

# SCENAR THERAPIST ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA<sup>Inc.</sup>

(Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984)  
N.S.W.



## Code of Ethics & Rules of Professional Conduct



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## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This association is a non profit, self-regulatory, Incorporated Association, registered in NSW. It is administered by officials appointed by the membership for the specific purpose of representing the interest of SCENAR and registered SCENAR Therapists throughout the Australasian region.

We wish to secure professional collaboration among all SCENAR Therapists and Practitioners for the common good, reputation and protection of this important discipline in the field of complementary medicine. It is our intention to offer membership to persons, in accordance with the Constitution.

1. To develop a trained body of professional accredited SCENAR Therapists.
2. To support the members of the SCENAR Therapy Association of Australasia Incorporated.
3. To provide information and assistance to the general public about SCENAR Therapy.
4. To promote the integrity and widespread applicability of SCENAR Therapy.
5. To represent the interests of professional Accredited SCENAR Therapists.

STAA will be supporting Classical Russian SCENAR, the Revenko School of Training, and the use of RITM Devices registered in Australia with the ARTG.

As an Incorporated Association we have adopted the Model Rules with changes for an Incorporated Association according to the "Associations Incorporation Act 1981 – Schedule 5", hereinafter referred to as the ***Constitution***.

This document outlines the Association's Code of Ethics and Rules for professional conduct and is to be read within the context of the above mentioned Constitution.



## SECTION 1

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### *INTRODUCTION*

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All professional bodies require a Code of ethics and Rules, which govern the professional conduct of its Members; accordingly each Member of the Scenar Therapist Association of Australasia Incorporated (hereafter referred to as **STAA**), expressly agrees to be bound by the provisions of the Constitution and this Code of Ethics and Rules of Professional conduct (hereafter referred to as the **CODE**).

Experience suggests that the best results from SCENAR treatments are achieved where a good balance between Therapist, Patient and the SCENAR Device (“the healing triangle”) has been established. This CODE, seeks to encourage this balance, and thereby provide a good healing environment.

The purpose of the CODE is:

- To assist the general public, health practitioners and Patients to understand what to expect from a SCENAR Therapist listed on the STAA Register
- To guide SCENAR Therapists on how to provide safe, consistent care for their clients and patients, whilst adhering to the external and internal requirements governing the professional conduct of Registered STAA Therapists
- To ensure uniformly high standards of professional conduct and client care offered by STAA Therapists

This CODE supplements any other Codes a SCENAR Therapist may be subject to, such as the Hippocratic Oath for medical doctors.



SCENAR Therapists adhere to similar high professional standards governing conventional medical Practitioners and pledge to:

- Make the care of their Patients their first concern
- Treat every Patient politely and considerately
- Respect Patients' dignity and privacy
- Listen to Patients and respect their views
- Give Patients information in a way they can understand
- Respect the rights of Patients to be fully involved in decisions relating to their care
- Uphold at all times the standards of good practice and care expected of them
- Keep their professional knowledge and skills up to date
- Recognise the limits of their professional competence and promptly provide referrals to other appropriate qualified health professionals
- Be honest and trustworthy
- Respect and protect confidential information
- Ensure that personal beliefs do not prejudice Patient care
- Act quickly to protect Patients from risk if they feel that they, or a colleague may not be fit to practice
- Avoid abusing their position of trust
- Work with colleagues in ways that best serve Patient interests

SCENAR technology and practice is continually evolving. Such a dynamic environment requires that this CODE may be periodically amended. Please check that you are looking at the latest version.

Admission to membership of this Association is, according to the Constitution, by application to the Executive Committee. As precursor to membership, the Committee will be looking for minimum training and proficiency levels that have been achieved and demonstrated (refer to Section 7 - Practitioner Training Levels.)



## SECTION 2

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### DEFINITIONS WITHIN THIS DOCUMENT:

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- 1) **Commissioner:** means the Commissioner of the Office of Fair Trading.
- 2) **SCENAR:** Self Controlling Energo Neuro Adaptive Regulator
- 3) **SCENAR Therapy:** a distinct electro-energy-medicine discipline within the field of complementary Medicine. The application of SCENAR Therapy elicits a healing response from the body to relieve pain and dysfunction.
- 4) **SCENAR Therapist:** a person trained to provide SCENAR Therapy
- 5) **SCENAR Practitioner:** delineates the therapist who holds the Certified SCENAR Practitioner designation.
- 6) **Constitution:** The Association's Model Rules with changes
- 7) **CPD:** Continuing Professional Development Program
- 8) **ARTG:** Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods
- 9) **STAA:** Scenar Therapist Association Australasia Incorporated
- 10) **Executive Committee:** The committee of management as designated in Part 3, Section 13, of the STAA Constitution

In this CODE:

- a) a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty, and
- b) a reference to the exercise of a function includes, if the function is a duty, a reference to the performance of the duty.

