



CODE OF ETHICS AND STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

Code of Ethics

As an organization of distinction, consisting of the world's leading anaplastologists in practice and academia, the Board for Certification in Clinical Anaplastology (BCCA) is a nonprofit organization which promotes the enhancement of patient care and professional practice in the field of anaplastology.

The CCA designation demonstrates to colleagues, patients, employers, and the public that certified individuals have the knowledge and proficiency required of the clinical anaplastology professional. Professionals earn this distinction through education, experience, and meeting the highest standards of science and practice of professional anaplastology validated by their performance through examination.

The ethical obligations of the clinical anaplastologist include a commitment to continuous growth and development, professionalism across disciplines, and the highest standards of patient/client healthcare. This serves to clarify to current and future certificants, and to those served by certificants, the nature of the ethical responsibilities held in common by its certificants. All individuals certified by the Board for Certification in Clinical Anaplastology are required to adhere to the Code of Ethics.

Purpose of the Board for Certification in Clinical Anaplastology Code of Ethics

The clinical anaplastologist has an obligation to demonstrate actions that reflect values, ethical principles, and ethical guidelines. The Board for Certification in Clinical Anaplastology Code of Ethics sets forth these values and principles to guide conduct. It clarifies the social contract that dictates the profession's responsibilities to the patient/client, the public, and the profession; and upholds the fundamental principle that the paramount purpose of the clinical anaplastologists services shall be to benefit the patient/client.

Code of Ethics, Principles and Interpretative Guidelines

The following ethical principles are based on the core values of the Board for Certification in Clinical Anaplastology and apply to all CCA certificants. Guidelines included for each ethical principle are a non-exhaustive list of behaviors and situations that can help to clarify the principle. They are not meant to be a comprehensive list of all situations that can occur.

A CCA certificant agrees to adhere to the following Code of Ethics, Principles and Interpretative Guidelines:

- Foremost, do no harm. A CCA consciously avoids harmful actions or omissions, embodies high ethical standards and adheres to all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations in the choices he/she makes.
- A CCA places service and the health and welfare of persons before self-interest and conducts oneself in the practice of the profession so as to bring honor to oneself, peers, and to the healthcare profession.

- A CCA respects and understands that he/ she is a healthcare professional dedicated to providing competent and scientifically sound health care and other appropriate care within their own scope of practice, with compassion and respect for human dignity and rights.
- A CCA employs his/her best good faith efforts to provide unbiased information and facilitate understanding to enable the patient/client to make informed choices in regard to all recommended plans of care or assessment. The patient/ client should make his or her own determination on such recommendations and assessment. A CCA shall not mislead patients into false or unjustified expectations of favorable results of treatment.
- A CCA upholds the standards of professionalism, and is honest in all professional interactions. A healthcare professional will additionally be knowledgeable about established policies and procedures for handling concerns about unethical behavior. These include policies and procedures created by BCCA, licensing and regulatory bodies, employers, supervisors, agencies, and other professional organizations (see BCCA Disciplinary and Complaint Policy).
- A CCA upholds the standards of professionalism and commits to performing his/her duties competently, safely and ethically. Drug and alcohol abuse will not be tolerated by the BCCA. Any person discovered using alcohol or drugs in a professional practice would be subject to discipline, including certification revocation. (see BCCA Disciplinary and Complaint Policy)
- A CCA respects the rights of patients, clients, colleagues, and other health professionals, and safeguards patient/client confidence, trust, and privacy in accordance with the law. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, being familiar with and carrying out all privacy (i.e. HIPAA) compliance requirements.
- A CCA commits to the study, application, and advancement of scientific knowledge, continues to seek related health education, makes relevant healthcare science information available to patients/clients, colleagues, and the public, obtains consultation, and recognizes the talents of other health professionals when indicated.
- A CCA values his or her responsibility to participate in activities contributing to the improvement of the community and the betterment of public health.
- A CCA truthfully and accurately states one's credentials, professional education, professional work product, and experiences.