

THE SPEECH PATHOLOGY CODE OF CONDUCT

The national Code of Conduct is a set of standards of conduct for all health service providers who are not regulated by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). Speech pathologists are included in this group of health professionals.

In summary, the Code of Conduct says that practitioners must:

1. Provide services in a safe and ethical manner
2. Obtain consent from their clients
3. Display appropriate conduct when giving treatment advice
4. Report concerns about treatment or care provided by other health care workers
5. Take appropriate action in response to adverse events
6. Adopt standard precautions for infection control
7. Practice safely if diagnosed with infectious medical conditions
8. Not make claims to cure certain serious illnesses
9. Not misinform their clients
10. Not practice under the influence of alcohol or drugs
11. Modify or stop practicing if they have certain mental or physical impairments
12. Not financially exploit clients
13. Not engage in sexual misconduct
14. Comply with relevant privacy laws
15. Keep appropriate records
16. Be covered by appropriate insurance
17. Display information about this code and how to make a complaint.