



Code of Conduct RuDASA Member Mailinglist

Any person subscribing to the RuDASA Member Mailinglist automatically commits to adhering to this code of conduct.

Purpose of the Mailinglist

This mailing list is provided to encourage discussion, dialogue, sharing, and collaboration of all things related to rural medicine, rural health policy and implementation. We ask members to focus on related topics.

Rural Medicine: Questions and comments of a medical nature will be posted on the list for a response by other list members. If no satisfying response has been obtained to a question within a week, or if input by a particular person or organization has been specifically asked for, the list moderator will seek to find an answer to the question as soon as possible.

Rural Policy and Implementation: Questions and comments in relation to rural health policy and implementation on the ground may entail good practices as well as challenges.

Awareness and Sharing: The list may be used as a tool to inform members of new Acts, Policies, Department of Health notifications and guidelines and so forth.

Broader communication material (eg Q&A sheet, RuDASA Newsletter etc) may be developed on the basis of the Mailinglist postings, as long as this adheres to the principles of this code of conduct.

Access and confidentiality

- This list is for RuDASA members only. It is the responsibility of RuDASA members to renew their membership on an annual basis. Non renewal will lead to termination of membership of the RuDASA Member Mailinglist
- Policy/Implementation related postings on this list may not be forwarded to outsiders, unless:
 - This is done so in a manner that does not reveal the identity of the person(s) who posted the particular message(s) AND the purpose of forwarding is to play a positive role in addressing the issue at stake
 - The identity of the person(s) may only be revealed with explicit written approval by the person(s) in question
- Under no circumstances may postings be forwarded to report a person to a superior or colleague, unless it regards a matter of medical misconduct that may lead to severe implications for the wellbeing of patients. In this case, a decision on the matter will be made by the RuDASA Committee, and the matter will be reported by a RuDASA Committee Member
- Questions of a purely medical nature may be forwarded to people with the expertise to answer the question. This will be done by the list moderator unless otherwise agreed in writing

Communication Rules

- List members will participate responsibly, with respect for one another's views, and will refrain from discriminatory, insulting communication
- List members will include their name on any postings
- Postings will represent a true reflection of the issue at stake to the best knowledge of the person posting an issue
- The list shall not be used to forward Junk Mail

Moderation

- The list will be moderated by an appointed person
- All attempts will be made to moderate within 24 hours of posting during weekdays
- The moderator may use his/her discretion regarding the moderation of postings, and has the right not to post the issue

Violations of the Code of Conduct

Violations of the code of conduct may lead to cancellation of the individual's membership on the list, with or without prior warning and/or notification.

Any questions, complaints, comments regarding this Code of Conduct or relating to the use and functioning of the list may be sent to the moderator.