AOA
Ethical Framework
Purpose

Restoring and advancing the wonder of movement
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**Values**

- **Integrity**: Act with Honesty
- **Respect**: Recognise the inherent worth of all people and their beliefs
- **Quality**: Commit to lifelong learning
- **Empathy**: Treat the concerns and emotions of patients and families with understanding
- **Teamwork**: Engage with all team members
- **Service**: Serve the interest of patients and the community
- **Stewardship**: Promote responsible orthopaedic practice and use of resources
1. Patient well-being and the best interest of patients should be considered first and guide all decisions

2. Healthcare is a collaborative process in which respect for patients’ autonomy is primary

3. Healthcare outcomes should generate the greatest good for the individual, health system and society

4. In considering treatment, interventions and in interactions with patients and their families the best available evidence should be utilised

5. Our members have a duty to act fairly and transparently

6. Our members will acknowledge that both technical and foundation competencies are essential

7. Respect the integrity of every person – whatever their circumstances – and never use them as a means to an end
8. Our members will strive to build a diverse membership, which reflects the community

9. Our members will not misuse their professional expertise

10. Our members will continue to develop, maintain and share their professional knowledge and skills with medical colleagues, trainees and other health professionals, and the community

11. Our members have a duty to attend to their own health and well-being as well as that of their colleagues and other healthcare workers including their trainees, students and other co-workers

12. Our members involved in research will comply with ethical principles in national and international guidelines, as well as those mandated by relevant ethics committees

13. Our members will work to improve local, national and global orthopaedic care and awareness

14. Our members must maintain confidentiality of patients and their families.