

CODE OF ETHICS FOR NURSES

CORRECTIONS

Page xi, par. 1, line 8:

Delete the 5th sentence of the Preface, which ends “... revised to meet the evolving needs of nursing practice.” and insert the following:

The Code of Ethics for Nurses stands as both a normative framework and an aspirational guide. While its core values remain steadfast, the dynamic and evolving nature of nursing practice --shaped by expanding knowledge, scope, and context --demands periodic revision of the *Code*. Notably, the *Code* is aspirational in those sections that speak to the profession’s highest ideals, such as in provisions 9 and 10, where we envision the role of nursing in creating a healthier society and a healthier world. Here, aspiration signifies the pursuit of an ideal that is just beyond our present capacity, a goal we acknowledge nurses alone cannot fully realize. It is in striving toward these ideals that we find meaning, recognizing that they lie within the realm of the possible, contingent upon collective political will, social engagement, and the coordinated efforts of those possessing the necessary skills. Aspiration, thus, is the pursuit of the achievable, yet-to-be-attained ideals that affirm our commitment to the health of society and advance of our profession.

Page xiv, par. 2, line 14 :

Delete “may or” so that it reads: “... or necessities that may not be intrinsically moral and reflect the expectations of nurses in practice.”

Page 1, par. 2, line 8:

Replace “must” with “ought to” so that sentence reads: “Nurses ought to recognize racism and other forms of bigotry, prejudicial bias, and discrimination”

Page 4, par. 3, line 6:

Delete “must” and “be” and add “is” so that the sentence reads: “The limitation of individual rights is always considered a serious departure from the standard of care”

Page 5, par. 1, line 3:

Delete “must” so that sentence reads: “Every clinical encounter and plan of care reflects the fundamental...”

Page 6:

par. 2, line 2: Delete “must” so that the sentence reads: “Nurses examine and identify their actual or perceived conflicts of interest”

par. 3, line 8: Replace “must” with “should” so that the sentence reads: “...other incentives tied to financial targets should be especially aware of the potential for conflicts of interest.”

par. 3, line 13: Replace “must” with “have to” so that the sentence reads: “... create a conflict when nurses have to balance their commitment to patient...”
par. 4, line 5: Replace “must” with “should” so the sentence reads: “... regardless of type, should be managed in ways that protect both the nurse”

Page 7:

par. 2, line 5: Delete “must” so the sentence reads: “Nurses examine their behaviors and actions to ensure they are functioning within their professional role.”

par. 2, line 9: Delete “must” so the sentence reads: “Nurses identify behaviors and actions that could compromise...”

par. 2, line 12: Delete “must” so the sentence reads: “Nurses compassionately enforce and restore professional boundaries...”

par. 2, line 17: Replace “must” with “should” so the sentence reads: “Nurses should be mindful of this and follow institutional policy.”

par. 3, line 2: Delete “must” so the sentence reads: “Nurses evaluate safety in every interaction, considering physiological...”

Page 9, par. 4, line 9:

Replace “must” with “ought to” so the sentence reads: “Nurses ought to be compassionate, truthful, forthcoming, and transparent when...”

Page 10, par. 3, line 1:

Delete “must” so the sentence reads: “As technology increasingly influences healthcare, nurses establish and maintain trust...”

Page 12, par. 2, line 12:

Replace “must also” with “ought to” so the sentence reads: “Care ought to be taken in identifying any impairment in one’s own practice and in seeking immediate assistance.”

Page 13:

par. 1, line 13: Replace “must” with “should” so the sentence reads: “... assignments cannot be arbitrary but should be factually based on their education...”

par. 2, line 1: Replace “must also” with “ought to” so the sentence reads: “Nurses ought to bring forward for discussion and review difficult issues...”

Page 14, par. 3, line 18:

Delete “must” so the sentence reads: “To maintain nursing practice authority, nurses address barriers surrounding rapid...”

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par. 1, line 11: Delete “must” so the sentence reads: “...or political movements, nurses use their education and knowledge...”

par. 4, line 4: Replace “must” with “should” so the sentence reads: “Nurses should not knowingly assign or delegate nursing assessment...”

Page 17, par. 2, line 4:

Replace “must” with “have a reasonable expectation that they will” so the sentence reads: “Nurses in an educator or preceptor role have a reasonable expectation that they will be provided with appropriate institutional support...”

Page 19, par. 2, line 3:

Add “ought to and” before “must” so that the sentence reads: “... encounter a conflict with their own personal beliefs, nurses ought to and must render compassionate...”

