



# The Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery

## *Raising Standards, Protecting Patients*

### Code of Conduct – ACCS Registrars

State medical boards have their own Codes of Conduct/Guidelines to Good Medical Practice. This Code of Conduct does not replace such Codes/Guidelines but highlights specific aspects relevant to cosmetic medical practice and training situations.

Most of the patients you will see are private cosmetic patients. Remember the following points:-

- patients have come for their own reasons, not for your training benefit
- quality patient care is always the more important concern, above your training needs
- every patient must be treated politely and considerately
- patients' dignity and privacy must be respected
- patients' views must be respected
- patients' appearance is very important to them and should neither be denigrated nor made light of
- give patients information in ways they can understand
- respect patients' right to decide whether or not to have treatment, to decide which appropriate treatment best suits their requirements and who should perform this treatment
- respect patients' right to refuse to be involved in teaching episodes
- do not allow personal beliefs and prejudices to influence relationships with patients

During your training:-

- recognise the limits of your own professional and clinical competence and seek help or advice as required
- work within your supervision boundaries
- do not denigrate other staff members, fellow registrars, supervisors or mentors
- respond constructively to assessments and appraisals of your knowledge and clinical performance

Your supervisors and mentors are allowing you access to their practices and patients with no thought of payment. This privilege should be respected and not abused;

- arrive punctually at pre-arranged times
- observe the practice dress code
- appreciate that appointment schedules should be kept and training often makes this difficult
- report any perceived gaps in training to your supervisor and/or ACCS administration office so that this may be addressed

Observance of this Code in addition to relevant medical board Codes requirements, and the ACCS Code of Practice should allow smoother passage through the registrar programme.

As participants in the College training programme it is not permitted for Registrars to place advertisements or allow advertisements to be placed which contain any incorrect or misleading information.

Specifically;

- Registrars must not advertise that they are trainees with the College nor are they permitted to use any post-nominals related to that training.
- Registrars must not advertise procedures which form part of the curriculum in which they are being trained
- Registrars must not claim, or allow the implication of any claim of, specialist qualification from the College or 'specialized' skill or training, relating to their training during the course of their programme.

Registrars must recognize that their position on the College training programme is a privilege and is conditional on observance of this 'Code of Conduct' and observance of the overall aims and interests of the College as reflected in the Constitution and By Laws of the College and the ACCS Code of Practice. This privilege may be withdrawn due to breaches of this Code of Conduct and may result in Registrars not being allowed to complete their training and or not being invited to sit the College examinations.