

The Center for Neuroacoustic Research International Registry of Certified Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists

Code of Ethics

MISSION STATEMENT

Dedicated to the healing of the Global Body of the Universe through the healing of individuals of which it is composed, the Center for Neuroacoustic Research, LLC, explores the matrix and boundaries of the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual bodies through clinical and scientific research; shares findings through publications and by educating and training future Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists; and by assisting individuals to personally heal and live their purpose.

This mission is rooted in CNR's core values and on the foundation upon which Scientific Neuroacoustic Therapy and Behavioral Psychoacoustic Therapy has its purpose and perspective, namely to assist and promote:

- the dignity and worth of each person and his/her roles in life.
- the natural inner order in which healing occurs.
- healing which is safe, non-invasive, and effective.
- maximum homeostasis as the non-stressed state for healing and healthy living.
- awareness and spiritual growth in the holistic healing process for those requesting this as an essential part of their personal growth
- contributions to universal and global healing of all creaturehood.

The principles that flow from these core values are delicately balanced within the context and complexity of the higher Self having a human experience.

PURPOSE OF THE CODE OF ETHICS

Professional ethics are very important and are at the core of any profession. Each profession has an obligation to articulate its basic values, ethical principles, and standards. The CNR Code of Ethics states these values, principles, and standards to guide the conduct of Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists™. The Code is relevant to all in the field of Sound, regardless of professional functions, the setting in which work occurs, or the client population served.

The CNR Code of Ethics serves six purposes:

- The Code identifies core values on which Neuroacoustic™ and Neuro-Integration™ Therapy are based.
- The Code summarizes broad ethical principles that reflect the profession's core values and establishes a set of specific ethical standards that can be a guide to a Neuroacoustic Sound Therapy practice and/or a Neuroacoustic Holistic stress-reduction educative practice.
- The Code is designed to help Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists to identify and discern when professional obligations conflict or ethical uncertainties arise.
- The Code provides ethical standards to which the general public can hold the Neuroacoustic Sound profession accountable.
- The Code introduces an individual new to the field of Neuroacoustic Sound Therapy/ Neuroacoustic Educative practice to its mission, values, ethical principles, and standards.
- The Code articulates standards the profession can use and to which Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists can ascribe as a means to cooperate in its implementation, to participate in adjudication proceedings, and abide by any CNR disciplinary rulings or sanctions based on it, should the occasion ever arise.

The Code only offers a set of values, principles, and standards to guide decision-making and conduct should ethical issues arise. It does not provide a set of rules that prescribe how Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists should act. Applications of the Code will consider the context in which it is being applied. Ethical responsibilities flow from all relationships, from the personal and familial to the social and professional.

Further, this Code of Ethics does not specify which values, principles, and standards are most important. Reasonable differences of opinion can and will exist among therapists per order of importance. Ethical decision-making encourages informed judgment and consideration of how the issues would be assessed in a peer review process where ethical standards of the profession would be applied. As the process of decision-making unfolds, decisions and actions will work well when consistent with the spirit as well as the letter of this Code.

Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists aware of the impact of their clients' and their own personal values, cultural and religious beliefs and practices, on decision-making, awareness of any conflicts between personal and professional values and a commitment to deal with them responsibly is recommended. For additional guidance, Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists are encouraged to consult relevant literature on professional ethics and ethical decision-making and seek appropriate consultation when faced with ethical dilemmas. This may involve consultation with an agency-based or organization's ethics committee, a regulatory body, knowledgeable colleagues, supervisors, or legal counsel. Instances may arise when Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists' ethical obligations conflict with agency policies or relevant laws or regulations. When such conflicts occur, an effort to resolve the conflict in a manner that is consistent with the values, principles, and standards expressed in this Code is encouraged. If a reasonable resolution of the conflict does not appear possible, Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists are encouraged to seek proper consultation before making a final decision.

Violation of standards in this Code does not imply legal liability or violation of the law. Alleged violations of the Code would be subject to a peer review process, however. Such processes are separate from legal or administrative procedures and are insulated from legal review or proceedings to allow the profession to counsel and guide its own members.

As a code of ethics cannot guarantee ethical behavior, neither can it resolve ethical issues or disputes or even capture the richness and complexity involved in striving to make responsible choices within a moral community. A code of ethics does set forth values, ethical principles and standards to which professionals aspire and by which their actions can be judged. One's ethical behavior results from their own beliefs and values and their own personal commitment to engage in ethical practice. The CNR Code of Ethics reflects the commitment of all Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists to uphold the profession's values and to act ethically.

ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

The following broad ethical principles are based on the core values of Neuroacoustic Sound Therapy and Educative assistance, which promote:

- personal healing which is safe, non-invasive, and effective.
- the dignity and worth of each person and the unique role each portrays in life.
- maximum homeostasis as the non-stressed state for healing and healthy living.
- the natural inner order in which healing occurs.
- integrity, honesty, competence, and empathy.
- awareness and spiritual growth in the holistic healing process for those requesting/ recognizing this as an essential part of their personal growth and well-being
- contributions to universal and global healing of all creaturehood.

