

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](#).