



## **POLICY ON CODE OF ETHICS**

**KIMS Dental College and Hospital** has always been and will always be an organization which maintains quality, originality and honesty in doing research activity in the college which inspires the students and the faculty to innovate and experiment but within the boundaries of professional ethics.

All the students and faculty before becoming a part of the KIMS family has to strictly abide by the following rules which we have set to maintain the moral values while conducting study on anything and there will be no exceptions. This code is made to ensure the researcher is conducting himself or herself during the research and is following the ethical values and procedures which cause no harm to man or environment, thus maintaining the balance between man and nature.

## **PLAGIARISM**

We expect all the researchers to follow and accept the parameters which are set priorly to start of the study in order to avoid any plagiarism. Necessary acknowledgements and citations should be done before giving to publication in order to avoid rejection of the study by the software. Care should be taken that the study done is absolutely original and doesn't duplicate or resemble any of the studies in the past.

## **ETHICS IN DATA ACCOUNTABILITY**

Data collected during the research or study is the property of KIMS Dental College as the facilities and funding is provided by the institution. It is the responsibility of the researcher to make sure the collection of data and its interpretation is done ethically. Any manipulation or hiding of the results is considered very unprofessional and necessary action will be taken on the person. It is the duty of the researcher to provide true data regardless of the positive or negative impact of the study.

## **PUBLICATION**

Depending upon the type of the study and number of persons involved, credit should be given to the personnel, mentioning the role played during study, regardless of how minimal the contribution it may be. Similarly, when the researcher uses the organization out of the college it should be mentioned along with the type of aid it gave in the particular research. Following these ethical values will encourage organizations to co-operate with each other in future for better studies. It should be noted that the study/research should be sent for publication on one at a time. Approaching multiple publication platforms simultaneously is considered very unprofessional.

## **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

It is advised for the researcher to approach the college management to seek advice on applying for any patent regarding their research as it would be profitable for both the college and the researcher so that all the hard work and effort that is put into the research/study will not go in vain.

## STANDARDS OF ECONOMIC INTEGRITY

KIMS Dental College and Hospital is primarily a teaching organization which helps students to innovate, research and study various aspects related to dental and oral-maxillofacial aspects of a human body. The Institution expects all the personnel who avail this opportunity to appreciate and follow the rules set out by the college to avoid any conflict of interest.

## ETHICS COMMITTEE

**The Ethics Committee** promotes the following values in the conduct and management of research:

**Ethics:** All the research has to within the parameters set by the ethical committee causing no harm to the individual or the environment while doing the study. All the necessary safety precautions should be taken to protect the integrity of the research/study.

**Transparency:** Various steps undertaken during the course of the study or research should be reported to the concerned faculty and the data collected should be hand overed to the personnel overseeing the same. It is done to identify the mishaps in the early stages and correct the course of the study accordingly. It also helps to maintain honesty and transparency of the study.

**Accountability:** Researchers will have to follow the rules and regulations put forward by the ethical committee which helps to avoid unnecessary instances of miscommunication, misconduct, misinterpretation, etc. which will compromise the study. The role of the Ethical Committee is to maintain the integrity and standards of the organization. Necessary steps are taken by the committee to make sure the research/study are done within the rights of all concerned parties.

**A Research Ethical Committee** is a group of responsible individuals who are appointed to approve, scrutinize, guide and monitor the research from the stage of proposal to the stage of reviewing the results making sure the research is ethical and respecting the dignity, rights, safety and well-being of the people who take part in it.

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