



Australasian Gene and Cell Therapy Society (AGCTS)

Meeting Code of Conduct

1. Purpose

AGCTS is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment that promotes the open exchange of scientific ideas and professional collaboration.

This Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for behaviour at all AGCTS events, including conferences, workshops, webinars, and virtual meetings.

2. Scope

This Code applies to all participants, including but not limited to:

- Attendees
- Speakers and presenters
- Session chairs
- Exhibitors and sponsors
- AGCTS committee and contractors
- Venue staff and service providers

It applies to both in-person and virtual participation, as well as all associated social or networking activities.

3. Expected Standards of Behaviour

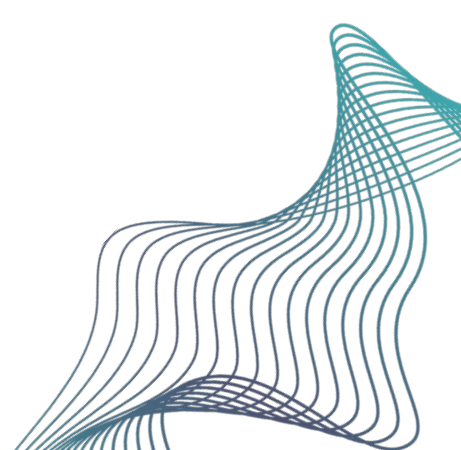
All participants are expected to:

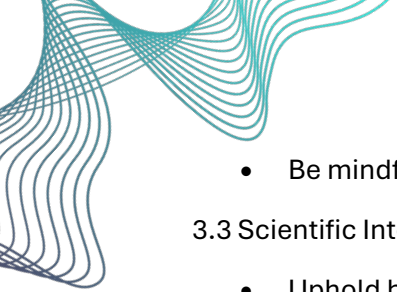
3.1 Respect and Professionalism

- Treat all individuals with courtesy, respect, and professionalism
- Engage in constructive, civil, and inclusive discussions
- Respect diverse perspectives, backgrounds, and experiences

3.2 Inclusion and Equity

- Foster an environment that supports participation regardless of:
 - Race or ethnicity
 - Gender identity or expression
 - Sexual orientation
 - Disability
 - Age
 - Religion or cultural background



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- Be mindful of equitable participation in discussions and Q&A sessions

3.3 Scientific Integrity

- Uphold high standards of ethical conduct when presenting or discussing research
- Give appropriate credit to collaborators and sources
- Respect the confidentiality of unpublished data and ongoing research

3.4 Compliance with Policies

- Adhere to all AGCTS policies, including Terms & Conditions and Privacy Policy
- Follow instructions from AGCTS committee, and venue personnel

4. Unacceptable Behaviour

AGCTS does not tolerate behaviour that undermines a respectful or inclusive environment, including:

- Harassment, discrimination, or intimidation of any kind
- Bullying, threatening, or demeaning conduct
- Unwelcome verbal or physical behaviour
- Disruption of sessions or event activities
- Inappropriate or offensive language or imagery
- Unauthorised recording, photography, or sharing of content
- Misuse of confidential or unpublished research material

Such behaviour may occur in person, online, or through digital communications associated with the event.

5. Recording and Use of Content

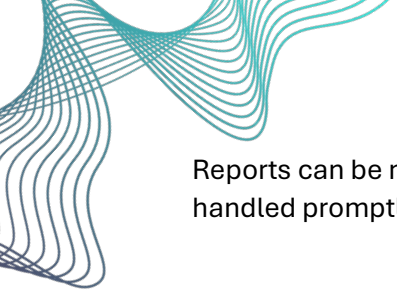
Participants must respect any restrictions placed on:

- Photography
- Audio or video recording
- Screen capture

Presentation materials must not be shared, reproduced, or distributed without permission from the presenter and AGCTS.

6. Reporting Concerns

Participants who experience or witness behaviour that violates this Code are encouraged to report it as soon as possible.



Reports can be made to the AGCTS committee. Reports will be treated confidentially and handled promptly.

7. Response and Enforcement

AGCTS reserves the right to take appropriate action in response to breaches of this Code of Conduct.

Actions may include:

- Verbal or written warnings
- Removal from the event without refund
- Restriction from future AGCTS events
- Notification to the participant's organisation (where appropriate)

All decisions will be made at AGCTS's discretion and in proportion to the severity of the behaviour.

8. Legal and Safety Compliance

Participants must comply with:

- Applicable laws and regulations
- Venue rules and policies
- Health and safety requirements

Failure to comply may result in removal from the event.

9. Commitment to a Positive Environment

By attending an AGCTS event, all participants agree to:

- Support a respectful and inclusive environment
- Contribute to a safe and collaborative scientific community
- Uphold the integrity and reputation of the gene and cell therapy field

10. Contact Information

For questions or concerns regarding this Code of Conduct:

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