

USACM Meetings Code of Conduct

The USACM is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment for all meeting participants and USACM staff. All participants, including, but not limited to, attendees, speakers, volunteers, exhibitors, USACM staff, service providers, and others are expected to abide by this USACM Meetings Code of Conduct. This Code of Conduct applies to all USACM meeting-related events, including those sponsored by organizations other than USACM but held in conjunction with USACM events, in public or private facilities.

Expected Behavior

- All participants, attendees, USACM staff, and vendors are treated with respect and consideration, valuing a diversity of views and opinions.
- Be considerate, respectful, and collaborative.
- Before attending any Congress function or session, attendees are expected to pay registration fees in full and on time, without exception.
- Communicate openly with respect for others, critiquing ideas rather than individuals.
- Avoid personal attacks directed toward other attendees, participants, USACM staff, and suppliers/vendors.
- Be mindful of your surroundings and of your fellow participants. Immediately alert USACM staff if you notice a dangerous situation or someone in distress.
- Respect the rules and policies of the meeting venue, hotels, USACM contracted facility, or any other venue.

Unacceptable Behavior

- Harassment, intimidation, or discrimination in any form will not be tolerated.
- Physical or verbal abuse of any attendee, speaker, volunteer, exhibitor, USACM staff member, service provider, or other meeting guest.
- Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to, verbal comments related to gender, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, religion, national origin, inappropriate use of nudity and/or sexual images in public spaces or in presentations, or threatening or stalking any attendee, speaker, volunteer, exhibitor, USACM staff member, service provider, or other meeting guest.
- Disruption of talks at oral or poster sessions, in the exhibit hall, or at other events organized by the USACM at the meeting venue, hotels, or other USACM-contracted facilities.