



## ISCD Technologist Enforceable Rules of Ethics

The Rules of Ethics are mandatory standards of acceptable professional conduct for all present Certified Technologists and Candidates. Certification is the formal recognition of the specialized knowledge, skills, and experience demonstrated by existing best practices and standards in the field of credentialing. Because the public relies on certification issued by ISCD, it is essential that Certified Technologists and Candidates abide by these Rules of Ethics. These Rules of Ethics are intended to promote the protection and safety of patients. The Rules of Ethics are enforceable. Certified Technologists and Candidates engaging in any of the following conduct or activities, or who condone these activities and conduct, have violated the Rules of Ethics and are subject to sanctions as described hereunder:

1. Employing fraud or deceit in procuring, maintaining or renewing:
  - reinstatement of certification as issued by ISCD;
  - employment in central DXA technology;
  - state permit or license

This includes altering in any respect any document issued by ISCD or any state or federal agency, or by indicating in writing certification with ISCD when that is not the case.

2. Undermining or attempting to undermine ISCD's examination process. Conduct that undermines ISCD's examination process includes, but is not limited to:
  - (i) conduct that violates the security of ISCD examination materials, such as removing or attempting to remove examination materials from an examination room either physically or by electronic means i.e. hidden micro cameras, or having unauthorized possession of any portion of or information concerning a future, current, or previously administered examination of ISCD; or disclosing information concerning any portion of a future, current, or previously administered examination of ISCD;
  - (ii) conduct that in any way compromises standards of test administration, such as communicating with another Candidate during administration of the examination, copying another Candidate's answers, permitting another Candidate to copy one's answers, or possessing unauthorized materials;
  - (iii) impersonating a Candidate or permitting an impersonator to take the examination on one's own behalf.

3. Convictions, criminal proceedings, or military court-martials as described below:

- (i) Conviction of a crime, including a felony, a gross misdemeanor, or a misdemeanor, with the sole exception of speeding and parking violations. All alcohol and/or drug related violations must be reported.

- (ii) Criminal proceeding where a finding or verdict of guilt is made or returned but the adjudication of guilt is either withheld, deferred, or not entered or the sentence is suspended or stayed; or a criminal proceeding where the individual enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere (no contest).
- (iii) Military court-martials that involve substance abuse, any sex-related infractions, or patient-related infractions.

4. Failure to report to the ISCD that:

- (i) Charges regarding the person's permit, license, or registration certificate to practice central densitometry technology or any other medical or allied health profession are pending or have been resolved adversely to the individual in any state, territory, or country or the individual has been refused a permit, license or registration certificate.

5. Failure or inability to perform central densitometry technology with reasonable skill and safety or interpret DXA scans.

6. Actual or potential inability to practice DXA technology with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness; use of alcohol, drugs, chemicals, or any other material; or as a result of any mental or physical condition.

7. Engaging in conduct with a patient that is sexual or may reasonably be interpreted by the patient as sexual, or in any verbal behavior that is seductive or sexually demeaning to a patient; or engaging in sexual exploitation of a patient or former patient. This also applies to any unwanted sexual behavior, verbal or otherwise, that results in the termination of employment.

8. Revealing confidential information from or relating to a former or current patient, except when otherwise required or permitted by law or not respecting the patient's right to privacy.

9. Engaging or assisting any person to engage in, or participating in, abusive or fraudulent billing practices, including violations of federal Medicare and Medicaid laws or state medical assistance laws.

10. Improper management of patient records, including failure to maintain adequate patient records or to furnish a patient record or report required by law; or making, causing, or permitting anyone to make false, deceptive, or misleading entry in any patient record.

11. Knowingly providing false or misleading information that is directly related to the care of a former or current patient.

12. Making a false statement or knowingly providing false information to ISCD or failing to cooperate with any investigation by ISCD or the Ethics Committee.

13. Knowing of a violation or a probable violation of any Rule of Ethics by any Certified Technologist or Candidate and failing to promptly report in writing the same to the ISCD.