

CODE OF ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR REGRESSION RESEARCH AND THERAPIES, INC. (IARRT)

PREAMBLE

The concept of past lives is both ancient and established, while at the same time, a new and emerging field of study which combines a unique understanding and application of interdisciplinary principles, philosophical premises, and knowledge from many fields including philosophy, theology, science, psychology, and the healing arts. As a therapeutic modality, it reflects simultaneously the wisdom of the past and the dynamics and change of an expanding knowledge and understanding of its principles and their application.

The International Association for Regression Research and Therapies, Inc. (IARRT), fosters the progressive development of the use of Past-Lives Therapy: the advancement of research in the field; the improvement of standards of practice; the development of standards of practice; and provision of vehicles for the exchange of information and developments in this field.

All members of the International Association for Regression Research and Therapies, Inc. (IARRT), regardless of their category of membership, share with one another and with the public-at-large a bond of ethical responsibility. The canons contained herein represent the minimum acceptable philosophical, moral, and ethical standards to which we, as an association and as individual members thereof, ascribe, adhere, and which we support.

CANON I

The practitioner of past-life therapy and/or research maintains objectivity, integrity, and competence in meeting the highest standards of the profession. Practitioners who are also licensed therapists and/or certified members of other affiliated professions also conduct their practice within the standards promulgated by law and/or their respective professional association or certifying body.

CANON II

All members of the Association, regardless of their category of membership and whether otherwise licensed or certified or not, do not misrepresent their professional qualifications, affiliations, and purposes.

- A. All members, whether licensed or certified or not, perform only those functions for which they are qualified.
- B. All members have the ethical responsibility to give full and complete disclosure of their training, qualifications, and competencies to prospective clients, as well as to provide a complete and adequate description of proposed therapy, research project, or other services.

CANON III

All members seek to protect the public from all those who are not qualified to practice by reason of a deficiency in education, preparation, competence, emotional stability, or ethical standards.

- A. Members assess and evaluate their own competencies, skills, abilities, and limitations, and assist other members to do the same.
- B. Members seek ongoing opportunities to acquire additional knowledge and skills through regular participation in training programs, pre- and post-conference seminars and other opportunities offered both within IARRT and through other appropriate providers and encourage other members to do the same.
- C. Members have the obligation to make known to the Board of the Association information of inappropriate professional practices by any member.
 - 1. Whenever possible, members should first seek the cessation/modification of the inappropriate practice through direct dialog with the member whose practices are being questioned.
 - 2. Should this not result in a satisfactory remedy, the member shall then inform the Board in writing of the inappropriate practice(s) providing full and accurate information and outlining what prior course of action, if any, had been undertaken.
 - 3. Upon being informed of such allegations, the Board of the Association shall undertake a timely and thorough investigation thereof and if prompt remedy is not obtained, then initiate such action as would be necessary to give warning, or to suspend or revoke the membership status of the offending member. The Board shall initiate and promulgate the procedures by which these actions would be undertaken and conducted.

CANON IV

Members maintain the confidentiality of any and all information regarding clients within the limitations and guarantees as provided by law and in accordance with the standards of ethical practice as recognized within the helping professions.

- A. Members protect the identity of their clients from public disclosure.
- B. Members obtain, in writing, full disclosure consent from their clients for the use of any information, verbal, written, or pictorial, acquired during the course of any professional relationship which might be used for any publication or educational purpose. Full disclosure shall include the purpose(s) for which this information will be used and the procedures enacted to protect the confidentiality of the client.
- C. Members shall adhere to the generally accepted guidelines within the academic

disciplines as regards the conducting of research and experimentation.

- D. Members are ethical in respecting and safeguarding the professional works and original ideas of others, and give full credit and appropriate citation for such works and ideas when used in publications.

CANON V

Members exercise prudent dignity and discretion to promote, encourage, and facilitate public awareness and understanding of the field.