Ethical Principle: Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists use scientific techniques to assist individuals

in need and to address the concerns and challenges of the person asking for assistance. They draw upon their knowledge, values, and skills from the field of Holistic Neuroacoustic Sound Therapy/ Education means to unlock and empower their client's own "Inner Physician"/ the Power within to heal and maintain them.

Value: To assist and promote the dignity and worth of the person and the unique role each portrays in Life.

Ethical Principle: Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists ascribe to and respect the inherent personal and spiritual worth and sanctity of each individual. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists treat each person in a caring and respectful manner, mindful of individual differences, cultural and ethnic diversity. They promote self-determination and personal freedom.

Value: To assist and promote maximum homeostasis as the non-stressed state for healing.

Ethical Principle: Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists understand and respect the inherent need for balance within a client's nervous system and ascribe to the proper use of the Bio-Tuning Program.

Value: To assist and promote the natural inner order in which healing occurs.

Ethical Principle: The physics and quantum physics of sound frequencies, health and wellbeing is understood and carefully followed to achieve maximum healing on all levels of existence for their clients.

Value: To assist and promote integrity, honesty, competence and empathy.

Ethical Principle: Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists behave in a trustworthy manner, fully aware of their own purpose and role, providing services according to the standards and tenets set forth during the didactic and experiential learning through CNR. They practice within their area of competence and continually strive to develop and enhance their professional expertise.

Value: To assist and promote awareness and spiritual growth in the holistic healing process for those requesting this as an essential part of their life purpose.

Ethical Principle: Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists understand the importance of personal growth which eventually leads to spiritual enrichment and fulfillment as an essential aspect of healing.

Value: To assist and promote contributions to universal and global healing of all creaturehood.

Ethical Principle: Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists strive to increase their professional knowledge and skills and to apply them, enhancing personal and thus global healing.

ETHICAL STANDARDS

The following ethical standards are relevant to the professional activities of all Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists. These standards concern ethical responsibilities to clients, to colleagues, in practice settings, as professionals, to the Neuroacoustic Sound Therapy and Educative Profession, to society, and to the Universe.

Some of the following standards are enforceable guidelines for professional conduct and some are recommended guidelines. The extent to which each standard is enforceable is a matter of professional judgment, exercised by those responsible for reviewing alleged violations of ethical standards.

1. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists Ethical Responsibilities to Clients

1.a Commitment to Clients

Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists primary responsibility is to promote the wellbeing of clients according to the Mission Statement and values stated above. At times a therapist's responsibility to the larger society or specific legal obligations may supersede the loyalty owed an individual client.

The client should be advised of this. An example of this type of situation would be the observance or awareness of abuse to another or the threat to harm oneself or another.

1.b. Informed Consent

1.b.1. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists provide service to clients in the context of a professional relationship. An informed consent is recommended. Clear, understandable language to inform clients of the purpose of the services, limits to services because of the requirements of a third-party payer, relevant costs, and reasonable alternatives is suggested. Clients are given an opportunity to ask questions.

1.b.2. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists who provide services via electronic media, such as computer or telephone, inform clients of the limitations and risks associated with such services.

1.b.3. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists obtain clients' informed consent before recording, videotaping or permitting observation of services to clients by a third party.

1.c Competence

1.c.1 Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists provide services and represent themselves as competent only within the boundaries of their education, training, license, certification, consultation received, supervised experience, or other relevant professional experience.

1.c.2. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists provide services new to them only after engaging in appropriate study, training, consultation, and supervision from those competent in the interventions or techniques.

1.d Conflicts of Interest

1.d.1. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists are alert to and avoid conflicts of interest that may interfere with the exercise of professional discretion and impartial judgment. Reasonable steps to resolve an issue in a manner that makes clients' interests primary and protects their interests to the greatest extent possible is taken as soon as an issue arises. In some cases, protecting clients' interests may require termination of the professional relationship with proper referral of the client.

1.d.2. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists do not take advantage of any professional relationship to further their own personal, religious, political, or business interests.

1.d.3. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists avoid dual or multiple relationships with clients or former clients in whom there is a risk of exploitation or potential harm to the client. In instances when dual or multiple relationships are unavoidable, Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists take steps to protect clients and are responsible for setting clear, appropriate, and culturally sensitive boundaries. (Dual or multiple relationships occur when professional, social, and/or business relationships occur simultaneously or consecutively.)

1.e Privacy and Confidentiality

1.e.1. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists respect clients' rights to privacy and do not solicit private information from clients unless it is essential to providing services or conducting evaluation or research. Once private information is shared, standards of confidentiality apply.

1.e.2. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists may disclose confidential information when appropriate with valid consent from a client or a person legally authorized to consent on behalf of a client.

1.e.3. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists protect the confidentiality of all information obtained in the course of professional service, except for compelling professional reasons. Disclosure may be necessary to prevent serious, foreseeable, and imminent harm to a client or other identifiable

person(s). In such cases, Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists disclose the least amount of confidential information necessary to achieve the desired purpose and only the information that is directly relevant to the purpose for which the disclosure is made.

