

ASM Virtual Programs Code of Conduct

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

ASM has zero-tolerance for any form of discrimination or harassment, including but not limited to sexual harassment by participants or our staff at our meetings. If you experience harassment or hear of any incidents of unacceptable behavior, ASM asks that you report it by going to [SAFEHOTLINE.COM](https://www.safehotline.com) or by calling 1-855-662-SAFE. Please enter ASM ID Number **7446018727** to submit a report. Both of these methods will allow you to remain anonymous.

Unacceptable Behavior is defined as:

- Harassment, intimidation, or discrimination in any form.
- Verbal abuse of any attendee, speaker, volunteer, exhibitor, ASM staff member, service provider, or other meeting guest.
 - Examples of verbal abuse 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, ASM staff member, service provider, or other meeting guest.
- Disruption of presentations during sessions, in the exhibit hall, or at other events organized by ASM throughout the virtual meeting. All participants must comply with the instructions of the moderator and any ASM virtual event staff.
- For participants who will be presenting, appearing, or will otherwise be seen, whether in person or digitally, must wear appropriate clothing. Clothing is considered inappropriate if:
 - It contains graphic language or imagery
 - It is overly revealing. This includes, but is not limited to, tank tops, spaghetti strap tops, halter/tube tops, and naked dresses.
 - It has holes, rips, or has otherwise been altered to be more revealing than it should be
- Taking drugs or drinking an excessive amount of alcohol
- Presentations, postings, and messages should not contain promotional materials, special offers, job offers, product announcements, or solicitation for services. ASM reserves the right to remove such messages and potentially ban sources of those solicitations.
- Participants should not copy or take screen shots of Q&A or any chat room

activity that takes place in the virtual space.

ASM reserves the right to take any action deemed necessary and appropriate, including immediate removal from the meeting without warning or refund, in response to any incident of unacceptable behavior, and ASM reserves the right to prohibit attendance at any future meeting, virtually or in person.

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