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MALPRACTICE AND ETHICS CODES

Is breach of ethics malpractice per se?

- A breach of ethics is a breach of professional duty, but it may not always be malpractice
- Malpractice must prove deviation from code of conduct, damages, and proximate cause

What is a Code of Ethics?

- A statement of principles by which members of a professional or business group are expected to conduct their practices or business

What types of behavior are the subjects of codes of ethics?

- Individual and inter-relational behaviors

How are codes of ethics used?

- Decisional alternatives
- A guide to professional decision-making
- Evaluating professional behavior

Who is bound by a code of ethics?

- Members in a specific professional organization
- Registered, certified, or licensed professionals of a State
- Employees of a specific organization
 1. You must accept the code of ethics
 2. You are to abide by the code of ethics