The provisions of the *Interpretation Act 1987* apply to and in respect of these rules in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if these rules were an instrument made under the Act.



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## SECTION 3

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### GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCENAR THERAPIST TO THE PATIENT

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The relationship between SCENAR Therapist and Patient is that of a professional with a Patient and should at all times be conducted appropriately and on the basis of complete confidentiality.

The SCENAR Therapist will at all times maintain patient documentation in a format and detail commensurate with his/her professional standing as a SCENAR Therapist.

Upon accepting a Person for treatment, the Therapist will explain/demonstrate how SCENAR Treatment works and what the healing process may entail (e.g. the healing process including aggravation, and how to deal with it).

The SCENAR Therapist shall exercise restraint and caution with regard to the administration of any form of treatment which may potentially be to the detriment of the Patient. Whenever possible, any specific treatment should be explained in advance so that the Patient is given the opportunity to ask additional questions, express reservations, or decline.

The SCENAR Therapist should not exaggerate the gravity of a Patient's condition, nor make any promise, nor give any guarantee as to the results of SCENAR Treatment, to the Patient, to the Patient's representative or in any other public forum.

SCENAR Therapists shall at all times conduct themselves in a courteous manner, and with due regard to their professional relationship with their Patients, irrespective of a person's age, disability, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or political affiliation.

In situations where the Patient's treatment may require medical diagnosis or reaches beyond the competency or experience of a SCENAR Therapist, (s)he is required to seek appropriate advice from and/or refer the Patient to a qualified supervisor or medical doctor. Non-medical SCENAR Therapists are not entitled to offer diagnostic services, except where additional qualifications have been obtained and are so recorded against their names.

A SCENAR Therapist must not abuse or disturb the nature of the professional relationship between Therapist and patient. Under no circumstances shall a SCENAR Therapist exploit a patient financially, sexually, emotionally or in any other manner.

SCENAR Therapists who are aware that patients may be leaning towards behaviour inappropriate to a professional Practitioner/ Patient relationship, should bring this to the attention of the Secretary of STAA and/or the Executive Committee as soon as possible.

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## SECTION 4

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### EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT OF PATIENTS

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Non-medical SCENAR Therapists may not prescribe, advise treatments (other than SCENAR treatments) or recommend medication or therapeutic goods by virtue of their SCENAR qualification alone, they may only do so where their other qualifications so permit. SCENAR Therapists may however advise the Patient to seek certain types of help from other professions when, in their professional opinion, such appear appropriate.

For the purpose of treatment planning, the SCENAR Therapist may rely on the information provided on the Patient's registration form, as being accurate and complete; expressly, where the Patient has so stated and confirmed by original signature in the registration documentation. Where requested and authorised by the Patient the SCENAR Therapist shall communicate with the Patient's regular GP/doctor.

If for any purpose treatment or examination of a sexually sensitive area is necessary, the reason for such, and a description of the procedure, should be given to the Patient. It is suggested that it may be more appropriate for the Patient to perform the treatment themselves.

For the purpose of this Code, sexually sensitive areas are defined as the internal and external genitalia, the anus, rectum and peri-anal areas and the breasts.

The right of the Patient to refuse any particular treatment is to be respected by the SCENAR Therapist at all times.

Good practice requires that the SCENAR Therapist informs his/her Patient whenever, in his/her view, continued SCENAR Treatment is unlikely to achieve the desired effect.



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## SECTION 5

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### PATIENT RECORDS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

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The SCENAR Therapist shall maintain careful records of all Patient contacts, consultation, treatments, etc. These records need to be securely retained for a period of not less than 7 years. A SCENAR Therapist is responsible for securing all information held by him/herself with regard to a Patient, ensuring that it remains confidential and up to date, in accordance with data protecting legislation in the country of practice. SCENAR Therapists should be aware of State and National regulations regarding the storage of Patient documentation. Where in doubt Therapists should consult STAA for guidance.

A Patient has the right to see all information held on her/himself by the SCENAR Therapist, who should ensure that any medical or specialist terms used should be explained to the patient.

