



CHIMA Code of Ethics Interpretation Guidelines

Code of Ethics and the Public

In relation to the public, the health information management professional shall:

1. Recognize that health care delivery requires cooperation and communication between agencies. (Codes 1, 4 and 5)
2. Support health care delivery through the preservation and appropriate access and disclosure of information across the continuum of care. (Codes 1 and 2)
3. Respect and protect the confidentiality and privacy of health information. (Codes 2 and 3)

Code of Ethics and Health Care Providers

In the relationship with care providers, the health information management professional shall:

1. Respect the Code of Ethics of other professionals as they relate to the privacy and confidentiality of personal health information. (Codes 2, 5 and 10)
2. Assist health care providers in the provision of services related to care delivery, education, and research. (Codes 1, 3, 4, and 5)

3. Disclose to no one, except for the proper authorities, any identified or suspected professional misconduct or violation of organizational policy. (Codes 2, 3 and 5)
4. Ensure that the integrity of health information is not compromised. (Codes 1, 2 and 9)

Code of Ethics and Other Service Providers

In the relationship with other service providers, the health information management professional shall:

1. Assist service providers in their roles supporting the health system. (Codes 1, 3, 4 and 5)
2. Disclose to no one, except for the proper authorities, any identified or suspected professional misconduct or violation of organizational policy. (Codes 2, 3 and 5)

Code of Ethics and the Employer

In the relationship with an employer, the health information management professional shall:

1. Fulfill all responsibilities with integrity and discretion. (All codes)
2. Respect the role of the organization in the health care delivery system. (Codes 1, 4 and 9)
3. Respect and acknowledge the role of all participants in the organization. (Codes 4 and 9)

Code of Ethics and the Health Information Management Professional

Each member of the Canadian Health Information Management Association shall:

1. Appropriately represent the profession to the public. (Codes 4 and 5)
2. Participate in developing and strengthening the profession through personal development. (Code 6)

3. Participate in developing and strengthening the profession through supporting our peers and others interested in health information management. (Code 9)
4. Strive to enrich the profession through participation in non-traditional HIM activities and sharing the knowledge gained. (Codes 6 and 7)
5. Safeguard the public and the profession by reporting to the Professional Conduct Committee any breach of this Code of Ethics by members of the profession.(Codes 5 and 8)

Code of Ethics and the Canadian College of Health Information Management

Each member of the Canadian Health Information Management Association shall:

1. Represent truthfully professional credentials, education and experience. (Codes 4, 5 and 8)
2. Discharge honourably the responsibilities of any association position to which appointed or elected. (Codes 4, 5 and 8)