

Code of Conduct

The Association of Palliative Care Practitioners of South Africa (PALPRAC) abides by the rules and regulations set forth by the:

1. The Constitution of the Association of Palliative Care Practitioners of South Africa (Amended 21 September 2021)
2. The Health Professionals Act, 1974 as governed by the Health Professionals Council of South Africa (HPCSA)
3. The National Patients Rights Charter of South Africa
4. The National Health Care Act 61 of 2003

PALPRAC also abides by the codes of conduct set out by their member association professional regulatory body i.e. HPCSA, SACSSP, SANC etc.

In addition to the above-mentioned rules and regulations PALPRAC Members will at all times:

- Display Collaboration and Collegiality: Effective teamwork and collaboration are essential for optimal patient outcomes. Our members will work collaboratively with colleagues, allied healthcare professionals, and multidisciplinary teams to provide comprehensive and coordinated care.
- Show Professional Competence: Continuous learning and professional development are integral to providing high-quality patient care. Our members will strive to maintain and enhance their medical knowledge, skills, and competencies throughout their careers.
- Show Respect and Dignity: Every patient deserves to be treated with respect, dignity, and compassion. Our members will foster an inclusive and non-discriminatory environment, where patients from all backgrounds feel valued and understood.
- Exercise integrity, honesty, diligence and appropriate behaviour in all professional activities;
- Act within the law
- Refrain from using, directly or indirectly, PALPRAC or anybody appointed by PALPRAC, to advance their own political, religious beliefs, social or economic needs at the expense of PALPRAC
- Refrain from committing any act that may conflict with the mission of PALPRAC (<https://palprac.org/mission-and-vision/>)

In the event of a Member breaching the Code of Conduct, the Governing Board will enact disciplinary procedures as set out in the Constitution to terminate membership.