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Professionalism in Therapy

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Overview

Professionalism in healthcare encompasses behaviors, attitudes, and practices critical for delivering high-quality care. This includes how you present yourself, interact with others, and adhere to ethical and clinical standards.

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Key Steps to Show Professionalism in Healthcare

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ENCOURAGE TEAMWORK:

- **Collaborative Environment:** Create an atmosphere where all team members are valued and supported, encouraging knowledge sharing and mutual respect.
- **Common Goals:** Collaborate towards shared objectives to enhance comprehensive patient care.
- **Leveraging Strengths:** Utilize individual strengths within the team to improve patient care outcomes.

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BE PUNCTUAL:

- **Timeliness:** Demonstrate commitment and respect by being punctual for appointments and meetings.
- **Trust Building:** Punctuality helps in building trust among patients and colleagues.
- **Patient Satisfaction:** Timeliness aids in retaining and satisfying patients.

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DELIVERING TOP-QUALITY WORK:

- **Technical Expertise:** Maintain and enhance your technical skills continuously.
- **Ongoing Learning:** Stay updated with the latest best practices and developments.
- **Professional Standards:** Aim for excellence in every task to improve patient outcomes and satisfaction.

Core Values of Professionalism

BE EMPATHETIC AND COMPASSIONATE:

Forge genuine connections with patients by being empathetic and compassionate, which helps in creating a healing environment.

BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS:

Take ownership of mistakes, maintain transparency, and enhance patient safety through accountability.

BE RESPECTFUL:

Respect the knowledge and expertise of colleagues and patients, practice active listening, and maintain professional courtesy.

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Professional Practices and Growth

PRACTICE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION:

Maintain open communication lines with patients and colleagues to enhance collaboration and patient care.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH:

Engage in continuous learning and maintain licensure with up-to-date practices.

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Confidentiality and DEI

MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY:

Adhere to standards like HIPAA to protect patient information and uphold ethical standards.

UNDERSTANDING DEI:

Understand the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion in creating welcoming, respectful, and valued environments for everyone.

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Recommended Reading

The provided links detail the ethical guidelines and core values essential for therapists and assistants, supporting the integration of these principles into professional practice:

[Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant Code of Ethics](#)

[Core Values for the Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant](#)

[Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics](#)

[Core Values for the Occupational Therapist](#)

[American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Code of Ethics](#)

[Professionalism in Pediatrics: Statement of Principles](#)

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Key Sponsors in Therapy Training:



Realization:

