



Expert Witness Affirmation Statement

I have read, and I understand the AAP policy statement "[Expert Witness Participation in Pediatric Civil and Criminal Litigation](#)." I affirm my duty when reviewing records or testifying as a medical expert to do so solely in accordance with the merits of the case. Furthermore, I will uphold these professional principles in reviewing cases and in providing expert testimony:

- 1) I will be truthful.
- 2) I will conduct a thorough, fair, and impartial review of the medical care and other information provided.
- 3) I will provide evidence or testify only in matters in which I have relevant clinical experience and knowledge.
- 4) I will evaluate the medical care provided in accordance with generally accepted standards that prevailed at the time and if applicable, in the locality of the occurrence.
- 5) I will provide evidence or testimony that is objective, scientifically based and helpful in the administration of justice.
- 6) I will distinguish between medical negligence and a medical maloccurrence.
- 7) I will be prepared to discuss the basis of my expert testimony or opinion specifying whether it is based on personal experience, specific clinical references, evidence-based guidelines, or a generally accepted opinion in the specialty. I will be prepared to discuss important alternate methods and views.
- 8) I am willing to review cases and to testify impartially and objectively for either the plaintiff or the defendant.
- 9) If participating as an expert witness in criminal cases, I will review cases and testify impartially and objectively for either the prosecution or the defense.
- 10) I will follow ethical business practices for physician expert witnesses and I will not accept compensation that is contingent upon the outcome of the litigation.

Name: _____
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Current AAP Member ___ Yes ___ No

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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