All information held by the SCENAR Therapist with regard to a Patient shall at all times remain strictly confidential except, with the explicit and unequivocal consent of the Patient. This consent should normally be in writing and signed by the Patient.

A SCENAR Therapist may disclose confidential information regarding a patient to another SCENAR Therapist, Practitioner or medical person for the purpose of gaining a second opinion, or maintaining statistical information. In these circumstances any information that may personally identify the patient must be deleted.

A SCENAR Therapist may, with the Patient's written agreement, disclose confidential information regarding the Patient to another SCENAR Therapist or medical person acting as locum, under the same conditions and duty of confidentiality.

For the purposes of completing statistical evaluations, identity-neutralised data from Patient records may be extracted and released for STAA approved research purpose only.

SCENAR Therapists should, wherever possible, make adequate arrangements for the care of their Patients in the event of holiday absences, death or the intended sale of the practice. In the latter event the permission of the Patient is required before the transfer of records is permitted. Where locum cover is required, STAA can be approached (as early as possible) for assistance in locating such cover.



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## SECTION 6

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### RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS TO THE PROFESSION AND STAA

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A SCENAR Therapist shall not bring SCENAR or STAA into disrepute, and shall refrain from disparaging the work of colleagues, or other health practitioners, or in any way speak disrespectfully of them, in public. Where grounds exist that a SCENAR Therapist has conducted him or herself inappropriately, or is continuing to do so, a confidential note should be addressed to the Secretary of STAA who will refer the matter to the Executive Committee who in turn will raise the matter with the SCENAR Therapist concerned.

A SCENAR Therapist shall maintain the high standards of professional conduct appropriate to membership of any professional association and shall observe the highest degree of integrity and responsibility in SCENAR practice.

A SCENAR Therapist shall maintain, by means of continuous update of information and/or prescribed training, a level of competence commensurate with membership of a professional body.

All SCENAR Therapists are required to maintain annual continuing professional development.

STAA will maintain records of training achievements, for each registered SCENAR Therapist.

No SCENAR Therapist shall offer, undertake or participate in the training or teaching of SCENAR Therapy unless formally qualified and approved by STAA to do so.

No claim of any kind shall be made, in writing or otherwise, by a SCENAR Therapist in respect of the cure of any specific disease by SCENAR Therapy, unless formal clinical trial results have been advised by the Executive Committee.

No SCENAR Therapist shall entice patients from the care of professional colleagues. SCENAR Therapists are required to handle such patient-initiated transfers with the same professional courtesy as if they had initiated the transfer themselves.

SCENAR Therapists shall not use titles or descriptions suggesting medical qualifications unless they possess such, and remain registered with the appropriate professional body in which they currently practice.

SCENAR Therapists are required at all times to discharge their obligations and responsibilities towards SCENAR Therapy and colleagues in a timely and courteous manner. They will advise the Secretary immediately of any untoward local comment or occurrences pertaining to SCENAR Therapy and/or their practice.



SCENAR Therapists are required to ensure that they practice from premises that comply with local health and safety regulations, and that they project a professional STAA Member Standard. This applies to non-commercial environments, and all local government operating approvals and requirements must be adhered to.

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## SECTION 7

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### PRACTITIONER TRAINING LEVELS

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All STAA Members are required to undergo a thorough multi-level training program. Training is to be provided by Trainers approved by STAA.

Applicants are required to be over the age of 18 years.

All devices utilised by Members must be ARTG approved.

Applicants who do not have medical qualifications or relevant health care industry qualifications are required to:

1. Undertake an approved course in anatomy and physiology
2. Attend training in first aid (Senior First Aid Certificate – HLTF1A1A (or NZ equivalent)) and maintain the currency of this certification

All courses are to be approved by STAA.

SCENAR Therapists applying for membership, who are not trained in Australia may be required, to undergo assessment and further training.

Following successful training in accordance with STAA requirements, members will be placed on a register, listing the level of SCENAR Therapy training achieved.



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FEES FOR MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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All applicants will be subject to a once off, non-refundable application fee of - **\$ 30**

Then an annual subscription fee to be set by STAA "

**Associate Member** - **\$ 50**

**Member** - **\$ 150**

Open to SCENAR Therapists, who currently are not eligible to apply for CSP certification.

**Certified SCENAR Practitioner™** - **\$ 150**

Open to SCENAR Therapists who are eligible to apply for CSP certification.

