



Nuevos Rumbos Corporation (CNR)

Code of Ethics

The Nuevos Rumbos Corporation is a private non-profit organization dedicated to research and prevention of drug and alcohol consumption, especially among minors.

People from different professions work in it - psychologists, social workers, anthropologists, statisticians, physicians, among others - but for the purposes of this code the fundamental guidelines of the Code of Ethics and Bioethics of Psychology in Colombia will be adopted (Colombian College of Psychologists, 2019), which in turn were developed from law 1090 of 2006, which regulated Psychology in the country. In addition, Nuevos Rumbos proposes some specific guidelines of its own, related to links with other organizations, research management and intervention processes with the general population, but especially with minors; the characteristics of CNR Ethics Committee are also defined in this Code..

General principles. The members of Nuevos Rumbos will be governed by the following principles:

- 1) Responsibility: by offering their services they will maintain the highest standards of their profession. They will accept responsibility for the consequences of their actions and will make every effort to ensure that their services are used correctly.
- 2) Competence: The maintenance of high standards of competence will be a responsibility shared by all members of CNR. They will only provide their services and use techniques for which they are qualified.

- 3) Moral and legal standards: the standards of moral and ethical behavior are similar to those of other citizens, except for those who may compromise the performance of their professional responsibilities or reduce public confidence.
- 4) Confidentiality: members of Nuevos Rumbos have a basic obligation regarding the confidentiality of the information obtained from individuals and institutions in the development of their work; they can disclose such information to others *only* with the informed consent of the person, their legal representative or the institution, except in those particular circumstances in which there is obvious damage to the person or others.
- 5) User welfare: the members of Nuevos Rumbos will respect the integrity and protect the well-being of the people and groups with whom they work; they will keep users sufficiently informed about both the purpose and nature of the assessments, educational interventions or training procedures and will recognize the freedom of participating or not in a research or intervention that users, students or participants, have.
- 6) Professional relations: members of Nuevos Rumbos will act with due regard for the needs, special competencies and obligations of their colleagues. They will respect the prerogatives and obligations of the institutions and organizations with which other colleagues are associated.
- 7) Research with human participants: the decision to undertake an investigation rests on the judgment made by each professional on how to contribute to the better development of different professions and human well-being. Once the decision has been taken regarding the research, the professional will consider the different alternatives toward he/she can address efforts and resources; the professional deals with research respecting the dignity and well-being of the people who participate; and will behave with full knowledge of the legal norms and professional standards.

On the professional activity of the members of Nuevos Rumbos

Professional activities of the members of Nuevos Rumbos, among others, are the following:

- A. Design, execution and direction of scientific, disciplinary or interdisciplinary research, aimed at the development, generation or application of knowledge that contributes to the understanding and resolution of the socially relevant problems that constitute its object of study;
- B. The foundation, design and management of different ways of preventing socially relevant problems;
- C. The foundation, design and management of the different processes that allow greater effectiveness of groups and organizations;
- D. Advice and participation in the design and formulation of policies in health, education, justice and other areas of health and social sciences;
- E. Advice and consultancy for the design, execution and direction of programs, in the fields and areas where knowledge and professional disciplinary contribution is required or convenient for social benefit;
- F. Design, execution and management of training and non-formal education programs in the different areas of the social and health sciences;
- G. Design, execution and direction of evaluation processes of interventions aimed at social and health areas.

Duties and obligations of the CNR professional

a. General guidelines

1. Refrain from behaviors that threaten the rights of other people, with special care of minors and people with a greater degree of vulnerability.
2. Stay within the legal guidelines in public or private contracting processes.
3. Refrain from receiving or offering incentives in public or private contracting processes.
4. Staying in line with healthy competition with other private entities.

5. Refrain from any form of discrimination based on ethnic, economic, religious, political or sexual orientation. However, CNR members may not make public demonstrations of their particular interests in these areas during the performance of their duties.

6. In any circumstance, maintain a course of conduct in accordance with the good name of the CNR

b. Specific guidelines

1. To keep complete reservation about the person, situation or institution where they intervene, the reasons for consultation and the identity of the consultant, except in the cases contemplated by the legal provisions;
2. To take responsibility for the information that auxiliary personnel may disclose without prior authorization;
3. To keep confidential documents in a closed place and with due custody;
4. To keep professional secrecy about any prescription or acts performed in compliance with specific tasks, as well as the data or facts that may be communicated because of the professional activity;
5. CNR will never sell information or databases; but it may share data with researchers, universities and research centers that request them;
6. If a member of CNR is offered any type of advice job or consultancy, before accepting it he/she must inform the director of the Corporation to ensure that there is no conflict of interest. If there is one, the CNR member must choose one of the two activities,

considering that the employment and service contracts clearly stipulate the obligation of confidentiality with the CNR data and products.

Nuevos Rumbos Corporation Code of Ethics (CNR): relationship with other organizations)



1. The CNR will not receive resources, nor will associate or execute projects, with tobacco companies.

2. An essential ethical foundation is the defense of minors. Therefore, the Corporation will not disclose content or favor concepts such as "moderate consumption" in that population, or "harm reduction", as these concepts are, internationally, applicable only to adults (see document "*Reduction of damage in minors*" on the CNR website).

3. CNR will not be involved or take positions in matters associated with political parties in the country. Nor will it intervene in debates of a religious nature. In line with the above, CNR will not accept that any of its members, permanent or temporary (for example, interns or students), show signs of their religious or political ideas while in contact with the users of our services.

4. CNR will establish mechanisms that guarantee the security of the personnel in the tasks that require it.

5. CNR will have an external Ethics Committee, made up of professionals of recognized suitability, who will evaluate the research projects before their execution and will record their judgment in a form designed for this purpose and that is attached to this code. (Appendix 1).

6. In an eventual relationship with pharmaceutical companies or alcohol producers, the following rules will also be mandatory:

- a- The resulting databases will be shared property with the funding entity in the case of adult studies.
- b- In the case of studies with minors, the databases will be the exclusive property of CNR, who may share them with academic or research entities at its own discretion, and respecting all the rules on confidentiality.
- c- CNR will not accept to do research on drugs or alcohol whose results are confidential, unless there is a previously agreed reason.
- d- In the investigations it will not accept interference from the funders neither in the design of the studies, nor in the treatment of the data or the publications. CNR will only accept changes in case of manifest error. When the call includes an already developed design, CNR may propose changes or reject the proposed design if it tends to favor particular results or has errors that will cause biased results.

CNR Ethics Committee

Nuevos Rumbos Corporation will invite four highly recognized and qualified professionals from the social sciences, health and academic world, to constitute an Ethics Committee that will evaluate all the national and international research projects.

The procedure will be as follows:

1. When preparing a research project, CNR will convene the Committee in writing, and in the mail it will include the text of the project, and the evaluation form with a consecutive number that will start with **0047** from January 2020.

2. The Committee may evaluate the projects in collective or individual sessions; in the first case the form will be signed by those who have participated; in the second, the forms will be signed individually. The signed form will be attached to the project file.

3. CNR will respond in writing to comments and adjustments, when necessary.

4. Each of the members of the Ethics Committee will receive a symbolic remuneration of USD 100 for each project evaluated, as compensation for the time invested in the review.