

Code of Ethics for EMS Physician Medical Directors

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Medical professionals have long subscribed to ethical statements intended to establish principles that benefit patients. Many physician organizations have such standards of conduct that recognize responsibility to our patients, society as a whole, the system of health care, and our care providers. The National Association of State EMS Officials has adopted the following Principles of honorable behavior by EMS Physician Medical Directors. (PROPOSED collaboration / endorsement by NAEMSP and ACEP.)

EMS Physician Medical Directors shall:

- 1] be dedicated to compassionate, competent, effective, prioritized and efficient care for their patients and the patients served by the providers and agencies that they oversee, including the implementation of evidence-based practice.
- 2] be dedicated to benefitting the EMS profession, including its providers, the EMS system, care partners and the public.
- 3] promote and uphold the highest standards of honesty, professionalism, ethics, and collaboration free from improper influence or coercion, including avoidance of conflicts of interest, self referral, and bias during review and oversight of EMS care in any venue.
- 4] respect EMS system protocols, regulations, and relevant laws while seeking to improve same.
- 5] protect the confidentiality and privacy of patients and providers within the requirements of law.
- 6] seek continual improvement in the EMS system, its providers, and personally through advances in science, education, lifelong learning, and collaboration.
- 7] provide care for those in need without discrimination and within the parameters of the EMS system.
- 8] protect and improve their personal health and safety and that of the providers they oversee.