

ETHICAL GUIDELINE

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Everyone involved in the activities of the Association for Evaluation and Accreditation of Medical Education Programs (TEPDAD) must act ethically. These people should be honest and impartial and should work in accordance with the ethical rules stated below. The purpose of this document is to detail the ethical standards related to TEPDAD activities. Everyone involved in activities of TEPDAD must sign the “Statement of Confidentiality and Ethics” at the end of this document.

Code of Ethics:

- 1.** National Medical Education Accreditation studies are carried out according to TEPDAD evaluation criteria, taking into account public safety, health and benefit. Those who take part in these studies accept the responsibility of explaining the factors that directly or indirectly conflict with their duties.
- 2.** Those involved in National Medical Education Accreditation studies avoid all conflicts of interest and inform TEPDAD when they notice a conflict of interest
- 3.** TEPDAD members, who have provided consultancy and training services to an institution, cannot be included in the visit team formed for the evaluation of this institution
- 4.** Those who take part in the National Medical Education Accreditation studies do not undertake any task that will create a conflict of interest between them and the institutions to be evaluated, do not engage in any negotiations or discussion.
- 5.** The information in the self- evaluation reports is for the use of TEPDAD and the evaluation visit team only and cannot be transferred to third parties without the permission of the relevant institution. However, it can be used by TEPDAD without specifying the name of the institution.
- 6.** Those who take part in TEPDAD studies cannot disclose confidential documents, information and findings. Explanations that must be made with legal obligations are made under the responsibility of TEPDAD.
- 7.** Those who take part in TEPDAD studies cannot copy or reproduce the self-evaluation reports given to them and other documents obtained from the institution and give them back to TEPDAD at the end of their evaluation task.
- 8.** Those who take part in TEPDAD studies accept that the explanations they will make during the accreditation process will be impartial and accurate. They avoid behaviors that highlight their personal preferences that may negatively affect this process, and statements that misinterpret or hide any fact.
- 9.** Those who take part in TEPDAD studies agree to treat everyone equally regardless of their race, language, religion, gender, age, marital status and political opinion, and treat all parties equally and fairly.
- 10.** Those who take part in TEPDAD studies agree to assist their colleagues and provide support in complying with ethical rules.
- 11.** TEPDAD informs all parties involved in its work and evaluation process about these ethical rules.
- 12.** The duties of those who are determined not to comply with these ethical rules are terminated by TEPDAD.

**Association for Evaluation and Accreditation of
Medical Education Programs
Statement of Confidentiality and Ethics**

As a member of the Association for Evaluation and Accreditation of Medical Education Programs (TEPDAD), I, hereby declare that:

- 1.** I have read and understood the above-mentioned ethical rules, and will be in ethical and professional behavior at the highest level;
- 2.** I will carry out my work in line with the safety, health and interest of the public according to the criteria of TEPDAD, and I will fulfill the responsibility to promptly disclose the factors that directly or indirectly conflict with these duties;
- 3.** I will act as a trusted person, avoid all conflicts of interest, and notify TEPDAD when a conflict of interest arises.;
- 4.** I will ensure the confidentiality of all documents and information I have accessed due to my duty.
- 5.** The explanations I will make during the accreditation process will be impartial and accurate.;
- 6.** I will treat everyone equally regardless of their race, language, religion, gender, age, marital status and political opinion;
- 7.** I will help my colleagues and support them in complying with ethical rules;
- 8.** I accept the termination of my duty by TEPDAD in case I do not comply with these ethical rules.

Signature:

Date: / /