

# Sarphati Amsterdam Code of Conduct

## Introduction

Sarphati Amsterdam is a scientific research institute in Amsterdam. The City of Amsterdam (GGD) and the Amsterdam knowledge institutes (UvA, Amsterdam UMC, VU and HvA) work together within Sarphati Amsterdam on innovative multidisciplinary research into effective, sustainable prevention of lifestyle diseases such as diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular disease. Multidisciplinary teams work on solutions relating to prevention and care. Sarphati Amsterdam facilitates this by connecting research, policy and implementation.

The principles described in this document apply to the activities carried out by Sarphati Amsterdam and the collaborations into which it enters.

## Mission, vision and core values

The research carried out under the auspices of Sarphati Amsterdam must fit within the institute's mission, vision and values.

<b>mission</b>		Innovative interdisciplinary research beneficial to effective and sustainable prevention of diseases of non-communicable diseases.
<b>vision</b>		Sarphati Amsterdam facilitates a unique and advanced research infrastructure and brings together excellent scientific expertise from various disciplines. In doing so, Sarphati Amsterdam contributes to the ambitious policy objectives set by the City of Amsterdam to promote healthy behaviour and improve the quality of life of growing children. The knowledge and infrastructure attract students, researchers, policymakers and companies from all over the world, enabling Amsterdam to position itself once again as a knowledge city.
<b>core values</b>	<u>innovate</u>	Sarphati Amsterdam aims to be a world player in groundbreaking research that contributes to the promotion of healthier youth in urban settings.
	<u>collaborate</u>	Local to global partnerships in the areas of science, healthcare, policy, industry and citizens.
	<u>connect</u>	Research actively involving and benefiting citizens, connecting various policy areas and scientific disciplines.

The parties involved make every effort to realise the mission, vision and core values of Sarphati Amsterdam, and to represent the common interests of the municipality and knowledge institutions. These common interests are as follows:

- making an essential and demonstrable contribution to unravelling the complex mechanisms that lead to lifestyle diseases. Two things are central to this approach: collaboration between different scientific disciplines, the City of Amsterdam and knowledge institutions, and connecting science, policy and practice. This must generate practice-oriented knowledge
- maintaining the unique, dynamic research infrastructure
- increasing the impact of Sarphati Amsterdam in the social, economic and scientific spheres
- securing the viability and continuity of Sarphati Amsterdam
- promoting a healthy lifestyle and optimum living conditions for Amsterdam citizens.

## Sarphati Amsterdam research

Research must be conducted in accordance with existing legislation and regulations. Sarphati Amsterdam researchers must adhere to the Netherlands Code of Conduct for Research Integrity.

### **Netherlands Code of Conduct for Research Integrity**

Research integrity is essential for the proper functioning of Sarphati Amsterdam. For this reason, we adhere to the Netherlands Code of Conduct for Research Integrity (*Nederlandse gedragscode wetenschappelijke integriteit*) as our guiding principle.

The Code of Conduct defines the five principles of research integrity. These principles are also the virtues of a good researcher and ensure that the researcher is capable of making the right choices under a variety of circumstances. The principles are:

- Honesty
- Scrupulousness
- Transparency
- Independence
- Responsibility

The Code of Conduct also applies 61 standards for good research practices and duties of care for the institutions. The standards determine what researchers must take into consideration in their work. The institution ensures that researchers can work in a safe, inclusive and open environment. The institution's duties of care relate to research culture, data management, disclosure and dissemination, and ethical standards and procedures.

The Code describes how institutions must deal with violations of scientific integrity. Sarphati Amsterdam will apply these guidelines.

### **Rules of conduct and research codes of the knowledge institutions**

In addition to the Netherlands Code of Conduct for Research Integrity, each of the Amsterdam knowledge institutions has its own rules of conduct and research codes. Sarphati Amsterdam researchers must act in accordance with the rules and codes of the institution at which they work.

### **Public Health Service of Amsterdam (GGD) frameworks**

With respect to data collection and processing by the GGD Amsterdam and Sarphati Amsterdam, the legal frameworks are applicable as described in the General Data Protection Regulation (*Algemene verordening gegevensbescherming (AVG)*), Medical Scientific Research involving Human Subjects Act (*Wet medisch wetenschappelijk onderzoek met mensen (WMO)*) and the Medical Treatment Agreement Act (*Wet op de geneeskundige behandelingsovereenkomst (WGBO)*).

## **Collaboration**

### **General**

Sarphati Amsterdam helps researchers to carry out their research programmes, to further their research through multidisciplinary collaboration, and to gain access to the infrastructure of the Sarphati Cohort. Collaboration between citizens, researchers, the municipality and private parties is essential to this. Collaborating parties provide the city with scientific, social and economic added value and help to strengthen Amsterdam's position as a knowledge city.

Collaborating parties will only use the data they have collected for scientific and other non-commercial purposes, unless the Executive Board (after receiving a recommendation from the Advisory Council and approval from the Supervisory Board) gives permission for other types of use of the data and results.

### **Private parties**

The following principles apply to collaborations with private parties:

- The collaboration must fit within the core values of the City of Amsterdam (active, open, honest), the core values of the GGD (professional, reliable and driven), the mission, vision and core values of Sarphati Amsterdam (innovate, collaborate and connect), and the core values of the knowledge institutions.
- The collaboration must be transparent and maintain the independence of Sarphati Amsterdam.
- The collaboration must comply with the 'Code to prevent undue influence through conflicts of interest' (*Code ter voorkoming van oneigenlijke beïnvloeding door belangenverstremeling*), established by the KNAW.