

Code of Conduct for Barth Syndrome International Scientific, Medical & Family Conference

The Barth Syndrome International Scientific, Medical & Family Conference brings together families, researchers, clinicians, and advocates united by a single purpose: ending the suffering caused by Barth syndrome. That shared mission is our greatest strength, and maintaining a safe, welcoming, and productive environment for our community is our shared responsibility.

Our Expectations

Our community is built on credibility, integrity, and compassion. We ask all attendees to bring those same values into every interaction at Conference. Specifically, attendees agree to:

- Treat all participants — families, clinicians, researchers, staff, and volunteers — with respect and courtesy
- Honor the boundaries and privacy of speakers and fellow attendees
- Comply with the rules and policies of the event venue
- Engage online participants with the same respect extended to those in the room

Unacceptable Behavior

The following will not be tolerated at Conference:

- Harassment, intimidation, or discrimination in any form
- Verbal abuse or sexual harassment of any kind
- Use of sexual, vulgar, or discriminatory language or imagery in presentations or discussions

Reporting a Concern

If you experience or witness behavior that violates this Code of Conduct, please alert a BSF staff member immediately. After the conference, you may report an incident by contacting general@barthsyndrome.org.

BSF will handle all reports with discretion and privacy.

Consequences

This Code of Conduct applies to all attendees and participants. BSF reserves the right to ask any individual to leave the conference if this Code is not being followed. No refunds will be issued, and the individual may be barred from future Barth Syndrome International Conferences and Barth Syndrome Foundation events.

