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## **Purpose**

This document sets out the code of conduct expected by the CSVS of all members. Where a member is also a member of another healthcare profession they must also comply with the code of conduct relating to that other profession, for example Health and Care Professions Council<sup>1</sup>. In any case of conflict between this code and that code the more onerous provision shall prevail.

## **Code of Professional Conduct**

- 1) Members shall at all times exercise their professional skill, communication and judgment working within the CSVS scope of practice<sup>2</sup>, with integrity and with full regard to the public interest.
- 2) Members must uphold and enhance the good standing and reputation of the profession and the Society.
- 3) Members have a duty of care towards their patients, carers or colleagues and must at all times take care to ensure that their actions, or anyone else's actions, do not result in any avoidable danger or unacceptable risk (physical or psychological) to any person, and must exercise their duty of candour towards patients.
- 4) Members shall recognise the impact of culture, equality and diversity on practice and practise in a non-discriminatory and inclusive manner, treating service users and carers as individuals, respecting their privacy and dignity.
- 5) Members are ethically and legally obliged to protect the confidentiality of patient information acquired through their professional duty unless there is a legal requirement to do otherwise.
- 6) Members must make sure that consent is established from service users or other appropriate authority before providing care, treatment or other services.
- 7) Members must identify and acknowledge any limitations in their training and competence, and not misrepresent their job role and scope of practice.
- 8) Members must maintain and develop their professional knowledge and competence relevant to the scope of practice through continuing professional development and in accordance with the current CSVS maintenance of registration guidelines.
- 9) Members are legally responsible and accountable for the results of their professional actions caused by act, negligence, omission or injury.
- 10) Members shall take reasonable steps to ensure that persons working under their authority are competent to perform the tasks assigned to them and shall accept responsibility for any work done under the authority delegated to them.
- 11) Members shall report to the Society concerns about safety of service users including safeguarding, bullying, harassment and whistle-blowing involving CSVS member(s).
- 12) Members shall not recklessly or maliciously injure, or attempt to injure, whether directly or indirectly, the professional reputation of another member.

13) Members must pay due regard to the way in which they accept remuneration for their professional services.

14) Members must abide by the CSVS Social media policy.

15) Members must seek permission before using the CSVS Logo in the Public domain.

16) The title 'Accredited Vascular Scientist' (AVS) can only be used after an individual has undergone the accreditation examination process as stipulated by the CSVS. It is mandatory for Accredited Vascular Scientists to meet the criteria required to renew their registration on an annual basis whilst they continue to practice.

## References

1. Standards of conduct, performance and ethics, Health and Care Professions Council.  
<https://www.hcpc-uk.org/standards/standards-of-conduct-performance-and-ethics/>
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