AMIA’s Code of Professional and Ethical Conduct

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AMIA

- American Medical Informatics Association
- “AMIA is a community committed to the vision of a world where informatics transforms people’s care.”
- https://www.amia.org/
“As a member of AMIA, I acknowledge my professional duty to uphold the following principles of, and guidelines for, ethical conduct.”

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I. ... guidelines regarding patients, guardians and their authorized representatives

- Not *mislead* patients about the use of their healthcare information
- Enable *patients’ rights to access and correct* their healthcare information
- Store healthcare information safe and consistent with *applicable laws*
- *Never knowingly disclose* biomedical data in violation of legal requirements
II. ... guidelines regarding colleagues

- Support and foster - as appropriate - colleagues’ work
- Advise colleagues - as appropriate - about systems issues
- If a leader communicate and promote this guidelines
III. ... guidelines regarding institutions, employers, business partners and clients

- Understand and appreciate that employers have legal and ethical rights and obligations.
- Comply with local policies and procedures to the extent that they do not violate ethical and legal norms.
- Inform the employer when his actions would violate ethical or legal obligations. The AMIA’s Ethics Committee might be a resource in such cases.
IV. ... guidelines regarding society and research

- Ensure that the greatest good for society is balanced by ethical obligations to individual patients.
- Foster the generation of knowledge through appropriate support for ethical and institutionally approved research efforts.
- Abide by the applicable governmental regulations that define ethical research.
V. General guidelines

• Maintain competence as informatics professionals

• *encourage the adoption of informatics approaches* supported by adequate evidence to improve health and healthcare

• Be mindful that your work and actions reflect on the profession and on AMIA
Kommentare

• Verpflichtungen im Hinblick auf Patienten erscheinen mir selbstverständlich (Beachtung der Gesetze)
• Was genau sind die zu beachtenden „ethical rights and obligations“ und „ethical norms“? Gesetzlich definiert?