

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. As a research organisation, the JOANNEUM RESEARCH Forschungsgesellschaft mbH is active in the area of applied research and is committed to contract research (both public sector and private sector). The organisation is mostly owned by the provincial authorities of Styria and is not profit-driven i.e. it is exclusively based on non-profit-oriented aims. It is an independent organisation that seeks to protect its neutrality vis-à-vis individual groups originating from political and industrial sectors, as well as specific interest groups from the wider society. In relation to client-funded projects, the JOANNEUM RESEARCH Forschungsgesellschaft mbH respects the confidentiality of information and results, where this does not conflict with point 4 (see below).
2. The HEALTH – Institute for Biomedicine and Health Sciences of the JOANNEUM RESEARCH Forschungsgesellschaft mbH places great emphasis on the application of scientifically established and well-founded methods and the generation of independent results, drawn from its principles of objectivity and science.
3. The Research Unit Health Sciences within the HEALTH – Institute for Biomedicine and Health Sciences of the JOANNEUM RESEARCH Forschungsgesellschaft mbH continually seeks to improve health systems both within Austria and other countries and considers itself answerable to the interests of the wider society as a whole. In particular, this group seeks to represent the interests of patients in the best way possible and focuses the aim of its proposals, expertise and analyses on the highest benefit to the wider society.
4. In order to ensure transparency in its methods and results, the HEALTH – Institute for Biomedicine and Health Sciences of the JOANNEUM RESEARCH Forschungsgesellschaft mbH reserves the right to disseminate full results originating from work undertaken by the Research Unit Health Sciences - also results generated in connection with contract research- once clients themselves publish, part publish or publicly refer to results.