

Non-Discrimination Policy

Australasian Gynaecological Endoscopy & Surgery Society

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Introduction

AGES endorses diversity, supports equal rights, and does not advocate, support or practice discrimination based on race, religion, age, national origin, language, sex, sexual orientation, or mental or physical handicap, whether covered by applicable legislation or not, except where affirmative action may be required to redress individual or social handicaps of people from disadvantaged groups.

Purpose

This document sets out

- AGES's policy against such discrimination
- The governance structures, responsibilities and processes that have been established to give effect to that policy.

Policy

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Responsibilities

1. The Board will:

- Regularly review the leadership and commitment given to eliminating discrimination through active promotion of the organisation's Anti-Discrimination Policy.
- Monitor performance by way of periodic management reports and assurances.

2. The President will

- Ensure that
 - the organisation's practices and processes incorporate precautions against discrimination in such areas as hiring, client selection, and program delivery;
 - Reasonable accommodations are made to allow diverse groups to access benefits provided by the organisation;
 - Where appropriate, weight is given to the culture and experiences of individuals from disadvantaged groups.
- Where appropriate, delegate responsibility for compliance to officers with responsibility for particular sections.
- Oversee the performance of subordinate officers in these matters.
- Review and report to the Board, as appropriate, on the effectiveness of the management systems established to remove discrimination.
- Analyse material breaches and identified compliance system weaknesses for systematic trends and ensure that any adverse trends are addressed.
- Promote a culture of effective policy compliance across the organisation.

3. All staff and volunteers at all levels will

- Ensure that they are aware of the organisation's policy against discrimination.
- Where appropriate, suggest ways in which practices, systems and procedures could be improved so as to reduce the likelihood of discrimination occurring.