### QUICK FACTS: Irregular Behavior

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<td>✓ Put all personal belongings, including your cell phone and study materials, in the locker provided</td>
<td>× Ask people what they saw on their examination or share what you saw on yours, including on web forums</td>
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<td>✓ Access your personal belongings only during authorized breaks</td>
<td>× Change any information on score reports, transcripts, or any other USMLE-related documents</td>
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<td>✓ End your patient encounter and stop typing your Patient Note as soon as announcements are made (Step 2 CS only)</td>
<td>× Write on your skin, tissue, or any surface other than the laminated note board provided to you by test center staff on your examination day</td>
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<td>✓ Verify you are on an authorized break screen before leaving the examination room for a break</td>
<td>× Apply and/or sit for an examination if you are not a current student or a graduate of a medical school program, even if you are appealing your school’s decision to withdraw or dismiss you</td>
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<td>✓ Contact the USMLE program via <a href="mailto:security@usmle.org">security@usmle.org</a> or the USMLE website if you have evidence that someone may have violated a USMLE rule</td>
<td>× Provide examination content to others, including test preparation companies or other entities</td>
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You are responsible for reading the USMLE Bulletin of Information in its entirety; contact the USMLE Secretariat’s office with questions or concerns.

*Please see pages 24-25 for more information regarding irregular behavior.*

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**STOP! THINK BEFORE YOU ACT!**

**Irregular behavior includes, but is not limited to:**
- Registering for or taking an exam when ineligible
- Seeking, providing, or obtaining prior access to exam content
- Altering exam scores
- Having unauthorized items in the testing area
- Using a proxy to take your exam
- Writing on anything other than the laminated note boards provided

**The penalties for irregular behavior may include:**
- Cancelation of your exam scores
- Ban on future testing
- Permanent annotation of your USMLE transcript
- Report to the FSMB’s Physician Data Center
- Possible legal action

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The USMLE program takes examination security seriously. If you have information concerning activities or behavior that may threaten the security or integrity of the USMLE, please contact us at security@usmle.org.

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