



CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct applies to all who instruct, or otherwise assist, on Courses (**the “Instructor”**) held under the auspices of the Resuscitation Council (UK), which have been developed to teach the theory and skills of resuscitation.

It is important, therefore, that those accredited by the Resuscitation Council (UK):

- FULLY UNDERSTAND that accreditation and continuing accreditation is dependent on observing this Code as well as completing the necessary requirements for re-certification.
- ENSURE that courses approved by the Resuscitation Council (UK) are run in accordance with its regulations currently in force using the manuals, slides and other materials so as to ensure that consistent standards of knowledge and skills are achieved.
- BEHAVE, at all times, while participating in courses, or social events related to the courses which are run under the auspices of the Resuscitation Council (UK), in a responsible manner and observe any other applicable professional codes of conduct.
- CO-OPERATE with other instructors, educators and administrators (the faculty) and recognise and respect their individual contributions.
- AVOID any abuse of their position.

Any conduct which brings the Resuscitation Council (UK) into disrepute, either through instructional or professional error, or misconduct (whether amounting to gross misconduct or otherwise), may result, after the implementation of the disciplinary procedure which accompanies this and forms part of this Code of Conduct, in the loss of accreditation. Any relevant employer of the Instructor will be notified of this loss of accreditation. Likewise, conduct which results in the loss of professional or other accreditation from the General Medical Council (GMC), Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), General Dental Council (GDC), Health Professions Council (HPC) or any other professional body to which the Resuscitation Council (UK) in their absolute discretion consider relevant, or dismissal by an employer for gross misconduct, will automatically result in the loss of accreditation. A right of appeal, in accordance with paragraph 11 of the Disciplinary Procedure shall, however, apply.



For illustrative purposes gross misconduct includes, but is not limited to, conduct which involves:

- Physical Violence
- Gross negligence resulting in injury, loss or damage to persons property
- Sexual, racial or other harassment
- Deliberate falsification of records, expenses or test results
- Flagrant disregard of approved procedures
- Theft
- Drunk and disorderly behaviour
- Continuing or frequent acts of misconduct

The Resuscitation Council (UK) Code of Conduct is governed by English Law and will be kept under review. Any recommendations for change and improvement are welcomed by the Chairman.

REFERENCES

General Medical Council

Good Medical Practice (2006)

Nursing and Midwifery Council

The Code: Standards of conduct, performance and ethics for nurses and midwives (2008)

Health Professions Council

Standards of conduct, performance and ethics (2008)

General Dental Council

Standards for Dental Professionals (2009)

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