

EUROPEAN IOKAI SHIATSU ASSOCIATION
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IOKAI PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT

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The code of professional for practitioners defined by the European Iokai Shiatsu Association regulates the professional conduct of all Iokai Shiatsu practitioners. It ensures the highest of professional and ethical standards of treatment.

Concerning the relationship of practitioners to patients:

Article 1 : As an Iokai Shiatsu practitioner I assume the essential responsibility to always act for the protection of human life, human beings and their environment. As far as my professional qualifications reach, I will always try to give every patient without discrimination as to social status, nationality, religion, race, sex or reputation the most adequate treatment possible.

Article 2 : As an Iokai Shiatsu practitioner, I only use methods of treatment that I master and for which I can assume full responsibility, I recognise the limitations of my professional competence and, when necessary, I will refer to other therapist or other more suitable forms of treatment. I never make guarantees about the success of my treatments.

Article 3 : As an Iokai Shiatsu practitioner I will never intervene in the place of a medical doctor nor encourage his patient to interrupt medical treatment nor prescribed medication.

Article 4 : As an Iokai Shiatsu practitioner I will respect the confidentiality of patient's information that I have collected or that has been confided to me during the course of treatment.

Article 5 : As an Iokai Shiatsu practitioner I will at all times remain conscious of my role as therapist and of the trust placed in myself and in my profession by my patients. I will safeguard this trust by refraining from any ambiguity in word or gesture which could be construed as indiscreet, compromising or abusive.

Article 6 : In order to ensure clarity in the therapeutic process, I will not engage in other forms or emotional or sexual relationship with the patient during the course of his/her treatment.

Concerning the relationship of the practitioner to his/her profession:

Article 1 : As an lokai Shiatsu practitioner, I commit myself to pursue a continuous process of further education to deepen and renew my understanding of lokai Shiatsu and to follow closely the evolution of my profession.

Article 2 : As an lokai Shiatsu practitioner I will always behave in such a way not to damage the trust invested in my profession, even when I am not appearing in a professional capacity.

Article 3 : As an lokai Shiatsu practitioner I will maintain the highest standards of personal hygiene and decorum in the exercise of my profession.

Article 4 : I will not present the combination lokai Shiatsu with other methods under the name of lokai Shiatsu.

Article 5 : I will refrain from using commercially abusive exaggerated or misleading publicity.

Article 6 : I will establish a price for the remuneration for my treatments in keeping with local usage's and the cost of living. According tot the dictates of my conscience, I reserve the right as practitioner to offer free consultations or treatments to persons in need.

Article 7 : In order never to compromise the quality of my treatments and care, I will maintain my workplace with the highest standards of hygiene and professional presentation. If I work in my own home, I will keep my private sphere separate from my professional treatments. In case of consultations or treatments in patients' homes, I will likewise maintain a professional demeanor at all times.

Concerning the collegial relationship between practitioners:

Article 1 : As an lokai Shiatsu practitioner I commit myself to maintain a climate of cordial co-operation, collaboration, and mutual moral assistance with my colleagues.

Article 2 : In the case of referral of patients between therapists, I will observe primary courtesies of asking permission from both patient and colleague before such a referral takes place.

Article 3 : Under all circumstances will I refrain from criticising or denigrating in public or in private, whether they be lokai colleagues or other health professionals. Similarly I will refrain from making deprecating remarks about other forms of therapy.

Article 4 : I will encourage communication with colleagues from other shiatsu styles to promote mutual respect and understanding.

Article 5 : Should a colleague act in conflict with this code, I will first approach said colleague personally to discuss the situation. In the case of irreconcilable disputes between colleagues, I shall seek the mediation of the conflict by the EISA Mediation Board ("Circle of Wise Ones") whose advice and decisions shall be binding.

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