Code of Conduct for Communities

Community Rules, Etiquette and Privacy Guidelines

Thank you for being part of our community. To ensure the best possible experience for all Endocrine Society members and contributors to our online community, we have established some basic guidelines for participation.

By joining and using this community, you agree that you have read and will follow these rules and guidelines. You also agree to limit discussions and content (including shared files) to what is best suited to this type of online community. This is a great medium to solicit the advice of your peers, benefit from their experience, and participate in ongoing conversations. Please also note in the United States, this community is not HIPAA compliant so you should not share any personal information about any cases that you might post. Questions about the community itself should be directed to community@endocrine.org.

Please take a moment to become familiar with these important guidelines. In order to preserve a climate that encourages respectful, civil and fruitful dialogue, we reserve the right to suspend or terminate membership in this community and/or in our Society for anyone who violates these rules.

The Rules

- Do not challenge or attack others. The discussions and comments are meant to stimulate conversation, not to create contention. A healthy debate around the issues is fine, please try not to make it personal. Let others have their say, just as you may.
- Do not post commercial messages on any discussion list, resource library entry, or other area where others might see it.
- Use caution when discussing products. Information posted on the lists and in the libraries is available for all to see, and comments are subject to libel, slander, and antitrust laws.
- All defamatory, abusive, profane, threatening, offensive, or illegal materials are strictly prohibited.
- Do not post information that is confidential, proprietary, or constitutes a trade secret.
- Please note carefully all items listed in the disclaimer and legal rules below, particularly regarding the copyright ownership of information posted.
- Do not reproduce postings of others in other forums or media without the author's permission.
- Do not post anything you would not want the world to see or you would not want anyone to know came from you. While these rules prohibit reposting without permission of the author, we cannot guarantee everyone will comply.
- Post your message or documents only to the most appropriate groups. Do not spam several groups with the same message.
- All messages must add to the body of knowledge. We reserve the right to reject any message for any reason.

Discussion Group Etiquette
• State concisely and clearly the topic of your comments in the subject line. This allows members to respond more appropriately to your posting and makes it easier for members to search the archives by subject.
• Include only the relevant portions of the original message in your reply. Delete any header information and put your response before the original posting.
• Only send a message to the entire list when it contains information everyone can benefit from.
• Send messages such as "thanks for the information" or "me, too" to individuals-not to the entire list. Do this by clicking on the username and sending a message via the chat.
• Do not send administrative messages, such as remove me from the list. Instead, use the web interface to change your settings or to remove yourself from a list. Simply change your settings.
• To change your contact information, please email info@endocrine.org or login to endocrine.org to update your member profile.

The Legal Stuff

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Endocrine Society does not actively monitor the site for inappropriate postings and does not on its own undertake editorial control of postings. However, if any inappropriate posting is brought to the attention of Endocrine Society, we will take all appropriate action.

Endocrine Society reserves the right to terminate access to any user who does not abide by these guidelines or otherwise engages in conduct determined by Endocrine Society to be contrary to its interests.

Privacy Policy
By participating in our online community, you also acknowledge and agree to the terms of Endocrine Society's Privacy Policy.