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9.5.3 Accreditation

Physicians who engage in activities that involve the accreditation, approval, or certification of institutions, facilities, and programs that provide patient care or medical education or certify the attainment of specialized professional competence have the ethical responsibility to develop and apply standards that are:

(a) Relevant, fair, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory.

(b) Focused on the quality of patient care achieved.

They must avoid adopting or using standards as a means of minimizing competition solely for economic gain.

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