

Australian Society of Dermal Clinicians Code of Ethical Practice Summary Document

This code of ethical practice applies to all Dermal Clinicians and Therapists. In applying to become a member of the Australian Society of Dermal Clinicians applicants accept to be responsible and accountable for abiding by the standards and expectations outlined in this code.

It is expected that Dermal Clinicians and Dermal Therapists will also exercise professional judgement to provide the best possible patient centred and evidence based care when providing skin health services.

Dermal health professionals should not rely solely on this code as compliance with commonwealth, state and territory or case laws. Where there is a conflict between the code and any law, the law takes precedence

Standard 1: Person centred focus and Evidence for practice

Dermal health professionals must provide person focused, evidence based skin health education and services. The provision of person centred care respects the need for shared decision making between the Dermal health professional and the person, including their needs, preferences and other impacting factors such as health and psychosocial status.

Standard 2: Communication, therapeutic relationships

Dermal health professionals understand that effective communication and therapeutic relationships require interactions that are compassionate, respectful and honest with the focus on positive outcomes for the person receiving care. Dermal health professionals practice in a manner that respects diversity and is culturally competent.

Standard 3: Interprofessional and collaborative practice

Dermal health professionals understand that the health and disorder or disease of the skin can impact and be impacted by many other systems of the body. Skin disorder and disease may be a sign or symptom of a comorbid or underlying yet undiagnosed medical condition or disease. Dermal health professionals work collaboratively with other allied health and health professionals to improve health outcomes.

Standard 4: Professional ethics and behaviours

Dermal health professionals practice with integrity, compassion and honesty. They maintain appropriate professional boundaries with colleagues and patients. Dermal health professionals do not involve themselves in any practices that may exploit others or result in conflicts of interest.

Standard 5: Legal obligations and compliance

Dermal health professionals must ensure they are up to date and comply with all Commonwealth and state laws that pertain to their practice to ensure safe provision of skin health education and services

Standard 6: Advertising and procuring clients.

Dermal health professionals will comply with all legal requirements and guidelines for advertising that relates to the provision of skin health services. Dermal health professionals will promote themselves and skin health services in a manner that is ethical, honest, evidence based and person centred.

Standard 7: Health and wellbeing

Dermal health professionals promote health and wellbeing for themselves, their colleagues and the wider Australian population. Dermal health professionals must take all precautions to prevent harm to colleagues or the public caused as the result of physical or mental impairment. Dermal health professionals must take all precautions to prevent risk to the public caused through transmission infection.

Standard 8: Education, Training and Research

Dermal health professionals must maintain currency and competence relevant to scope of practice in providing skin health services and contribute to further ongoing development of self and the profession.

Declaration

I, (printed name) _____ agree to accept and uphold the values, behaviours and conduct outlined in the code of ethical practice as a dermal health professional and member of the Australian Society of Dermal Clinicians. I understand that not upholding these standards of ethical practice may result in disciplinary action should I be deemed in breach or have demonstrated professional misconduct.

Date (insert here)