

Agreement between ISSWSH and an approved ISSWSH Fellow

This document outlines the expectations that ISSWSH has set forth for its ISSWSH Fellowship Program. ISSWSH, to strengthen its Fellowship designation (IF), is further defining the role of an ISSWSH Fellow as a representative and leader within ISSWSH. As such, ISSWSH must ensure that approved Fellows are committed to the highest level of professionalism and that they emphasize the importance of evidence-based Sexual Medicine/Health while respecting patient and provider autonomy in a manner that encourages conversation between the provider/ physician-patient relationship in an appropriate private setting.

Highest level of professionalism:

1. At no time will an ISSWSH Fellow take part in any form of hate speech on public domains against any persons of any race, religion, sex, gender and sexual orientation. Hate speech frequently includes offensive symbols, (e.g. Confederate Flags, Swastikas, etc.) published on public domains and are strictly prohibited and will result in immediate termination from all aspects of this society.
2. Transparent Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest: Fellows must complete the ISSWSH Conflict of Interest (COI) Disclosure form to ensure the highest levels of integrity in research, education, and clinical practice.

Practice of evidence-based Sexual Medicine/Health:

The ISSWSH Fellowship Agreement establishes the distinct standards that set Fellows (IFs) apart as leaders in evidence-based Sexual Medicine/Health and conveyance of evidence-based Sexual Medicine/Health to the public. Fellows are held to a higher level of accountability and expertise, reflecting their role as leaders and mentors within the organization. The following expectations are unique to Fellows:

1. An ISSWSH Fellow is mindful of the large-scale audience reached on Internet forums, asynchronous and synchronous telehealth platforms, chat rooms, social media and other public media platforms and does not participate in or contribute to sexual healthcare misinformation, partial truths or myths.
2. ISSWSH Fellows are expected to work/practice within the published ISSWSH guidelines. Fellows are expected to critically evaluate and implement cutting-edge, evidence-based treatments, serving as role models for adherence to scientifically validated methods in sexual healthcare. Fellows are expected to ensure consistency in the application of validated approaches and uphold the highest standards of care within the profession. If a Fellow does recommend an off-label or currently unsubstantiated treatment, based upon anecdotal, controversial or still emerging evidence, the ISSWSH Fellow will acknowledge that this is opinion based on experience, and disclose any evidence or lack of evidence for that treatment. Patient/clients and providers are better served if these treatments and professional recommendations occur privately as part of the informed consent process and play a crucial role in the physician/provider-patient relationship.
 - a. Informed consent includes disclosing the possible risks, benefits, indications and alternatives of the treatment. The patient/clients must be given adequate opportunity to ask questions about said treatments, procedures or devices in a non-coercive manner.
3. Leadership in Mentorship and Education: Fellows are entrusted with guiding the next generation of Sexual Medicine/Health professionals through mentorship, lectures, and other educational contributions that elevate the field.
4. Demonstration of Professional Excellence: Fellows represent the pinnacle of professionalism, demonstrating exemplary conduct in their interactions with patients, peers, and the broader healthcare community.

Acknowledgements:

1. Confirm "Expectations of Membership" as outlined in section 2:04 of the ISSWSH Bylaws
2. Confirm and acknowledge that you have read and are committed to a high level of professionalism and understand the importance of evidence-based Sexual Medicine/Health while respecting patient and provider autonomy in a manner that encourages conversation between the provider/ physician-patient relationship in an appropriate private setting.
3. Understand that any action or behavior that is deemed detrimental to ISSWSH may be reported to the ISSWSH Ethics Committee. The Ethics Committee will follow all procedures as outlined in the ISSWSH Reporting Policy
 - a. Recommended action in the case of Fellowship status may include non-renewal, revocation or remediation.

Signature of Fellow

Date

Signature of the ISSWSH Fellowship Chair

Date