



ATHA Ethics Statement

This statement for ethical practice is to be signed by all ATHA members to ensure that ethical practice is conducted by all members of ATHA. While it is a comprehensive statement, there may be occasions on which the ATHA Committee may decide that a behaviour or practice by a member that is not covered by the statement below breaches ethical practice, and as such exposes the member to some form of discipline or censure by the Committee.

Competence and Qualifications:

I will perform only those duties for which I have been adequately trained, not engaging in any practices outside of my area(s) of competence. I will state my qualifications, titles, and professional affiliation(s) accurately and work within the scope of practice of therapeutic harpists. I will always act in a professional manner, working as a Certified Therapeutic Harp Practitioner with integrity, keeping the interest of the client I am serving as my priority.

I will respect the client's rights and dignity, providing therapeutic harp music based upon each client's unique needs, and with respect for individual client differences.

I will respect the rights of others to hold values, attitudes, diversity of cultural traditions, and musical preferences and opinions. This interaction that will not discriminate against any client based on nationality, race, belief, colour, age, gender, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status or political affiliation.

Permissions:

I will obtain the client's or family/caregiver's permission or obtain permission from facility staff members for a therapeutic harp music session. As a Certified Therapeutic Harp Practitioner, I will observe the regulations, policies and procedures of my employers while maintaining professional confidentiality. All client information and records, and all information observed or shared in client interaction will be held as confidential according to Australian Privacy Rules requirements.

I will seek permission before I take any photographs of residents, patients and others. Photographs will be used for the promotion of harp therapy only

Practice and Personal Awareness:

I will practice with integrity, honesty, fairness and respect for others. I will not engage in any type of discriminatory or exploitive relationship(s). I will report any serious ethical violations that I have observed to the appropriate agency or persons. I will refrain from discussing my personal problems or issues with those seeking my professional services. I will perform my work as a Certified Therapeutic Harp Practitioner with integrity, always keeping the interest of the client I am serving as my priority. I will care for myself physically and emotionally in ways that will assure I am at my best. I will use my best professional judgment, interpersonal skills, and etiquette when interacting with clients, families, and facility staff. My appearance and dress will be appropriate, professional and respectful. I will avoid actions that promote self-interest at the expense of the profession, and I will uphold the standards of my employer/contractor with honour and dignity.

Camaraderie:

I will work cooperatively to the best of my ability with nurses, physicians, therapeutic musicians, colleagues and other members of the client's health care team and staff in those facilities where I serve. I will not knowingly damage the professional reputation or practice of others.

Continuing Education:

I will strengthen my abilities as a Therapeutic Harp Practitioner through continuing practice and education, and mentoring from my peers. I will strive to increase my level of knowledge and skills, while promoting and staying up-to-date with current research within the profession.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Consent to Photography

I

give permission for photography of myself and

_____ who is a Therapeutic Harpist working at

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Signed:

Dated: