THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL DEVICE COMPLIANCE CONGRESS

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SNITEM’s Charter

- Decided and Created in June 2003
- Approved and signed by all the SNITEM Members
- Updated in 2006
SNITEM’s Charter

- By signing that Charter, the Medical Technology Companies have a commitment to the 5 main actors:
  - The patient
  - The healthcare professional
  - The Institutions and Organizations
  - The other Medical Technology companies
  - And … Their Trade Association
Professional Code of Ethics and Good Practices Commission

- SNITEM’s Board of Directors appoints the members of this Commission

- **Composition:**
  - three board members
  - and a former board member or key figure who has had important functions within our Industry.
  - *Their term of office is for two years and is renewable.*

- The Commission elects a Chairman from among its members for an identical term of office.
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- **Submission of a case to the Commission**
  - By SNITEM’s Board of Directors,
  - By a member company,
  - By one of its members if it is aware of conduct that is contrary to the provisions of this Charter.

- **Missions:**
  - To make sure that the provisions of this Charter are complied with, in both the letter and the spirit,
  - To examine possible disputes relating to violation of the Association’s code of ethics,
  - To hear the explanations given by the company or companies concerned,
  - To try to reconcile the points of view and to see to it that both sides are duly heard in the proceedings,
  - To request, if need be, an additional investigation by calling on outside experts.
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- **Sanctions:**

  Depending on how seriously the Association’s code of ethics has been violated, and applied together where appropriate:

  - A warning,
  
  - Publication of information in SNITEM’s internal communication media, the content of which is decided on by the Ethics Commission,
  
  - Expulsion from the Association.