

Sixteenth International Conference on Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma Conference Code of Conduct

PRINCIPLES AND EXPECTATIONS OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Introduction: The National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome strives to make the conference a pleasant, respectful and courteous training event. In an effort to ensure this, we ask all attendees to read and adhere to the code of conduct. We appreciate your compliance with this requirement.

The right to participate is essential to create open dialogue between all attendees. The National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome (NCSBS) acknowledges the freedom of expression of speakers, participants, sponsors and exhibitors and the important role this plays in furthering scientific discussion. These principles are the foundation on which NCSBS events were created. In this spirit, all attendees shall behave in a professional, courteous and respectful manner. Guidelines for audience questions will be provided at the start of each keynote or workshop presentation and must be followed.

Admission: The NCSBS reserves the right to refuse admission to any NCSBS event or conference if an individual has previously violated any rule of conduct at any prior NCSBS event. Additionally, during any conference, NCSBS may revoke the name badge, conference registration and associated materials, and therefore deny access to participants who do not adhere to the conference code of conduct.

Compliance with Code of Conduct Rules: If any of the following circumstances occur, the NCSBS may withdraw a participant's admission and name badge and suspend or cancel the participant's access to the conference sessions and facility. Violation of the rules is also grounds for ineligibility at future NCSBS events. Attendees expelled from a conference for a violation(s) of this code of conduct will not be afforded a refund or credit for conference attendance fees. NCSBS also is not liable for hotel or travel costs incurred by an attendee expelled from an event.

Video and Audio Recording: Attendees are strictly prohibited from videotaping, audio recording or electronically recording by any means any part of the conference unless prior written permission is granted by NCSBS.

Use of Photography: Attendees are prohibited from using cameras (including mobile devices) in any session room without prior written permission from the NCSBS. Photographs may be taken in common areas outside of session rooms with permission of photo subjects.

Unauthorized Distribution of Materials: Distribution of materials to conference attendees without prior written permission of the NCSBS is prohibited.

Respect for Speakers and Attendees: Any disruptions including interrupting, harassing or taunting an attendee, speaker, or sponsor/exhibitor, or any other action will not be condoned or tolerated and will lead to immediate removal from the conference.

Security Information: NCSBS badges will be required for admittance to all events. Badges should be worn and visible at all times. Lost badges should be reported to NCSBS staff immediately. The following badge policies apply throughout the entirety of the conference:

NCSBS is the sole proprietor of conference badges and lanyards. Badges are nontransferable. Misuse of badges, lanyards, false certification of individuals as paid attendees, efforts to assist unauthorized persons to gain access to any NCSBS event or any inappropriate conduct will be just cause for reclaiming badges of any individuals involved.

If you have a question about any of the rules set forth, please contact NCSBS staff.