



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission
Manila

Professional Regulatory Board of Respiratory Therapy
Resolution No. 09
Series of 2014

**ADOPTION AND PROMULGATION OF THE CODE OF ETHICS AND
PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

WHEREAS, among the mandates of the Professional Regulatory Board of Respiratory Therapy (Board) is to adopt and promulgate the Code of Ethics and Standards for Respiratory Therapists, in consultation with the accredited professional organization for respiratory therapists, pursuant to Sections 8 (i) and 31 of Republic Act No. 10024, otherwise known as the "Philippine Respiratory Therapy Act of 2009";

WHEREAS, the code of ethics is necessary to establish the moral standards or norms that shall govern the professional practice of every respiratory therapist in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Board, in the crafting and finalization of the Code of Ethics, has consulted with the Association of Respiratory Care Practitioners Philippines, Inc. (ARCPP, Inc.) and other stakeholders;

WHEREAS, the principles embodied in the Code of Good Governance for the Professions were adopted and integrated in this Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Respiratory Therapists, as its core basis;

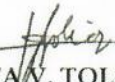
WHEREAS, violation of any provision of this Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct by a registered and licensed respiratory therapist shall constitute as a ground for disciplinary action, pursuant to Republic Act No. 10024 and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board hereby **RESOLVED**, as it now **RESOLVES**, to adopt and promulgate, with the approval of the Commission, the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Respiratory Therapists in the Philippines, which shall be appended hereto as Annex A;


This Resolution and Annex A, entitled, "Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Respiratory Therapists in the Philippines" shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its full and complete publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Let a copy of this Resolution and its annex be furnished the U. P. Law Center, Association of Respiratory Care Practitioners Philippines, Inc. (ARCPP, Inc.) and other concerned professional organizations and stakeholders for information and guidance.

Done in the City of Manila, this 27th day of May 2014.


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Annex A

**CODE OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR RESPIRATORY
THERAPISTS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

Ethics is popularly defined as a set of moral principles governing the behavior or conduct of a specified group or organization. It is a system of values to which an individual or group of individuals adhere to, as the acceptable standard of behavior.

The Professional Regulatory Board of Respiratory Therapy and the Association of Respiratory Care Practitioners Philippines, Inc. (ARCPP, Inc.), as the lead and primary organization for Respiratory Therapists in the Philippines, have come up with this Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, with the aim of fostering and promoting the professional growth and improvement of all Respiratory Therapists in the Philippines, in due recognition of their ever changing and growing roles as experts in the field of cardiopulmonary medicine. The principles embodied in this Code have been benchmarked with international standards and are founded on the basic tenets of the Code of Good Governance to make it more dynamic and responsive to the needs and demands of the times.

This "set of norms" shall represent the ethical commitment of every Respiratory Therapist in the country in the provision of the highest level of professional service for the benefit of the Filipino people.

Respiratory Therapist in the Philippines shall be bound by the principles enshrined in this Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct:

Professional Integrity and Accountability

- A Respiratory Therapist shall be the primer in promoting and advancing the practice of the profession.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall endeavor to be a leader and role model to fellow practitioners.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall live up to the values of humility, honesty and integrity in all personal and professional interactions.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall not engage in immoral or fraudulent act nor commit any transgression of local or international law or regulation, especially those that govern or relate to the practice of the profession.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall seek continuous professional development and advancement.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall only make true, accurate and factual representations to the public respecting the professional services being offered.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall promote programs on wellness and disease prevention.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall promote and support the development and upgrading of the standards of practice of the profession as well as of the entire health care system.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall provide accessible and effective health care services at reasonable cost.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall encourage and practice stewardship for optimal utilization of resources.

Dignity, Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest

- A Respiratory Therapist shall respect the rights and dignity of every individual, without bias or partiality, on account of religious, ethnic or political affiliation/s.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall protect and honor the legal rights of the patient, including the right to informed consent, withdrawal or refusal of treatment.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall divulge no confidential information pertaining to the patient or the patient's family that may have been received by reason of the professional relation to the patient, unless disclosure is required in the responsible performance of the duty or as may be required by law.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall avoid any form of conduct that creates a conflict of interest in relation to the practice of the profession or which may be contrary to the principles of ethical business behavior.

Patient Safety and Competent Care

- A Respiratory Therapist shall perform only the procedures and functions based on the job description and level of competency, in accordance with the principles of responsible practice. Should the delivery of care extend beyond the practitioner's level of competence, expert advice must be sought or referrals to appropriate members of the health care team must be made.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall adhere to the specified work instructions to ensure safe and efficient delivery of patient care services.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall adopt safe and effective measures to ensure infection control, in the promotion of patient safety and environment of care.

Research Activities and Promotion of Respiratory Health Care Programs

- A Respiratory Therapist shall follow sound scientific procedures and ethical principles in research.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall only make use of true, factual and evidence-based scientific data in the conduct of research and interpretation of research outcomes.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall identify and state source(s) of bias in the research work being undertaken.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall identify the areas of the research work where conflict of interest may exist.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall, at all times, protect and promote the safety of the patients or subjects of the study or research.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall support the development and promotion of cardiopulmonary disease awareness and prevention programs on smoking cessation, air pollution monitoring, allergy warnings, as well as other programs against the proliferation of diseases such as SARS, AH1N1, Bird FLU Virus, among others.
- A Respiratory Therapist shall be an exemplar of cardiopulmonary health by abstaining from cigarette or tobacco use and shall make special effort in the elimination of smoking and the use of other tobacco products in homes, work environment and other public places pursuant to Republic Act No. 9211 or the "Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003".

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