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New Report from the NEC

Should clinicians ever accept gifts from their patients? see them socially? engage in business undertakings with them? The latest report from the National Ethics Committee, *Ethical Boundaries in the Clinician-Patient Relationship*, addresses questions of how to define the limits of ethically appropriate behavior by health care professionals in their interactions with patients. It examines the concept of professionalism in health care, clarifies the concepts of “boundaries” and “boundary violations,” and analyzes examples of potentially problematic actions to help clinicians identify and avoid professionally inappropriate conduct.

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