Quick Facts: Irregular Behavior

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 27-28 for more information regarding irregular behavior.

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 of 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.