American Association of Tissue Banks

CODE OF ETHICS FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

The American Association of Tissue Banks is a professional organization dedicated to leadership, education, service, research, and integrity in the practice of tissue procurement, processing, storage, distribution, transplantation, and related fields.

All individual members of the American Association of Tissue Banks pledge to adhere to the following Code of Ethics:

- I strongly support voluntary tissue donation and informed choice.
- I honor and view with respect the gifts of donated human tissue as well as the improved quality of life afforded to patients who receive donated tissue transplants.
- I will share knowledge and advances that may improve the quality, safety, and effectiveness of transplants.
- I will act with the highest level of integrity and commit to fair, just, equitable, and legal standards of behavior in all relations with donor families, transplant recipients, other members of the Association, and the global community.
- I will conduct myself in a way that assures positive relationships with healthcare professionals to ensure that any business partnerships are structured to reflect these values and the altruism on which donation is founded to maintain public confidence in tissue banking.
- I will conduct myself in a manner that will not diminish public confidence in donation and will avoid terms and actions that demean the concept of the gift of life.
- I will promote AATB standards, and will utilize the Code of Ethics of the AATB as a guideline where appropriate.

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