

Code of Ethics

The Organization of Teratology Information Specialists (OTIS) strives to be the world's leading source of evidence-based information on exposures during pregnancy and breastfeeding. OTIS is a professional scientific organization composed of experts engaged in assessing and evaluating risks to pregnancy and breastfeeding outcomes from medications and other exposures. OTIS members support and contribute to worldwide initiatives for teratology education and research. MotherToBaby, the public information service of OTIS, is dedicated to providing evidence-based information to parents, health care professionals, and the general public about medications and other exposures during pregnancy and breastfeeding.

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As a member of the Organization of Teratology Information Specialists, I shall:

1. I will strive to assure credibility by conducting my work and myself with objectivity and integrity.
2. I will communicate information with potential or real health implications expeditiously and responsibly, with due regard for the significance and credibility of the available data.
3. I will present my scientific or professional judgments with full disclosure of the extent of factual support and professional conflicts of interest.
4. I will not allow conflict of interest, actual or perceived, to influence my judgment.
5. I will observe the spirit and letter of the laws, regulations, and ethical standards relating to the welfare of humans and animals involved in experimental or clinical procedures.
6. I will maintain high health and safety standards for the protection of my contacts, research subjects, colleagues, and others.
7. I will maintain collegiality and professionalism in my interactions with other members of OTIS, MotherToBaby and sister organizations.

Adherence to the Code of Ethics is a condition of membership in the Organization of Teratology Information Specialists.