

## **AJEE PUBLICATION ETHICS AND MALPRACTICE STATEMENT**

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All the necessary materials consisting of the requirements for publication of the Journal, in particular, AJEE Authors Guide, AJEE Reviewers Guide and AJEE Ethical and Legal Conditions, were sufficiently revised and updated according to this PEMS and are currently available on the web-site of the Journal <http://ajee-journal.com/submissions> see Attachments, please.

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