

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

The American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists (AOCA) has adopted this Code of Ethics from the American Osteopathic Association (AOA). The AOCA expects and requires all members to abide by the letter and spirit of this code. Members are expected to report to AOCA headquarters, in writing, any violations of this code. Violations of this code are subject to discipline in the judgment of the AOCA Board of Directors, including revocation of membership.

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Code of Ethics is a document that applies to all physicians who practice osteopathically throughout the continuum of their careers, from enrollment in osteopathic medical college/school through post graduate training and the practice of osteopathic medicine. It embodies principles that serve as a guide to the prudent physician. It seeks to transcend economic, political, and religious biases, when dealing with patients, fellow physicians, and society. It is flexible in nature to permit the AOA to consider all circumstances, both anticipated and unanticipated. The physician/patient relationship and the professionalism of the physician are the basis for this document.