

Code of Ethics for Regulatory Affairs Professionals



Regulatory affairs professionals play pivotal roles in the development, approval and surveillance of safe and effective health products worldwide, ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The **RAPS Code of Ethics for Regulatory Affairs Professionals** is a living document that embodies the principles of professionalism and ethics to which regulatory professionals aspire and hold inviolable.

Fundamental Principles:

Duty

Have a primary duty to ensure our employers' activities are conducted in compliance with the laws and regulations of the authorities under which we operate, consistent with advancing, preserving and protecting public health.

Competence

Be competent to perform the services we have been hired or retained to perform. As regulatory affairs professionals, we must commit ourselves to continual learning while being able to acknowledge areas that are outside our expertise.

Objectivity

Act in an objective manner. As regulatory affairs professionals, we must base decisions on factual information. We must not be unduly influenced by competing or conflicting interests.

Integrity

Have integrity. As regulatory affairs professionals, we must be principled and consistent in applying our views. We must live up to our commitments and be trustworthy and scrupulous at all times.

Honesty

Be honest in all dealings with our employers and others with whom we interact. As regulatory affairs professionals, we must ensure that information and communications, whether oral or written, are accurate and complete. We acknowledge that personal and institutional credibility are crucial to our success.

Courage

Have the courage to make difficult decisions and present all relevant information to our organizations to promote wise decisions. As regulatory affairs professionals, we must be able to withstand challenges to our views, while at the same time being accountable for our mistakes.

Fairness

Be fair in our dealings with all parties. As regulatory affairs professionals, we must apply legal and regulatory standards equitably. We must be just and consider the interests of all parties in decision-making processes.

Respect

Be respectful of others, whether it is our peers, subordinates or external parties with whom we interact. We must treat all individuals with dignity and courtesy.

