



MOHCCN Researcher Code of Conduct _ V1

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1. Introduction

The goal of the Marathon of Hope Cancer Centre Network (MOHCCN) is to accelerate the adoption of Precision Medicine for cancer through the creation of a pan-Canadian network of designated Cancer Centres. This Network represents a powerful collaborative opportunity. The Network supports the unification of top-tier cancer researchers and clinicians and the sharing of data, the development and validation of exciting new technologies such as artificial intelligence and the delivery of the best outcomes for every cancer patient in Canada, no matter where they live.

Key to the success of the Network are the shared values, principles and practices of the Marathon of Hope Research Community that are embedded in the MOHCCN Researcher Code of Conduct and apply both to individual community members and their host Institutions. These shared values, principles and practices guide the expectations of those that are using MOHCCN data to further the adoption of precision medicine in Canada.

2. Respect for people

All members of the Network shall be treated with respect, dignity and fairness and a Network environment will be created that promotes engagement, openness, and transparency. The diversity of our people and the ideas they generate are the source of our innovation.

Members of the Network shall respect human dignity and the value of every person by:

- Treating every person with respect and fairness. and valuing diversity and the benefit of combining the unique qualities and strengths inherent in a diverse group of researchers
- Helping to create and maintain safe and healthy interactions that are free from harassment and discrimination
- Working together in a spirit of openness, honesty and transparency that encourages engagement, collaboration, and respectful communication

3. Integrity

a. *By upholding the highest ethical standards, network members accrue and enhance public confidence in the honesty, fairness, and impartiality of their research.*

Network members shall serve the public interest by:

- Acting at all times with integrity and in a manner that will stand up to the closest public scrutiny, an obligation that may not be fully satisfied by simply acting within the law
- Never using their roles to inappropriately obtain an advantage for themselves or to advantage or disadvantage others
- Taking all possible steps to prevent and resolve any real, apparent or potential conflicts of interest between their responsibilities and their private affairs
- Acting in such a way as to maintain the trust of their network colleagues
- Acting with academic integrity, where data/results/interpretation will be approached with an honest and unbiased view, and will be reported in an open and honest manner

b. *As network members, we engage fairly and openly to earn credibility and inspire trust.*

- We are truthful and ethical
- We respect confidentiality in dealings with colleagues
- We declare and manage conflicts between our private interests and official roles
- We promote shared understanding
- We are consistent and fair in dealing with others
- We engage in areas where we have demonstrated competence
- We acknowledge and learn from our mistakes
- We ensure effective participation and that all voices be heard in meetings

4. Collaboration

As network members, we actively collaborate to acquire the knowledge and expertise needed to generate more efficient solutions.

- We promote teamwork and information sharing to leverage our strengths
- We actively seek partnerships for mutual benefit and commit to providing fair attribution and credit
- We value our relationships with external partners and acknowledge their role in our success
- We respect the patients who have provided data/tissue, and without their participation this would work not be possible

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