1.e.4. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists inform clients, to the extent possible, about any necessary disclosure of confidential information and the potential consequences, when feasible, before disclosure is made, whether on the basis of a legal requirement or client consent.

1.e.5. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists protect the confidentiality of clients' written and electronic records and other sensitive information. Client records are stored in a secure location and are not available to others who are not authorized to have access.

1.f Access to Records

Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists provide clients with reasonable access to their personal records upon request.

1.g Sexual Relationships

1.g.1. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists do not engage in sexual activities with current clients, whether such contact is consensual or forced.

1.g.2. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists avoid sexual activities or sexual contact with clients' relatives or other individuals with whom clients maintain a close personal relationship when there is a risk of exploitation or potential harm to the client.

1.h Sexual Harassment

Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists do not enter into sexually harassment of any kinds. Including but not limited to sexual advances or solicitation, requests for sexual favors, touching, and other verbal or physical conduct which is of a sexual or seductive nature.

1.i Respectful Language

Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists use accurate and respectful language in all communications to and about clients.

1.j Payment for Services

When setting fees, Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists ensure their fees are fair, reasonable, and commensurate with services performed.

1.k Interruption of Services

Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists make reasonable efforts to ensure continuity of services in the event of unavailability, relocation, illness, disability, or death.

1.l Termination of Services

1.l.1. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists terminate services to clients and professional relationships with them when such services and relationships are no longer required or no longer serve the clients' needs or interests.

1.l.2. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists in fee-for-service settings may terminate services to clients who are not paying an overdue balance if the financial contractual arrangements have been made clear to the client, if the client does not pose an imminent danger to self or others, and if the clinical and other consequences of the current nonpayment have been addressed and discussed with the client.

1.1.3. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists who anticipate the termination or interruption of service to clients would do well to notify clients promptly and seek a transfer, referral, or some source of continuation of services as needed.

2. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists Ethical Responsibilities toward Colleagues

2.a Respect

Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists treat colleagues with respect and represent accurately and fairly the qualifications, views, obligations, and responsibilities of colleagues.

2.b Referral for Services

Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists refer clients to other professionals when the other professionals' specialty will serve a client's needs more effectively.

3. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists Ethical Responsibilities in Practice Settings

3.a Education and Training

3.a.1. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapist Diplomates who function as educators, trainers or field instructors for students and interns provide instruction only within their areas of knowledge, competence and instruction, based on the most current information and knowledge available through CNR.

3.a.2. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapist Diplomates who function as educators, trainers or field instructors for students and interns evaluate students' performance in a manner that is fair and respectful.

3.2.3. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapist Diplomates who function as educators, trainers or field instructors for students and interns take reasonable steps to ensure that clients are routinely informed when services are being provided by interns.

3.b Client Records

3.b.1. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists take reasonable steps to ensure that documentation in records is accurate and reflects the services provided.

3.b.2. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists include sufficient and timely documentation in records to facilitate the delivery of services and to ensure continuity of services provided to clients in the future.

3.b.3. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists documentation protects clients' privacy to the extent that is possible and appropriate and includes only information that is directly relevant to the delivery of services.

3.b.4. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists store records following the termination of services to ensure reasonable future access. Records are maintained for the number of years required by state statutes or relevant contracts.

4. Billing

Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists establish and maintain billing practices that accurately reflect the nature and extent of services provided, the identity of the provider and of the patient or client;

5. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists Ethical Responsibilities as Professionals

5.a. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists accept service responsibility or employment on the basis of existing competence.

5.b. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists strive to become and remain proficient in professional practice and the performance of professional functions.

6. Discrimination

Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists accept and respect the dignity and worth of each person and the unique roles each has to play in life.

7. Private Conduct

Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists do not permit private conduct to interfere with their ability to fulfill their professional responsibilities.

8. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists Ethical Responsibilities to the Neuroacoustic Sound Profession

8.a Integrity of the Profession

8.a.1. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists work toward the maintenance and promotion of high standards of practice.

8.a.2. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists uphold and advance the values, ethics, knowledge, and mission of the profession. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists protect, enhance, and improve the integrity of the profession through appropriate practice, study, and research.

8.a.3. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists act to prevent the unauthorized and unqualified practice of Neuroacoustic Sound Therapy/Education for the protection of consumers.

8.b Evaluation and Research

8.b.1. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists promote and facilitate evaluation and research to contribute to the development of knowledge in the field of Neuroacoustic Sound Therapy and Education.

8.b.2. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists examine emerging knowledge relevant to Neuroacoustic Sound.

8.b.3. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists engage in Neuroacoustic Sound Therapy Research in collaboration with CNR as indicated.

9. Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists Ethical Responsibilities to the Universe

Neuroacoustic Sound Therapists promote the general welfare of society, from local to global levels, and the development of its people, communities and environments, by assisting individuals to heal in all modes as desired and by personally living their lives to the best of their abilities.

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NB: The term “client” encapsulates the understanding of “patient” for those licensed to attend individuals as patients.