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1. Act in an objective and professional manner to help individuals and groups, particularly with regard to communication and swallowing.
2. Respect the rights and dignity of all individuals.
3. Serve clients, regardless of race, religion, gender, socioeconomic status, culture, belief, or politics.
4. Ensure the services are accessible and there is equity of access to services for clients; such equity being determined by objective consideration of need and not compromised by prejudice or favour.
5. Conduct services to the best of his or her ability.
6. Maintain at all times the professional knowledge and practice and acknowledge the limits of these.
7. Strive to continually update and extend his professional knowledge and skills.
8. Refer any individuals under care to appropriate professionals for management whenever necessary.
9. Treat as confidential the information received in the workplace.
10. Work co-operatively with colleagues to meet the needs of clients, the community, and the profession.
11. Ensure that professional integrity is not influenced by motives of profit.
12. Accept responsibility for reporting illegal activities or unethical conduct to the appropriate authorities.
13. Take proper care and use discretion to protect the well-being of clients when delegating speech therapy procedures to staff, carers, students, and volunteers.
14. Anticipate, disclose, and resolve any potential, perceived or actual conflicts of interest proactively.