

## Ethics Committee

### Committee Charge

The mission of the SCA Ethics Committee is to monitor and evaluate evolving ethical issues and offer recommendations concerning those issues to the SCA Board of Directors.

The goals of the SCA Ethics Committee are to assess and enhance the ethical behavior of the Society and its members.

Respond to inquiries regarding ethical issues.

Develop and review SCA policies regarding ethical issues or behavior for the Officers and/or Board of Directors.

Review the scientific program committees and SCA CME activities for disclosure of conflicts of interest as directed by the Board and CME committee.

Review and resolve complaints made against members, and other mandates as directed the Board of Directors or Officers of the SCA.

### 2025-26 Benchmarks

*(Action items for upcoming year)*

1. Propose one or more ethics-related sessions to our BOD liaison for the annual meeting
2. Respond to 100% of the ethical inquiries directed to the committee by the SCA BOD/President by acknowledged deadlines
3. Including a review of the Scientific Program Committee/CME activities or disclosure of COI and resolution of member complaints
4. Develop and/or review SCA policies regarding ethical issues yearly prior to the annual meeting

### 2025-26 Committee Members

Michele Sumler, MD - Chair

Linda Shore-Lesserson, MD – Board Liaison

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