

Community rules for participation

By joining and using this online community as a council member or expert panelist, you are agreeing to read and follow the rules and guidelines established for the benefit of all members. You also agree to reserve discussions, shared files and content to information that is best suited for this medium. This is a great platform in which to solicit advice from your peers, benefit from their experience and participate in an ongoing conversation.

Participants should always be cautious not to disclose any confidential or proprietary information and avoid discussing or sharing any protected health information (PHI) as doing so would be a serious violation of HIPAA regulations. The community may be used only by registered Vizient® or Provista® expert panel members.

Members may use the community to:

- Ask questions, share ideas and information, poll fellow members and inform colleagues about important news
- Obtain comments or suggestions about hypothetical scenarios and standard procedures
- Obtain general or specific information relative to your field of practice, operations or expertise
- Post documents, articles, images and other digital content that is not considered intellectual property of another person or entity
- Discuss therapeutic topics in compliance with appropriate HIPAA regulations

Remember, members must never post any PHI or other information about a patient that would violate HIPAA or other privacy regulations, or otherwise permit identification of a patient. Doing so would be a serious violation of HIPAA and could result in significant fines and penalties.

Members may not use the community to:

- Conduct a discussion about identifiable patients or cases
- Disclose confidential information pertaining to a Vizient or Provista competitive bid
- Advertise fee-based educational programs or promote participation in any program that involves a cost or donation
- Advertise employment opportunities
- Post commercial messages
- Post any information on behalf of a non-member or outside group
- Post messages from or to an external discussion group

Members are asked to:

- Adhere to the basic expectations of online etiquette
- Avoid use of profanity or other inappropriate language
- Restrict posts to the context of the given community group
- Treat fellow members with decorum and respect in word and tone



For more information, contact the Vizient councils team at councils@vizientinc.com

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