Quick Facts: Irregular Behavior

**DO**
- Put all personal belongings, including your cell phone and study materials, in the locker or bin provided
- Access your personal belongings only when on an authorized break
- Verify that your computer displays an authorized break screen before leaving the examination room for a break
- **Contact the USMLE program via the USMLE website if you have evidence that someone may have violated a USMLE rule**

**DON’T**
- Ask for or share content (items, cases) from any of the examinations, by any means, including but not limited to face-to-face conversation, web forums, or social media
- Provide examination content to others, including test preparation companies or other entities
- Change any information on score reports, transcripts, or any other USMLE-related documents
- 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
- 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

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.

STOP! THINK BEFORE YOU ACT!

The USMLE program takes examination security seriously. *Irregular behavior includes but is not limited to:*
- Registering for or taking an exam when ineligible
- Seeking, providing, or obtaining unauthorized access to exam content, including solicitation via social media or web forums
- Altering exam scores or other official USMLE information
- Having unauthorized items in the testing area
- Having or attempting to have someone else take your exam
- Writing on anything other than the laminated note boards provided

The penalties for irregular behavior may include:
- Cancellation of your exam scores
- Ban on future testing
- Permanent annotation on your USMLE transcript
- Report to the FSMB’s Physician Data Center and other entities with a legitimate interest
- Possible legal action

If you have information concerning activities or behavior that may threaten the security or integrity of the USMLE, please contact us via the USMLE website.