

CODE OF ETHICS

of the Non-commercial Partnership on Assistance in Supporting of Social Programs in the Sphere of Healthcare “Equal Right to Life”

1. General Principles

1.1. This document establishes the rules for interaction of the Non-commercial Partnership on Assistance in Supporting of Social Programs in the Sphere of Healthcare “Equal Right to Life” (NP “Equal Right to Life”) with patients’ associations, non-profit organizations, professional medical societies, with organizations and individuals producing or selling goods, or providing works or services for medical purposes, or acting on their behalf or in their interests, as well as with government authorities.

1.2. The basic principles governing the NP “Equal Right to Life” in these types of contacts are:

- Integrity and honesty;
- Mutual respect and equality;
- Transparency;
- Socially useful cooperation.

1.3. The basic purpose of development of this Code is the arrangement of the NP “Equal Right to Life” work in accordance with the above mentioned principles, allowing to achieve high efficiency and ensure mutually complementary activities aimed at improving the quality of medical and social care at all stages of prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of patients and people with disabilities.

1.4. Compliance with the standards set forth in this Code is mandatory for all staff and members of the NP “Equal Right to Life”, as well as for those wishing to become members of the NP “Equal Right to Life”.

2. Integrity

2.1. Unfair obtaining of confidential information about patients' associations, professional societies, manufacturers and marketers of medical products, and other organizations and state authorities is prohibited.

2.2. The information provided to third parties should be objective and factual. This information should not be misleading or used as an instrument of influence on a third party.

2.3. Any cooperation must meet all legislative and regulatory requirements applicable to the NP “Equal Right to Life” and other organization.

2.4. Events organized by the NP “Equal Right to Life” shall be conducted at locations which facilitate achievement of scientific or informational purposes of these events that is why they shall be organized in educational and cultural institutions, business centers, at health care institutions.

2.5. Hospitality shall be limited to providing soft drinks and/or snacks, refreshments should play a secondary role to the event.

2.6. The NP “Equal Right to Life” should not provide paid services for manufacturers or marketers of medical products (works, services) aimed at promotion of their goods, works or services.

3. Mutual respect

3.1. The NP “Equal Right to Life” and other organizations should respect each other’s principles, goals and objectives.

3.2. Organizations must be equal participants in co-operation, regardless of the direction and scope of activities, size of the organization, the degree of prominence and importance to the public, and the organization's budget.

3.3. Joint projects implemented within the framework of collaboration shall be executed by the parties in the form of written agreement, which could be a letter, an agreement or other document as agreed by the parties, and contain the following positions (in full or in part): purpose of cooperation, contribution of each party, expected results and timeframe, provided support, use of funding, additional terms (use of logo, informing the public about the collaboration).

3.4. Method of managing joint activities and a list of partners involved are determined by agreement between parties before beginning of joint activities on the basis of respect, equality and transparency. Parties are free to cooperate with other organizations at their sole discretion, provided that it is either agreed by all parties involved, or is a part of another project.

3.5. Prior to the beginning of joint activities a formal process should be coordinated of approval and printing of all publications and materials produced within the frameworks of such cooperation.

4. Transparency

4.1. The NP “Equal Right to Life” makes clear statement about collaboration and cooperation with other organizations or individuals, including disclosure of information on funding, volunteer contributions and other assistance in socially significant work provided by them.

4.2. Exchange of information, joint activities, educational activities, and activities to promote ideas in the media, activities aimed at ensuring the availability of state-of-the-art and effective methods of prevention, diagnosis and treatment are welcomed.

4.3. Information about this collaboration is available at website of the NP “Equal Right to Life” where areas and objectives of cooperation are published, as agreed with the partner party. Publication of this information should be regulated by relevant written agreement

4.4. However, in the course of any interaction the NP “Equal Right to Life” shall not disclose any confidential information obtained in the context of joint activities, except when such a disclosure is required by law.

5. Socially useful cooperation

5.1. The partnership between the parties should be socially useful and mutually beneficial.

5.2. For the NP “Equal Right to Life” benefit from such cooperation means improving the quality of medical and social care, access to appropriate and innovative technologies for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases of social significance, and means of rehabilitation for disabled people.

5.3. In implementing any format of cooperation parties are equal partners, the joint activities of which are coordinated. Such cooperation is based on mutual benefit, negotiated through discussion before the events.

6. Responsibility

6.1. All employees of the NP “Equal Right to Life”, dealing with matters covered by this Code, shall be responsible for compliance with provisions herein and are required to inform their partners about applicable requirements.

6.2. In the event of any departure from this Code or in the event of incompliance this Code of employees, members or partner organizations of the NP “Equal Right to Life”, appropriate actions should be undertaken and/or sanctions imposed.

6.3. In all matters not regulated by this Code, current legislation of the Russian Federation should be adhered.