



## ***Code of Ethics for Members and Student Affiliates***

### **A. Duties and Responsibilities to the Client**

- i) A member shall respect the rights, dignity, needs, wishes and values of the client.
- ii) A member may not refuse care to any client on the basis of race, religion, ethnic or national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, social or health status.
- iii) A member shall advocate for quality of care on behalf of their client(s).
- iv) A member must give clients or caregivers the opportunity to consent to or decline treatment or alterations in the treatment regime as outlined by the speech-language pathologist and/or audiologist.
- v) A member shall confine him or herself to clinical practices in which he or she has been educated, has competency, and is within a CDA's scope of practice.
- vi) A member shall not treat clients when the medical diagnosis or clinical condition indicates that the commencement or continuation of therapy is not warranted or is contra indicated as determined by the supervising speech-language pathologist or audiologist.
- vii) A member shall document relevant information as directed by the consulting speech-language pathologist and/or audiologist in accordance with agency specific guidelines.
- viii) A member shall respect all client information as confidential. Such information shall not be communicated to any person without the consent of the client or caregiver except when required by law.
- ix) A member with the client's or caregiver's consent may assist in the provision of supplemental programming in consultation with the speech-language pathologist and/or audiologist.

## **B. Duties and Responsibilities to Society**

- i) A member shall recognize his or her responsibility to maintain standards of care.
- ii) A member shall comply with all laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of this profession.
- iii) A member shall report to the Disciplinary Committee of the Association any member who appears to be incompetent or whose conduct while practising as a communicative disorders assistant appears to be unethical or illegal.

## **C. Duties and Responsibilities to the Profession**

- i) A member shall abide by the policies of the Corporation and support its objects.
- ii) A member shall conduct himself in such a manner as to merit public respect for the profession and its members.