

# Cases of Harm: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

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Indiana Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics



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# Webinar Outline

- Review Indiana Dietitian Scope of Practice
- Review Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics' Code of Ethics
- What is case of harm?
- How to file a case of harm report
- Cases of harm and current Indiana dietitian licensure law
- Announcements
- Questions

# Indiana Dietitian Scope of Practice

[Link to 2019 Code pertaining to dietitians](#)

[Licensure Statutes and Information by State](#)

# Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics (AND)

## Code of Ethics for the Nutrition & Dietetics Profession

- Updated as of June 1, 2018
  - Available as PDF [here](#)
- Core values:
  - Customer focus
  - Integrity
  - Innovation
  - Social Responsibility
  - Diversity

# AND Code of Ethics and Cases of Harm

## Principles and Standards:

1. Competence and professional development in practice  
(Non-maleficence)

Nutrition and dietetics practitioners shall:

- h. Practice within the limits of their scope and collaborate with the inter-professional team.

# AND Code of Ethics and Cases of Harm, cont.

## 2. Integrity in personal and organizational behaviors and practices (Autonomy)

Nutrition and dietetics practitioners shall:

- b. Comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including obtaining/maintaining a state license or certification if engaged in practice governed by nutrition and dietetics statutes.
- c. Maintain and appropriately use credentials.
- f. Report inappropriate behavior or treatment of a patient/client by another nutrition and dietetics practitioner or other professionals.



# AND Code of Ethics and Cases of Harm, cont.

## 3. Professionalism (Beneficence)



Nutrition and dietetics practitioners shall:

d. Refrain from communicating false, fraudulent, deceptive, misleading, disparaging or unfair statements or claims.

## 4. Social responsibility for local, regional, national, global nutrition and well-being (Justice)

Nutrition and dietetics practitioners shall:

d. Promote the unique role of nutrition and dietetics practitioners.



# Cases of Harm



- What is a case of harm?
  - Nutrition misinformation or products that could harm a given individual
- Why does reporting these cases matter?
  - Protects the public
  - Upholds RDN credential
  - Helps build case for strengthening dietitian licensure

# Case of Harm: Yes or No?



A chiropractor advises a patient with grade I obesity and type 2 diabetes to follow a ketogenic diet for weight management and diabetes control.

# Case of Harm: Yes or No?



## Intro to Eastern Nutrition lecture

- Taught by licensed acupuncturist and certified herbalist with 3500+ hours in Chinese medicine
- “This is an introduction class to nutrition based on traditional Chinese medicine. You’ll leave with a basic understanding of the five elements and how to incorporate their principles into your diet. “

# Case of Harm: Yes or No?




## GNC Solution Center

- “Just answer a few questions, and we’ll give you a set of products and tips that are customized to help you meet your goals.”

# Cases of Harm Recap

- Advice must cause harm to the patient
- Must be individualized dietary advice provided for a specific health condition by a practitioner not legally able to do so
  - Difficult to determine at times
- When in doubt, submit!
  - IAND team will review and ask you for additional information as needed

# How to Report Cases of Harm

- [Indiana Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics' homepage](#)  report cases of harm (upper left of screen)
- Remember, all information is confidential
  - Case will be filed by IAND

## [Potential Case of Harm Reporting Form](#)

# What happens after I send in a potential case of harm report?

- Case of Harm report is sent from IAND to Indiana Attorney General's office
- Attorney General follows up with health center/health care provider
- From here, next steps vary pending type of complaint

# Cases of Harm and Dietitian Licensure

- Given that licensure is not mandatory to practice, how does this affect cases of harm?
  - e.g., does our current licensure law have “teeth” to actually prosecute someone acting outside their scope of practice?



# Public Policy Announcements



- **2019-2020 Public Policy Webinar Series**

- Next webinar: Monday, January 13, 6-7 p.m.
  - Why You Need A National Provider Identifier
- Free for IAND members!
- Worth 1 CPEU.
- Webinar will be recorded; CDR approval for recording CPEU credit is anticipated.



- **Day at the Statehouse - February 27, 2020**

# Questions?



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