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**COTBC Practice Standards for
Conflict of Interest, 2016**

**Practice Standard #2:
Preventing Conflict of Interest**

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Practice Standard #2: Preventing Conflict of Interest



Principle Statement:

The occupational therapist will prevent or avoid any perceived, potential, or actual conflict of interest from occurring.

Practice Expectations

The occupational therapist will do the following:

1. Avoid participating in activities or arrangements which may potentially compromise professional judgment.
2. Manage professional boundaries.
3. Avoid using status as an occupational therapist to receive benefits other than proper payment for professional services.
4. Avoid preferential or discriminatory treatment towards particular clients or organizations.

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Practice Standard #2: Preventing Conflict of Interest, continued



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Practice Expectations, continued

5. Apply any conflict of interest–related policies and procedures of the occupational therapist’s employer or organization.
6. Maintain a relationship of trust and confidence by not taking advantage of his or her position, including access to privileged information or knowledge received in dealings with clients or organizations.
7. Provide clients with alternative options for receiving occupational therapy services in circumstances where a perceived or actual conflict of interest exists or a potential conflict of interest may arise.