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If conduct has occurred that may be grounds for disciplinary action under the Violations to Standards of Practice and Disciplinary Process policy, then ABRET may place an application on hold while reviewing the matter. These will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

A criminal conviction may be grounds to deny or otherwise limit eligibility. Convictions of this nature include (but are not limited to) felonies involving rape, sexual abuse of a patient or child, and actual or threatened use of a weapon or violence. If a conviction resulted in a sentence that includes incarceration, then the individual is ineligible while in confinement (RUL-26).

**Ⓢ Grounds for Disciplinary Action.** ABRET may deny, suspend, revoke, or take other action regarding an application or certification if an individual is not in compliance with this Disciplinary Policy. Grounds for disciplinary action include (but are not limited to):

- Ⓢ Ineligibility for certification, regardless of when the ineligibility is discovered;
- B. An irregular event in connection with an ABRET examination including (but not limited to) copying answers, copying examination materials, and causing a disruption in the testing area;
- C. Providing fraudulent or misleading information;
- D. Unauthorized possession or misuse of ABRET credentials, examinations, and other intellectual property;
- E. Misrepresentation of certification status
- F. Failure to provide requested information in a timely manner;
- G. Failure to inform ABRET of changes or adverse actions;
- H. Gross negligence or willful misconduct in professional work;
- /Ⓢ Accepting primary responsibility for interpretation of testing or monitoring for purposes of clinical diagnosis and treatment (Individuals who are licensed or otherwise authorized by practice standards to provide interpretation are excluded.);
- :Ⓢ Failure to maintain a current professional credential as required by the jurisdiction in which the individual practices (this may include a license, certificate, or registration);
- K. The conviction of, plea of guilty to, or plea of no contest (“nolo contendere”) to a felony or misdemeanor related to public health and safety or the profession;
- Ⓢ Disciplinary action by a licensing board or professional organization other than ABRET; and
- M. Other failures to maintain continuous compliance with ABRET standards, policies, and procedures.

## 2. Sanctions.

**A.** ABRET may impose one or more of the following sanctions for a violation of this Disciplinary Policy:

- Denial or suspension of eligibility;
- Denial of certification;
- Revocation of certification;
- Non-renewal of certification;
- Suspension of certification;
- Reprimand;
- Probation;
- Notification of other legitimately interested parties;
- Or other corrective action (RUL-8).

Candidates or certificants may appeal the decision of the Ethics and Disciplinary Committee by submitting a written appeals statement within 30 days, according to ABRET’s policies.

Each candidate must affirm that the information provided in the Application is true and correct to the best of their knowledge. Each candidate further agrees to hold ABRET and its sponsoring organizations blameless from any claim for damages as a result of any action it may take in connection with this Application, the credentialing examination, or the results there of.