

# Doing the Right Thing Right

## Providence St. Joseph Health - Our Code of Conduct

### Culture of Diversity and Respect

We adhere to all laws and regulations and are committed to a workplace culture where all individuals are treated with respect and dignity, regardless of protected characteristics, as defined by local, state, or federal law, including but not limited to race, color, religious creed (including religious dress and grooming practices), national origin (including certain language use restrictions), ancestry, disability (mental and physical including HIV and AIDS), medical condition (including cancer and genetic characteristics), genetic information, marital status, age, sex (which includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and related medical conditions), gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, and military and veteran status.

### Quality of Care and Patient Safety

We commit to provide the best, *compassionate* care and service every time and strive to meet and exceed national standards for quality and patient *safety*.

### Stewardship of Resources

We commit to effective stewardship of resources in support of patient care and organizational goals and only use resources for legitimate business purposes.

### Conflicts of Interest (COI) Commitment

We will avoid actual or perceived COI and agree to disclose any outside interests or activities, contracts, and relationships that may be in conflict to the organization. We maintain impartial relationships with vendors, research sponsors, and contracts by not requesting or accepting gifts, cash, or cash equivalents.

### Ethical and Legal Standards

We conduct ourselves in a professional and ethical manner in support of *justice* and will perform our job duties in accordance with all federal, state, and local laws.

Our mission, vision, values, and promise provide guidance and inspiration as we deliver quality care, make sound, ethical choices, and meet our organizational goals. As workforce members, we are accountable for the integrity of our decisions and actions on the job. The Code of Conduct provides a foundation of expectations for us as we do our work each day.



### Ways to report a concern

- Discuss the matter or concern with your immediate supervisor
- Discuss the matter or concern with your department leader
- Discuss with your HR Partner, HR Service Center, or send report via HR Portal
- Contact your local or regional compliance or privacy representative
- Call the 24/7 Integrity Hotline at 888-294-8455 or use Integrity Online, our Web-based reporting option.
- For Caregivers in India:
  - From an outside line, dial the direct access number: 000-117
  - At the English prompt dial 888-294-8455

**You may report concerns anonymously**

### Safeguarding Patient Information and Protecting Privacy and Confidentiality

We take every precaution to safeguard patient information, and we will treat protected health information (PHI) of all with special care and follow all federal, state, and local laws.

### Ethical Conduct of Research

We follow the highest ethical standards and comply with all laws, regulations, guidelines, and ethical directives (where applicable) that govern human, animal, and basic applied science research.

### Licensure and Certification

We require all health care and education professionals to follow all federal, state, and local laws applicable to licensing, credentialing, and certification requirements. Individuals on the excluded provider lists cannot work for our organization.

### Compliance with Applicable Federal and State Laws and Regulations, and Policies

We ensure *excellence* by requiring all parties that work for or on behalf of an employer within our family of organizations learn and follow all laws, regulations, and policies.

### Fair Business Practices

We conduct ourselves ethically, honestly, and with *integrity* at all times.

### Reporting Violations and Protection from Retaliation

We will use the appropriate method to report any violation or suspected violations of our code(s), fraud, waste, or abuse as required. Retaliation or harassment will not be tolerated.

This is the one page COC that we have put in place this year. Each of our individual affiliates put their logo on this document and use it at their own organization. This was developed from our multi page Code of Conduct and condensed this year to one page. David Lane, Chief Compliance Officer and Sheryl Vacca, SVP/Chief Risk Officer, Providence St. Joseph Health.