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Australian Institute of Radiography

CODE OF ETHICS

The Australian Institute of Radiography (AIR) recognises its obligation and duty to identify and promote exemplary professional standards of practice, conduct and performance. Each member of the profession has a personal and professional responsibility to adhere to these standards.

Value Statement 1

Members of the AIR will respect individuals' needs, values, culture and vulnerability in the provision of services.

Explanatory Statements

- Members of the AIR acknowledge the sociopolitical diversity in contemporary Australian society and will ensure the provision of non-discriminatory services to all people regardless of age, colour, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, political allegiances, type of illness, ethnicity, race, and mental or physical status.
- Respect includes the development of confidence and trust in the relationship between members of the AIR and the community for whom they provide services.
- Members of the AIR acknowledge that there is a power imbalance in the relationship between persons receiving services and the service provider. Members of the AIR will promote a professional relationship and maintain appropriate professional boundaries between themselves and persons for whom they provide services.

Value Statement 2

Members of the AIR accept the rights of individuals to make informed choices in relation to services provided and uphold the provision of quality services for all people.

Explanatory Statements

- Members of the AIR conduct all procedures and examinations in keeping with current radiation safety protocols and legislative standards.

- Members of the AIR practice only those procedures for which the member is qualified or has demonstrated competencies by appropriate certification bodies. All members will ensure they have accredited training to an acceptable level of competency and participate in Continuing Professional Development to sustain these standards.
- Members of the AIR contribute to the development and implementation of policy to ensure the equitable use of available resources.

Value Statement 3

Members of the AIR hold in confidence any information obtained in a professional capacity and use professional judgement where there is a need to share information for the therapeutic benefit and safety of an individual.

Explanatory Statements

- Members of the AIR will respect a person's right to determine who will be provided with their personal information and in what detail. They will ensure confidentiality is maintained within the legalities of patient disclosure and the Privacy Act.
- Members of the AIR have an obligation to adhere to legislative guidelines limiting access to any personal records.

Value Statement 4

Members of the AIR fulfil the accountability and responsibility inherent in their roles.

Explanatory Statements

- As morally autonomous professionals members of the AIR are accountable for their clinical decision making and have a moral and legal obligation for the provision of safe and competent service delivery.
- Members of the AIR acknowledge the collaborative nature of comprehensive health care with recognition and respect for the perspective and expertise of other health care professionals.
- Members of the AIR have an ethical responsibility to report instances of unsafe and unethical practice and should support colleagues who appropriately notify the relevant authorities of unsafe and unethical practice.

- Members of the AIR promote the career of Medical Imaging Science, Radiation Therapy and Sonography in a responsible and professional manner.

- Members of the AIR participate in the Profession, Institute affairs, Branches and Sub branches in a responsible and professional manner.

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