

# Code of Ethics for the Profession of Dietetics Resources

## Making it Relevant

### ADA/CDR Code of Ethics

The Code defines the ethical principles by which dietetics practitioners should practice. Dietetics practitioners have voluntarily adopted a Code of Ethics to reflect the values and ethical principles guiding the dietetics profession and to outline commitments and obligations of the dietetics practitioner to client, society, self, and the profession. [www.eatright.org/codeofethics](http://www.eatright.org/codeofethics)

How do I avoid an ethics violation?

Where can I read real life examples to help me in my practice?

### Ethics in Action Column

“Ethics in Action” columns provide education for members on ethical practice. The column is published in the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*. [www.eatright.org/cps/rde/xchg/ada/hs.xsl/governance\\_959\\_ENU\\_HTML.htm](http://www.eatright.org/cps/rde/xchg/ada/hs.xsl/governance_959_ENU_HTML.htm)

### Ethics Opinion

Ethics opinions reflect the interpretation or application of the ADA/CDR Code of Ethics for the Profession of Dietetics by the Ethics Committee in response to a specific ethics issue or situation facing dietetics practitioners in practice. Opinions serve as an educational guide for conduct and are published in the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*.

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What is an ethics opinion and where can I find one?

Where can I get a list of current dietetics related ethics article?

### Ethics for Further Reading List

The “For Further Reading List” provides references related to the ethical practice of dietetics. The List is updated and published twice a year (January and August). [www.eatright.org/ada/files/ADA\\_CDR\\_Code\\_Of\\_Ethics\\_Reading\\_List.pdf](http://www.eatright.org/ada/files/ADA_CDR_Code_Of_Ethics_Reading_List.pdf)

### Ethics Speakers’ Bureau

The Speakers’ Bureau was created to assist groups in identify qualified speakers and topics on ethical issues for CPE programs.

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Where can I find speakers for ethics related CPE?

How do I apply the Code of Ethics to my practice?

### Ethics Trainer’s Guide

The Ethics Trainer’s Guide was developed to help educators and leaders of the dietetics profession educate members and credentialed practitioners about the ADA/CDR Code of Ethics for the Profession of Dietetics. It offers an overview of the Code of Ethics. The Guide contains a script, activities and handouts designed for a one hour and thirty minute presentation.

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### Guidelines Regarding the Recommendation and Sale of Dietary Supplements

The Guidelines were published in the August 2002 *Journal of the American Dietetic Association* (2002;102:1158-1164) and approved by the House of Delegates on May 5, 2002. These Guidelines are considered recommendation for best practice and are meant to provide directions to RDs who wish to recommend and sell dietary supplements.

[www.eatright.org/cps/rde/xchg/ada/hs.xsl/governance\\_1816\\_ENU\\_HTML.htm](http://www.eatright.org/cps/rde/xchg/ada/hs.xsl/governance_1816_ENU_HTML.htm)

Can RD/DTRs sell dietary supplements?