respect the rights of patients, colleagues, and other health professionals, and shall safeguard patient confidences and privacy within the constraints of the law.
- V. A physician shall continue to study, apply, and advance scientific knowledge, maintain a commitment to medical education, make relevant information available to patients, colleagues, and the public, obtain consultation, and use the talents of other health professionals when indicated.

VI. A physician shall, in the provision of appropriate patient care, except in emergencies, be free to choose whom to serve, with whom to associate, and the environment in which to provide medical care.

VII. A physician shall recognize a responsibility to participate in activities contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.

VIII. A physician shall, while caring for a patient, regard responsibility to the patient as paramount.

IX. A physician shall support access to medical care for all people.

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*It is the responsibility of the reader to verify with the responsible agent that this is the most current version of the policy.*