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## BECOMING AN ASSOCIATE

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Open to those in the complementary health industry who agree to abide by the STAA CODE and by-laws with all local, state & federal laws. This may include non-practitioners and those who are in/or seek to be in affiliation with the SCENAR industry. It will also include those who have begun the exciting SCENAR therapy journey and may have even completed their Level 1 training.

### *PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT*

All Associates are required to agree to adhere to the CODE, as well as advertising guidelines of the STAA.

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## BECOMING A MEMBER

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As a SCENAR Practitioner, you can be an active part of one of Australia's most dynamic and fastest growing professions. To become a Member, candidates are required to meet the following initial requirements:

### *QUALIFICATIONS*

- 1) Level 2 SCENAR Training (with assessment) by a STAA approved Trainer or Training Organisation
- 2) Successfully completed 1 Year Anatomy & Physiology as approved by STAA

### *PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT*

Members are required to agree to adhere to the STAA Constitution and CODE. This demonstrates to the public that the candidate has agreed to provide personal SCENAR Therapy in the patient's best interest and to act in accordance with the highest ethical and professional standards for the practice of SCENAR Therapy.



*OTHER*

- 1) Current First Aid Certificate (HLTFA1A or NZ equivalent)
- 2) Current Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance cover, minimum \$M2, with the policy endorsed with "SCENAR Therapy"
- 3) Ongoing CPD (Continuing Professional Development) requirements = 20 points per calendar year

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BECOMING A CERTIFIED SCENAR PRACTITIONER™

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As a **Certified SCENAR Practitioner**, you are part of one of Australia's most dynamic and fastest growing professions. The CSP mark will allow you to set yourself apart from other SCENAR Therapists.

Certified SCENAR Practitioner™ or CSP is the mark representing the highest professional certification that can be awarded to a SCENAR Therapist in Australasia. CSP Practitioners have completed rigorous study in SCENAR Therapy, have extensive industry experience and abide by the STAA Constitution and CODE.

To become certified, candidates are required to meet the following initial certification requirements:

*EDUCATION*

- 1) Level III training by an approved Trainer or Training Organisation
- 2) Anatomy & Physiology as approved by STAA

*EXPERIENCE*

CSP certification indicates to the public that you have practical experience in providing SCENAR Therapy to the public.

The required three years of approved experience can be gained as follows:

Up to one year in a relevant health practitioner role (examples are Naturopath, Remedial Massage Therapist, and Medical Practitioner, Physiotherapist), plus

two years of approved SCENAR Therapy experience immediately preceding an application for CSP status.



*PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT*

CSP certification requires candidates to agree to adhere to the STAA Constitution and CODE. This demonstrates to the public that the candidate has agreed to provide best practice SCENAR Therapy in the patient's best interest and to act in accordance with the highest ethical and professional standards for the practice of SCENAR Therapy.

*OTHER*

1. Current Senior First Aid Certificate – HLTF1A (or NZ equivalent)
2. Current Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance cover, minimum \$M5 with the policy endorsed with "SCENAR Therapy"
3. Ongoing CPD (Continuing Professional Development) requirements = 30 points per calendar year

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## SECTION 8

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### ADVERTISING

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Any Advertising to be viewed by the public regarding SCENAR Therapy must be carefully worded. This is necessary because the Regulators can apply significant fines for unsubstantiated claims. This can be very costly and will not only affect the perpetrator, but will reflect negatively on both SCENAR Therapy as a modality, and STAA.

SCENAR Therapists may insert professional displays in health journals and magazines or any other suitable publications. All advertisements and other display material, brochures etc., in any media, must be approved by STAA.

SCENAR Therapists may announce the commencement of practice in newspaper advertisements, in a style appropriate to a professional Therapist/Practitioner. Changes of address or other alterations, such as times of consulting, may be announced in a similar manner.



Use of the STAA logo or name is prohibited unless authorised by the Executive Committee. This will only be available to Registered Members. Use of the **CSP** and **Certified SCENAR Practitioner** designations and the descriptive term “Practitioner” will only be available to CSP level members.

In all cases of doubt about any proposed advertising, a SCENAR Therapist shall abide by the ruling and advice received in this matter, from the Secretary of STAA acting on instructions determined by the Executive Committee.

Advertisements should refrain from making unjustified claims about the effectiveness and duration of SCENAR Treatment, and should restrict themselves to factual information. Use of approved standard phrases is encouraged.

SCENAR Therapists are requested to send copies of any articles, press references, advertisements, etc. appearing in any medium in their country (Australia/New Zealand) to the secretary of STAA.

