

Ethics Corner

Welcome to the final installment of our series spotlighting the AADOCR/IADR Code of Ethics. This month, we focus on **Conflicts of Interest & Disclosures**, a cornerstone principle ensuring objectivity and public trust.

The Code expects researchers to disclose **financial** conflicts, such as funding sources, stock ownership, and consulting fees. Researchers should also disclose **personal** relationships that could influence judgment. **Intellectual** conflicts arise from preconceived biases toward specific outcomes. Conflicts can be real or merely perceived, but the Code expects full disclosure of any potential conflicts to institutions, journals, funders, and collaborators. Proactive disclosure protects science's credibility.



This concludes our series, where we've explored Human Subjects & Vulnerable Populations (Nov), Ethical Mentoring (Dec), Scientific Information Dissemination (Jan), and Ethical Use of Animals (Feb). But the Code offers much more: international collaborations, diversity/equity/inclusion, harassment prevention, and misconduct reporting.

The AADOCR/IADR Code of Ethics provides timeless guidance, and emerging challenges like AI bring even greater opportunities to apply these principles.

We invite you to continue the conversation at the 2026 IADR Meeting

Join us at the "Ethics in AI Times: Impact on Research Spectrum from Protocol to Publication" symposium on March 26, 2026, 8–9:30 a.m.

The session will apply Code principles to AI challenges across research—from IRB protocols to publication—featuring interactive discussion. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your ethical practice. See you in San Diego!

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To learn more, please visit the [IADR/AADOCR Code of Ethics](#) and review its recommendations for responsible research dissemination.