



**CRPO / OPAO**

College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario  
Ordre des psychothérapeutes autorisés de l'Ontario

## **Code of Ethics**

***As a member of the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario, I strive to practise safely, effectively and ethically, and to uphold the following principles:***

### ***Autonomy & Dignity of All Persons***

To respect the privacy, rights and diversity of all persons; to reject all forms of harassment and abuse; and to maintain appropriate therapeutic boundaries at all times.

### ***Excellence in Professional Practice***

To work in the best interests of clients; to work within my skills and competencies; maintain awareness of best practices; and to pursue professional and personal growth throughout my career.

### ***Integrity***

To openly inform clients about options, limitations on professional services, potential risks and benefits; to recognize and strive to challenge my own professional and personal biases; and to consult on ethical dilemmas.

### ***Justice***

To strive to support justice and fairness in my professional and personal dealings, and stand against oppression and discrimination.

### ***Responsible Citizenship***

To participate in my community as a responsible citizen, always mindful of my role as a trusted professional; and to consult on potential conflicts-of-interest and other personal-professional challenges.

### ***Responsible Research***

To conduct only basic and applied research that potentially benefits society, and to do so safely, ethically and with the informed consent of all participants.

### ***Support for Colleagues***

To respect colleagues, co-workers, students, and members of other disciplines; to supervise responsibly; to work collaboratively; and to inspire others to excellence.

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