

ASSOCIATION OF PATHOLOGY CHAIRS GENERAL RULES OF ANTITRUST COMPLIANCE

The following rules have been adopted by the APC Executive Council and are applicable to all Association of Pathology Chairs organizations and activities and must be observed in all situations and under all circumstances without exception or qualification other than as noted below:

1. Neither APC nor any activity sponsored by APC shall be used for the purpose of bringing about or attempting to bring about any understanding or agreement, written or oral, formal or informal, express or implied, among competitors with regard to the fixing of prices or fees, terms or conditions of sale, territories, patients or customers.
2. No APC activity or communication shall include discussion for any purpose or in any fashion of pricing methods, costs or volume of sales or services provided, or allocation of territories, patients or customers, for the purpose of fixing prices or fees.
3. No APC activity or communication shall include discussion which might be construed as an attempt to prevent any person or business entity from gaining access to any market, customer or patient for goods or services, or to prevent any business entity from obtaining a supply of goods or services freely in the market.
4. No APC activity or communication shall include any discussion which might be construed as an agreement or understanding to refrain from purchasing any raw materials, equipment, services or other supplies from any suppliers.
5. Neither APC nor any affiliated organization shall make any effort to bring about the standardization of any product or service for the purpose of preventing the manufacture or sale of any product or service not conforming to a specified standard.
6. In conducting meetings of APC or its affiliated organizations, the chairperson shall prepare and follow a formal agenda. Minutes of the meeting shall be distributed to all committee members. Approval of the minutes shall be obtained from the committee at its next meeting.
7. Speakers at all APC meetings shall be informed of the need to comply with the "Antitrust Policy Statement" in the preparation and presentation of their talks.
8. In informal discussions at the meeting site of APC or any of its affiliated organizations, but beyond the control of its chairperson, all members are expected to observe the same standards of personal conduct as are required of APC Council in compliance with these antitrust guidelines.