

481—722.2(148G,152B,272C) Code of ethics.

722.2(1) The respiratory care practitioner or polysomnographic technologist will practice acceptable methods of treatment and will not practice beyond the competence or exceed the authority vested in the practitioner or technologist by physicians.

722.2(2) The respiratory care practitioner or polysomnographic technologist will continually strive to increase and improve knowledge and skill and will render to each patient the full measure of the practitioner's or technologist's ability. All services will be provided with respect for the dignity of the patient, regardless of the patient's social or economic status or personal attributes or the nature of the patient's health problems.

722.2(3) The respiratory care practitioner or polysomnographic technologist will be responsible for the competent and efficient performance of assigned duties and will expose incompetent, illegal or unethical conduct of members of the profession.

722.2(4) The respiratory care practitioner or polysomnographic technologist will hold in confidence all privileged information concerning the patient and refer all inquiries regarding the patient to the patient's physician.

722.2(5) The respiratory care practitioner or polysomnographic technologist will not accept gratuities and shall guard against conflict of interest.

722.2(6) The respiratory care practitioner or polysomnographic technologist will uphold the dignity and honor of the profession and abide by its ethical principles.

722.2(7) The respiratory care practitioner or polysomnographic technologist will have knowledge of existing state and federal laws governing the practice of respiratory therapy or polysomnography and will comply with those laws.

722.2(8) The respiratory care practitioner or polysomnographic technologist will cooperate with other health care professionals and participate in activities to promote community, state, and national efforts to meet the health needs of the public.

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