- A. Members avoid sensationalism, inaccuracies, and false or misleading claims in relaying information to the public.
- B. Except as permitted by existing laws, members provide no information to the general public by any means including but not limited to any form of printed or broadcast media which may be construed as providing or offering to provide diagnosis or treatment.
- C. Members adhere to generally accepted guidelines and standards of good taste in informing the general public of the availability of their services.
- D. Members do not contrive nor participate in a referral system with or among other professionals for the purpose of receiving or giving fees for such referrals.

I will abide and support the above canons.

Signed _____

Print Name _____

Date _____

Return one copy to the IARRT Office and keep one copy for your records.
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IARRT ETHICS COMMITTEE

Procedural Guidelines for Resolution of Complaints

Statement of Scope and Purpose

The Ethics Committee of the Board of Directors of the International Association for Regression Research and Therapies, Inc. (IARRT) is formed in accordance with the Code of Ethical Responsibility and the Bylaws of the Association and is empowered to receive and investigate reports of possible violations of the Code and/or Bylaws. Further, the Committee shall then report to the IARRT Board of Directors and/or the President of the Association its findings and recommendations. The Committee is founded in accordance with the obligation which is incumbent upon all professional organizations and associations namely to receive and investigate any and all complaints concerning the ethical practices of the membership and to make appropriate recommendations to the Board. Accordingly, then, the Ethics Committee shall be responsible to do the following:

- A. Receive and investigate complaints concerning the ethical practices of members.
- B. Inform both the complaining person(s) and the member(s) about whom the complaint has been issued of the process and procedure by which complaints are received, investigated, and resolved.
 1. The primary goal shall be to seek direct dialog and resolution between the complaining person(s) and the member(s) about whom the complaint is being made.
 2. That failing, the next step shall be to conduct a timely and thorough investigation of the complaint and then to make a report to the IARRT Board of Directors, detailing the complaint, the results of the investigation, and committee's recommendations.

Procedures

1. Should anyone, whether a member of IARRT or not, have a concern about the ethical practices of an IARRT member, the first course of action normally should be to seek redress of the concern by a direct dialog between the concerned person(s) and the member(s) about whom there is concern.
2. If the complaining person(s) is unable to attain a satisfactory resolution of the concern, then the complaint/concern must be submitted **in writing** to the Chairperson of the Ethics Committee and must include at least the following:
 - A. The name and mailing address of the complainant.
 - B. The name and mailing address of the IARRT member(s) about whom the complaint is being made.
 - C. The specific nature of the complaint: what has occurred, when, where, together with all

other pertinent details concerning the practice(s) being questioned.

- D. The steps taken to attempt to resolve the concern including insofar as possible, a chronology of such steps.
 - E. Whatever other information the complainant deems relevant to the substantiation of the complaint.
3. Upon receipt of the written complaint, the Chairperson of the Ethics Committee shall:
- A. Notify as soon as possible in writing the IARRT member(s) about whom the complaint has been presented, providing the member(s) with specific information concerning the complaint, and, whenever possible, a photocopy of the complaint.
 - B. Notify the members of the Ethics committee of the complaint and provide them with copies thereof and whatever other pertinent data which might be available.
 - C. Initiate, together with the members of the committee and any other IARRT Board members and/or others as may be appointed by and/or approved by the President of IARRT, a timely and thorough investigation concerning the nature and validity of the complaint. This may include, but is not limited to, collection of written and/or oral statements from both the complainant(s) and the member(s) against whom the complaint has been made, as well as statements and other substantiating data from third parties who might have knowledge of or information about the matter.
 - D. Complete the investigative phase as timely as possible and upon completion thereof, prepare for the Board of Directors a report which contains the findings of the Committee and its recommendations(s).

Recommendations may include such options as:

- (1.) no apparent violation – no Board action recommended
 - (2.) apparent violation with:
 - a. letter of caution
 - b. letter of warning
 - c. letter of censure
 - d. suspension of membership
 - 1. temporary for a specified period of time
 - 2. permanent suspension/revocation
 - e. referral to civil authorities
- E. Inform, in writing, the member(s) against whom the complaint(s) has/have been made, of the findings of the Committee and its recommendations(s) to the Board.