

CODE OF ETHICS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CONSULTANT PHARMACISTS

Article I

The member will provide a high quality of pharmaceutical care and service which not only meets the minimum standards of existing law and regulation, but surpasses them.

Article II

The member's primary goal and objective shall be the health and safety of the patient, in whose behalf every effort shall be exerted to assure the maximum level of safety and efficacy in the provision of pharmaceutical care and services.

Article III

The member will pursue the practice of pharmacy in an ethical manner, and in such a way as to reflect credit on the specialty of consultant pharmacy.

Article IV

The member will agree to practice pharmacy under terms and conditions which clearly provide for the proper exercise of professional judgment and skill, and which do not tend in any manner whatsoever to subvert the quality of professional services of the ethical conduct of the practice of pharmacy.

Article V

The member will determine that only those medications, medical products, or medical devices which meet standards of quality required by law and by sound and responsible professional judgment, and which are determined to have therapeutic value for the patient, are dispensed and distributed.

Article VI

The member will respect the confidentiality of all clinical records, professional notes, memoranda, reports and other records relating to any patient's medical condition or medication therapy; and shall in no case disclose such information without proper legal authorization.

Article VII

The member will not condone or participate in any transaction with any practitioner of another health profession or any other person whatsoever under which kickbacks are paid or caused to be paid, or which may result in financial exploitation of patients or their families in connection with the provision of medications and supplies or pharmaceutical care and services.

Article VIII

The member will seek continuously to refine and enlarge upon his/her professional knowledge, abilities and skills, through the pursuit of continuing educational experience in a variety of settings.

Article IX

The member will, to the best of his/her ability, associate and affiliate with organizations insofar as they are directed toward the improvement of patient care and safety.