

Utilization of AI and Other Hot Topics in Ethics

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Attribution Considerations (Avoiding Plagiarism)

ASHA Principle of Ethics IV, Rule L

Common Themes of Ethics Inquiries (>3000 annually)

Documentation lapses	Billing and coding	Conflicts of interest
Social media use	Unlicensed practice	Employer demands
Supervision issues	Sexual misconduct	Client abandonment
Impaired practitioners	Confidentiality	Failure to disclose

ASHA Code of Ethics (2023) Revisions

<https://www.asha.org/siteassets/publications/code-of-ethics-2023.pdf>

<https://leader.pubs.asha.org/doi/10.1044/2023-0403-ethics-revisions-aud-slp/full/>

ASHA Schools Survey Reports

<https://www.asha.org/siteassets/surveys/2020-schools-survey-audiologist-summary-report.pdf>

<https://www.asha.org/siteassets/surveys/2020-schools-survey-slp-workforce.pdf>

<https://www.asha.org/siteassets/surveys/2022-schools-survey-audiologist-summary-report.pdf>

<https://www.asha.org/siteassets/surveys/2022-schools-slp-summary.pdf>

ASHA Board of Ethics Decisions <https://www.asha.org/practice/ethics/boe-decisions/>

(Note: Only cases with public sanctions are published. Cases resulting in (private) reprimand, for example, are not published by ASHA. LBESPA must make public all disciplinary action per federal statute and regulations.)

2024 – Of the 8 cases presented, Sanctions include Censure in 4 cases, Suspension in 1 case, Revocation of Membership and Certification in 1 case, and Withholding of Membership and Certification in 2 cases. Rationales include: Billing for services not rendered, criminal conviction for felony child molestation and sexual exploitation, failure to return records and documentation of clinical services, falsification of medical records, negligence in misusing therapy time for personal matters and failure to provide therapy, health-related issues interfered with ability to provide SLP services; Failure to supervise SLPA, unlicensed practice.

BOE Decisions – Participant notes:

LBESPA Disciplinary Action Examples <https://www.lbespa.org/index.cfm/licensee/disciplinary-action>

- Supervisor allowed SLP Assistant to administer, score, and interpret tests, and sign documents as “SLPA”
- Assistant practiced without appropriate supervision (minimum indirect supervision not provided)
- Supervisor allowed supervisee to treat patient for conditions the patient did not have
- SLP found asleep in patient’s room during scheduled session and failed to show for other sessions but billed for sessions
- Falsification of therapy services/billing for services not rendered

LBESPA Discipline – Participant notes:

Ethics Quiz – Participant notes:

Social Media and the Code of Ethics <https://www.asha.org/practice/ethics/ethical-use-of-social-media/>

- No code provision that explicitly addresses or is directly applicable to posting offensive remarks
- Where statements posted violate applicable defamation laws, a Code violation may exist.
- Other ethical considerations: breach of confidentiality, misrepresentation.

If I use ChatGPT am I in violation of the Code of Ethics?

What is ChatGPT?

- Chat Generative Pre-trained Transformer
- It’s a text generator – it uses AI to produce written copy. Can be used to create text on various topics.

Where you can go wrong with ChatGPT:

- Relying on ChatGPT’s “facts”
- Using ChatGPT to create content that is not your own
- Failing to comply with employer policies regarding AI
- Failing to disclose you used ChatGPT to create content
- Giving ChatGPT confidential information
- Not understanding that ChatGPT has inherent biases

Related Questions:

- If I use ChatGPT, am I committing plagiarism?
- Do I need to cite content that was created by ChatGPT?

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

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