

## AOA Code of Conduct: Irregular and Improper Behavior

Please take time to familiarize yourself with the following AOA Code of Conduct: Irregular and Improper Behavior.

### **Policy**

Board examination results and questions of improper conduct are reviewed by Board members. Improper behavior, including but not limited to, giving, receiving or otherwise obtaining unauthorized information or assistance, looking at or utilizing the test material of others, taking notes, failing to comply with computer site staff instructions, talking with other candidates or other disruptive behavior will be considered cause for review of conduct and a possible violation of the certification process. Candidates must not discuss the examination while the session is in progress. Candidates must not disclose the contents of the examination to others or reproduce the examination or any portion of the examination in any manner, including without limitation reconstruction through memorization, electronic means, or dictation. All examinations of this Board are copyrighted and protected by Federal law. The above policies apply to all examination given by the AOBFP.

It is a criminal offense to copy or reproduce any portion of the certifying examinations. The Board will monitor examinations for irregular or improper behavior by direct observation, statistical analysis, and by other means. Irregular or improper behavior will constitute grounds for invalidation of the candidate's examination and the Board reserves the right to invoke other sanctions, such as exclusion from future examinations, revocation of board certification, and reporting misconduct to licensing bodies or law enforcement agencies.

Questions regarding the policy may be directed to [aobfp@osteopathic.org](mailto:aobfp@osteopathic.org).

Sincerely,  
The American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians