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**COTBC Practice Standards for  
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# **Practice Standard #1: Recognizing Conflict of Interest**

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## Practice Standards for Conflict of Interest

### Practice Standard #1: Recognizing Conflict of Interest



#### Principle Statement:

The occupational therapist will recognize proactively any perceived, potential, or actual conflict of interest.

#### Practice Expectations

The occupational therapist will do the following:

1. Identify types of conflict of interest.
2. Identify situations that may lead to conflicts of interest.
3. Consider the implications that conflicts of interest have for clients and the public's perception of the profession.
4. Identify activities that may influence the occupational therapist's ability to be impartial in a client–therapist relationship.
5. Recognize if a situation involves any direct or indirect benefit (i.e., personal, professional, political, academic, financial, or material) to the occupational therapist that could affect his or her professional judgment.

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### Practice Standard #1: Recognizing Conflict of Interest, continued



#### Principle Statement:

The occupational therapist will recognize proactively any perceived, potential, or actual conflict of interest.

#### Practice Expectations, continued

6. Recognize any personal beliefs or opinions which affect the occupational therapist's ability to meet the client's needs (e.g., beliefs about race, sexual orientation, or nationality).
7. Consider whether others could potentially perceive a conflict of interest which could compromise the occupational therapist's credibility and quality of client care.
8. Seek proper advice when uncertain if a perceived, potential, or actual conflict of interest exists.
9. Identify any conflict of interest–related policies and procedures of the occupational therapist's organization.
10. Consider feedback from others who may perceive a conflict of interest.