

ETHICAL CODE OF CONDUCT SURVEY

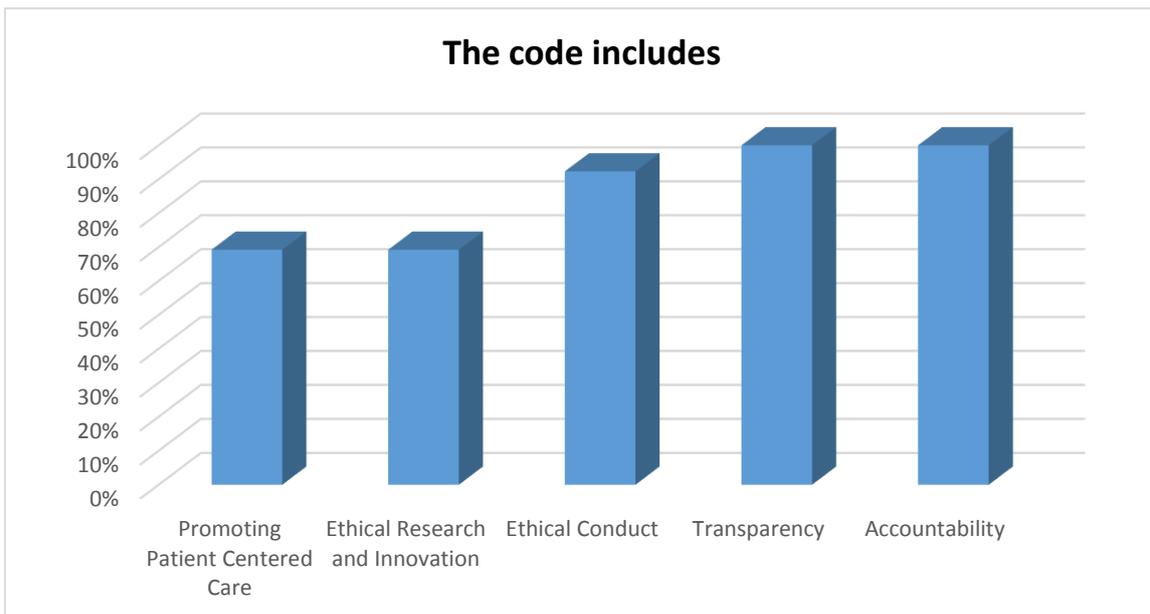
Following the decision of the IHF Governing Council in November 2014 in Seoul, South Korea to endorse the Consensus Framework for Ethical Collaboration and in view of the *First Anniversary Event* of the Framework, the IHF Secretariat has developed a survey on “Ethical Code of Conduct”.

Completed questionnaires were submitted by 17 national organizations representing healthcare providers from the following countries: Australia, Austria, Brazil, Finland, France, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, Luxembourg, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Switzerland, UAE and USA.

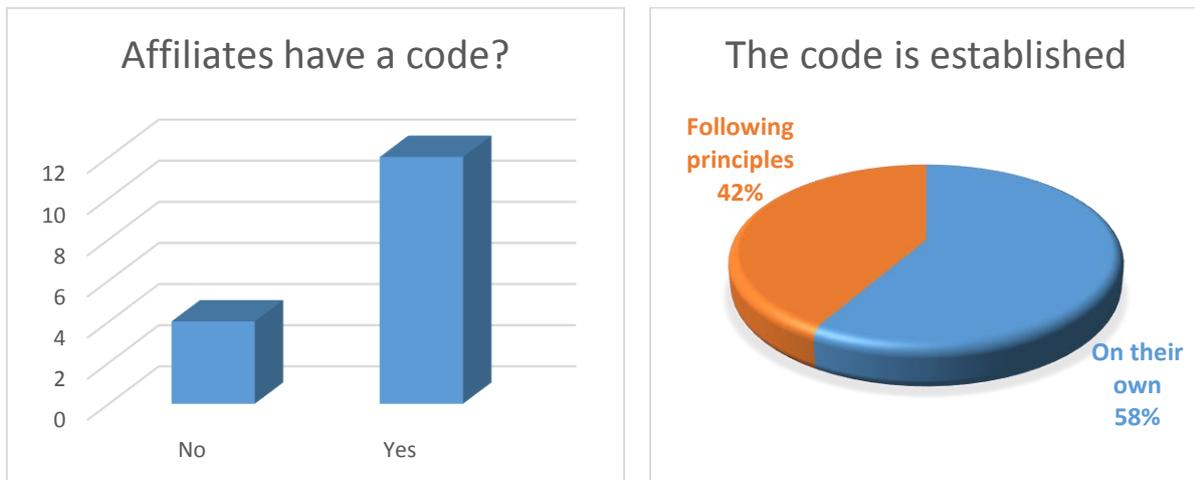
13 out of 17 of the respondent organization reported having an ethical code of conduct or similar document. The four countries that do not have a code of conduct are Norway, France, Luxembourg and Switzerland.



As it can be seen in the graph below, all codes of conduct include transparency and accountability. Among those who have it, the code also includes ethical conduct (92%), ethical research and innovation and promoting patient centered care (both at 69%).



Affiliates of 12 IHF Members have their own code of conduct, which in 5 countries has been established under the guidelines of the national organization.



Respondents reported on 5 principal modalities of monitoring ethical conduct such as:

- Systematic survey
- Ethic committee review
- HR Mechanism
- Quality management responsibility
- Group meetings

For 35% of respondent ethical practices are not reviewed or monitored.

In 3 out of the 4 countries who do not have an ethical code of conduct, the issue is part of the priorities of the upcoming years.

Considering the outcomes of this survey, it is possible to assume that in contexts where healthcare activities are highly regulated at the national level, an ethical code of conduct is not included in the organization's priorities. It should also be considered that in the majority of countries, the different healthcare professions (nurses, doctors, etc.) have their own codes of conduct.

The survey responses provided an interesting mapping of codes of conduct in healthcare institutions at regional level. Further development of this study will be considered in the incoming months.