

# IWMF CONNECT PARTICIPATION RULES AND ETIQUETTE

## 1. **BE MINDFUL OF KEEPING TO THE FOCUS OF IWMF CONNECT (no political or religious discussions).**

Keep your messages related to WM, diagnosis, treatment, results, or tests. This also means NO politics, NO religion, etc. Abuse of this rule will result in your subscription being put on review and removal if it becomes necessary. However, this does not mean that one cannot offer to pray on another member's behalf. Praying for someone is not discussing religion, it is an offering of support. Just remember, discussing things like religion and politics inevitably leads to rancorous communications and flame wars and simply cannot be allowed.

## 2. **BE COURTEOUS AND PROFESSIONAL IN YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE GROUP.**

Be courteous at all times, and don't attack people. Conduct a calm and reasoned discussion based on relevant facts. Also, cursing, and abusive language is inappropriate. Such conduct causes a discussion to deteriorate and makes people less willing to help you when you need it. Repeated incidents of abusive conduct may also get you involuntarily removed from the group. If you are upset at something or someone, wait until you have had a chance to calm down and think about it. Hasty, knee-jerk responses only serve to fan the flames. Take the time to formulate a well-reasoned response that places the discussion back on track in a courteous manner.

## 3. **BE CAREFUL WITH HUMOR AND SARCASM.**

Without the benefit of voice inflection and body language, it is easy for remarks meant to be funny to be misinterpreted. Subtle humor can easily get lost, and the intended meaning of the message can be perceived to be something offensive through misinterpretation. Also, remember that the members of the list are all very busy and come from a wide range of backgrounds, cultures, and countries. If the only point of a reply is to be humorous, refrain from sending it in the interest of not wasting the collective time of the group members.

Please feel free to contact us with questions about IWMF Connect or if you experience any problems. Our IWMF Connect contact is [office@iwmf.com](mailto:office@iwmf.com)

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