

BSGAR Member Code of Conduct

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to set out standards of behaviour expected from Members. It is expected that all Members will read and comply with this Code of Conduct.

BSGAR is a voluntary members organisation, which is registered as a charity for the public benefit to relieve sickness, to protect and preserve the health of the public and to advance education and research into the care of patients with abdominal disease in particular.

The Constitution of the Society requires that BSGAR achieves these aims by providing a forum for imaging, intervention and research, by ensuring that the useful results of any research are disseminated to the public, by improving practice and development of gastrointestinal and abdominal radiology, and through the education and training of radiologists and other medical professionals in gastrointestinal and abdominal radiology. Members must not act in any way to prevent the Society from achieving these aims.

Things that Members SHOULD do

Members should treat others, and expect to be treated, with fairness, courtesy and respect. In particular, disagreements should be expressed professionally and courteously.

If a Member disagrees with, or has concerns about, the actions of the Society, or any of its Members in relation to their role within the Society, the Member should follow the steps described in the BSGAR Management of Complaints & Escalation Policy.

Members should fulfil their roles on the Executive Committees, any Subcommittees and at Meetings to a satisfactory standard.

Members should declare any interests that may conflict with their role within BSGAR, or the aims of the Society (e.g. business interests or employment). If any doubt arises as to what constitutes a conflict of interest, Members may seek guidance from the Executive Committee.

Members should disclose the fact that they have been charged with or convicted of a criminal offence. For the avoidance of doubt, Members are not required to disclose the fact or details of 'spent convictions'.

Things that Members SHOULD NOT do

Members must not bring the Society into disrepute, including through the use of email, social media and internet sites, engaging with print or broadcast media or through any other such forum.

Engaging in activity of this kind, or failing to remove, redact or issue a correction to any such action, may result in disciplinary action being taken.

Members must not seek or accept gifts, rewards or hospitality in the course of their role in the Society.

Members must not engage in any activity that may cause physical or mental harm or distress to another Member, including discrimination on the grounds of any protected characteristic including age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, or sex.

Members must not provide false or misleading statements, declarations, documents, or claims in respect of BSGAR, its Members, its employees or its Trustees.

Members must not engage in illegal activity while carrying out their role for the Society.

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