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USE OF THE CERTIFICATION MARKS: CSP™ OR CERTIFIED SCENAR PRACTITIONER™

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SCENAR Therapists who have met rigorous certification standards are authorised to use one of the two certification marks in communications and marketing materials.

The certification marks can be used on all business materials such as business cards, letterhead correspondence, publications, flyers, advertising, advertorials and editorials.

The marks are owned by the SCENAR Therapist Association Australasia Incorporated. A proper acknowledgement must be given to this fact where the marks are reproduced in promotional literature of any description (excluding business cards and letterhead).

The following tagline should appear at the end of an article, at the bottom of an advertisement, or at the bottom of the first page of a brochure:

[CSP™ and Certified SCENAR Practitioner™](#) are certification marks owned by the SCENAR Therapist Association Australasia Incorporated.

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The two certification marks must be used under strict use and reproduction guidelines:

## CSP™ Mark

- Always use capital letters
- Never use full stops between letters
- Always include the ™ symbol on first use.

Example:

John Citizen, CSP™, Dip RM

## Certified SCENAR Practitioner™ mark

- Always use capital letters and small cap font as above
- Always use the ™ symbol on first use

Example:

Joan Citizen, Dip. RM

Certified SCENAR Practitioner™



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## SECTION 9

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### PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT, COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

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All SCENAR Therapists on the STAA Register expressly undertakes to adhere to the provisions of the STAA Constitution and CODE. A plea of ignorance in respect of any or all of the provisions of the STAA Guidelines shall therefore not be deemed justifiable defence for a SCENAR Therapist found to have contravened them.

A SCENAR Therapist found to be in breach of the STAA Constitution and/or CODE shall, in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee be:

1. either served with written notice that his/her behaviour is contrary to the Constitution CODE, and that s/he is required to cease any such behaviour forthwith; or
2. will be required to present him/herself before the STAA Executive Committee to explain his/her behaviour, offer apologies to relevant persons, associations, etc. and undertake to cease such behaviour forthwith

Subject to the above procedure, a meeting of the STAA Executive Committee by majority decision may strike any member from the STAA Member Register if s/he acts in breach of the STAA Constitution and/or CODE.

In addition, any SCENAR Therapist will automatically be suspended from the STAA Member Register until the completion of all appeals procedures and will be struck off if s/he is found guilty by any Court of Law of

1. either assault – sexual, physical or otherwise – upon a Patient under his/her treatment or
2. any other criminal activity which conflicts with his/her professional status and standing as a registered STAA SCENAR Therapist.

Any form of addiction to drugs and other intoxicating substances will be treated as grounds for immediate suspension of a SCENAR Therapist's registration.

This is wholly at the discretion of the STAA Executive Committee with due regard to the particular circumstance, and may lead to the SCENAR Therapist being struck off the STAA Member Register, or suspended.

A SCENAR Therapist is subject to disciplinary proceedings by the STAA Executive Committee and may appeal to have the decision reconsidered, or set aside, except where this arises automatically from a conviction by a court of law.

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## *APPEALS PROCESS*

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To lodge an appeal, the following procedure must be followed:

- Written notification of intent to appeal received within 14 days of the original ruling by the STAA Executive Committee
- Appeals must be presented in person at a meeting of the STAA Executive Committee, convened for this purpose
- All decisions by the STAA Executive Committee in regard to the appeal are final
- A SCENAR Therapist is permitted to appeal to the Executive Committee on one occasion only in connection with any one specific disciplinary offence
- A SCENAR Therapist may not appeal against expulsion from the STAA Member Register on grounds of a conviction by a Court of Law and/or by a breach of the Constitution and/or CODE, in relation to drugs of any kind
- STAA has the power to suspend any SCENAR Therapist from any STAA Register whilst disciplinary proceedings are in progress or pending

The STAA Executive Committee may at any time amend, or introduce additional provisions into the STAA CODE. These amendments shall become effective within 48 hours.



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COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE FOR PATIENTS AND THIRD PARTIES

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Any Patient or third party wishing to raise a complaint against any SCENAR Therapists on the STAA Member Register, may do so in writing to the Secretary of STAA Such complaints should, however, be limited to perceived breaches of the STAA Constitution and /or CODE.

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SECTION 10

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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Members are required to disclose any direct or indirect financial interest they may have in any contract, or proposed contract entered into or being considered by the Executive Committee.

Members who are deemed by the Executive Committee to have either a direct or indirect financial interest in any contract must not take part in deliberations on the contract or vote.

Failure to comply with either of these provisions is an offence.