

## **Code of Professional Conduct:**

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Definitions:

**Member:** A fully paid up member of the Society for Vascular Technology

**SVT:** Society for Vascular Technology, registered charity

**AVS:** An accredited member whose name appears on the accredited voluntary register member list.

An SVT member must comply with the term and conditions of their employer and follow their code of conduct. In a situation of any conflict between the SVT code of conduct and the employer code of conduct, the employer code of conduct shall prevail.

1. A Member shall at all times exercise his/her professional skill and judgement to the best of his/her ability, with integrity and with full regard to the public interest.
2. A Member shall not be party to any act likely to bring discredit to the SVT.
3. A Member shall not undertake any responsibility as a clinical vascular scientist which he/she does not believe him/herself to be trained and competent to undertake.
4. A Member shall at all times take care to ensure that his/her actions do not result in any avoidable danger of injury or death to any person. This includes being familiar with those regulations that apply to the safe operation of the equipment employed.
5. A Member (whether or not formally Accredited) shall endeavour to maintain and develop his/her professional competence in Vascular Ultrasound.
6. A Member shall accept personal responsibility for all work performed personally, or under his/her supervision or direction and shall take reasonable steps to ensure that persons working under his/her authority are competent to perform the tasks assigned to them and they accept responsibility for work done under authority delegated to them.
7. A Member shall not injure, whether directly or indirectly, the professional reputation of another Member or any other healthcare professional.
8. A Member must keep patient information confidential and (unless otherwise compelled by law) disclose it only to fellow healthcare professionals who are concerned in the treatment of that patient.

The Code of Conduct may be revised at any time and members will be notified of changes.

Any controversy over membership eligibility shall be decided by the Executive Committee, and its decision shall be final.