



AOBTA® Code of Ethics

1. **Social/Ecological Concern** | AOBTA® members recognize their intrinsic involvement in the total community of life on the planet Earth.
2. **Professional Conduct** | AOBTA® members conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner, performing only those services for which they are qualified, and represent their education, certification, professional affiliations, and other qualifications honestly. They do not in any way profess to practice medicine or psychotherapy, unless licensed by their State or Country to do so.
3. **Health History and Referrals** | AOBTA® members keep accurate client records, including profiles of the body/mind health history. They discuss any problem areas that may contraindicate use of Asian bodywork techniques and refer clients to appropriate medical professionals when indicated.
4. **Professional Appearance** | AOBTA® members pay close attention to cleanliness and professional appearance of self and clothing, of linens and equipment, and of the office environment in general. They endeavor to provide a relaxing atmosphere, giving attention to reasonable scheduling and clarity about fees.
5. **Communication and Confidentiality** | AOBTA® members maintain clear and honest communications with their clients, and keep all information, whether medical or personal, strictly confidential. They clearly disclose techniques used, appropriately identifying each in the scope of their professional practice.
6. **Intention and Trust** | AOBTA® members are encouraged to establish and maintain trust in the client relationship and to establish clear boundaries and an atmosphere of safety.
7. **Respect of Clients** | AOBTA® members respect the client's physical and emotional states and do not abuse clients through actions, words, or silence, nor take advantage of the therapeutic relationship. They, in no way, participate in sexual activity with a client. They consider the client's comfort zone for touch and degree of pressure and honor the client's requests as much as possible within personal, professional, and ethical limits. They acknowledge the inherent worth and individuality of each person and therefore do not unjustly discriminate against clients or colleagues.
8. **Professional Integrity** | AOBTA® members present Asian Bodywork in a professional and compassionate manner representing themselves and their practice accurately and ethically. They do not give fraudulent information, nor misrepresent AOBTA® or themselves to students or clients, nor act in a manner derogatory to the nature and positive intention of AOBTA®. They conduct their business honestly.
9. **Professional Courtesy** | AOBTA® members respect the standards set by the various AOBTA® modalities, and they respect service marks, trademarks, and copyright laws. Professional courtesy includes respecting all ethical professionals in speech, writing, or otherwise, and communicating clearly with others.
10. **Professional Excellence** | AOBTA® members strive for professional excellence through regular assessment of personal and professional strengths and weaknesses, and by continued education and training.