Page 23:

par. 2, line 1: Replace “must” with “have a reasonable expectation that they will” so the sentence reads: “...nurses have a reasonable expectation that they will be supported by a moral milieu that enables them to flourish.”

par. 2, line 2: Delete “must” so that the sentence reads: “Nurses contribute to the environment to foster virtuous nursing.”

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par. 2, line 7: Replace “must” with “ought to” so that sentence reads: “Nurses ought to engage in self-reflection to recognize biases...”

par. 2, line 12: Replace “must” with “ought to” so that sentence reads: “Nurses in all roles ought to strive to create a culture of inclusiveness..”

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par. 1, line 1: Replace “must” with “ought to” so that sentence reads: “They ought to seek to change enculturated activities or expectations...”

par. 3, line 10: Replace “must” with “should” so that the sentence reads: “... they should continue to be vocal advocates for improving working conditions..”

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par. 1, line 2: Replace “will” with “often” so that the sentence reads: “Resumption of work after a collective action often requires intentionally rebuilding...”

par. 2, line 7: Replace “professional” with “nursing” so that the sentence reads: “collaboration with nursing organizations, nurses can help secure the just economic and general welfare...”

Page 28, par. 2, line 2:

Replace “must” with “ought to” so that sentence reads: “All nurses ought to understand the elements of what makes research ethical...”

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par. 3, line 11: Replace “must” with “ought to” so that sentence reads: “Nurses ought to be alert to research that is not value-neutral.”

par. 3, line 14: Replace “must also” with “ought to” so that sentence reads: “Nurses ought to recognize that the existing evidence base...”

Page 30, par. 3, line 6:

Replace “must” with “should” so the sentence reads: “Nurses in leadership roles should foster institutional policies...”

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par. 2, line 5: Delete “must” so the sentence reads: “Nurses contribute to decisions involving the development...”

par. 2, line 9: Delete “must” so the sentence reads: “... nurses also consider the ways in which technologies are developed...”

par. 3, line 3: Replace “must” with “should” so the sentence reads: “...nurses should appreciate that ML, augmented intelligence, and AI...”

par. 3, line 11: Replace “must” with “should” so the sentence reads: “AI to expand nursing capacity but should also acknowledge that technologies ...”

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par. 3, line 1: Replace “must” with “ought to” so the sentence reads: “Nurses ought to ensure the ethical and responsible use of evolving technologies by critically questioning...”

par. 3, line 4: Replace “must also” with “ought to” so the sentence reads: “Nurses who are educators ought to emphasize the centrality of technology...”

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par. 2, line 5: Replace “must” with “should” so the sentence reads: “Nursing, with its partners, must ensure the education and distribution...”

par. 3, line 3: Add “ought to and” before “must” so the sentence reads: “Where there are human rights violations, nurses ought to and must stand up for those rights...”

Page 35:

par. 1, line 5: Replace “must” with “need to” so the sentence reads: “Teams need to develop creative solutions and innovative approaches...”

par. 1, line 7: Replace “must” with “ought to” so the sentence reads: “researchers from every discipline ought to ask the difficult questions...”

par. 3, line 2: Replace “must” with “ought to” so the sentence reads: “nurses ought to engage in discernment, carefully assessing their intentions...”

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par. 4, line 2: Add “ought to and” before “must” so the sentence reads: “... nursing organizations ought to and must first address the history of racism in nursing...”

par. 5, line 1: Add “ought to and” before “must” so the sentence reads: “Nurses ought to and must condemn all forms of oppression and demonstrate...”

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par. 1, line 12: Add “ought to and” before “must” so the sentence reads: “Nurses ought to and must advocate for more inclusive...”

par. 3, line 1: Replace “must” with “ought to” so the sentence reads: “Nursing must engage in ongoing self-reflection...”

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par. 1, line 2: Replace “must” with “ought to” so the sentence reads: “Nurses ought to take an active role in the democratic process...”

par. 2, line 10: Replace “must” with “have to” so the sentence reads: “Nurses have to be vigilant and build wide coalitions and influence leaders...”

Page 45, par. 5, line 6:

Replace “must” with “ought” so the sentence reads: “Care ought not be relegated solely to the domain of individuals and families.”

Page 54:

Definition of “Nursing organizations.” Delete “of nurses” and add “nursing” before “practice” so that it reads: “Groups and associations who affiliate to promote nursing practice, unity, and political advocacy,