

Presenter Guidelines for AASECT Presentations that Include Live Demonstrations

In order to create the greatest opportunities for learning while respecting various learning styles as well as a spectrum of sensibilities, please follow the following guidelines for AASECT presentations that show or have live demonstrations.

1. While it is understood that at times, live demonstrations of anatomical functions, medical procedures or exams, pleasure enhancement or the like may sometimes involve nudity, no nudity should happen at an AASECT CE event without the prior written consent of all attendees. This means the following:
 - a. Attendees must be made aware of the presence of nudity prior to registration for the event. It is unacceptable and unethical to initially inform attendees of nudity at the beginning of a presentation.
 - b. All who attend must be made aware of
 - i. the fact that there may be nudity for the purpose of demonstration,
 - ii. the nature of the nudity,
 - iii. the fact that viewing of the nudity is optional for all participants.
 - iv. If the nature of the presentation is such that the nudity is basic to the presentation and therefore not reasonably optional, this fact should be made clear so that the potential attendee may make an informed decision prior to registration.
 - c. Attendees must sign informed consent specifying the above, in accordance with the particulars of your event.
 - d. Because the attendees must have prior, written consent, nudity should not be present at AASECT conference CE events.
2. Demonstrations of kink/BDSM/power dynamics should take into account various sensibilities in that demonstrators shall be cognizant of the possibilities for activating trauma in attendees. Therefore, demonstrators at AASECT functions shall follow these guidelines:
 - a. Attendees must be made aware of the nature of the material and demonstrations prior to registration for the event. It is not acceptable to initially inform attendees at the beginning of a presentation.
 - b. All who attend must be made aware of
 - i. the fact that there will be live demonstrations,
 - ii. the nature of the demonstrations,
 - iii. the fact that viewing of the demonstration is optional for all participants.
 - iv. If the nature of the presentation is such that the demonstration is basic to the presentation and therefore not reasonably optional, this fact should be made clear so that the potential attendee may make an informed decision prior to registration.
 - c. Demonstration “tops” and “bottoms” should be presenters who have negotiated with each other prior to the event the nature of their demonstration. Taking volunteers out of the audience is not advised.

- d. Attendees should sign informed consent specifying that they are aware of the nature of the event, in accordance with the particulars of your presentation, and that they are aware of the optional nature of the demonstration or event.
3. Demonstrations of various concepts, techniques, behaviors may sometimes include willing, informed participation by attendees. Examples of this might be, for instance 1) attendees may be taught how to give each other hand massage as an experiential way to practice negotiating boundaries, 2) attendees may be taught how to hold or crack a whip, 3) Attendees may be taught non-sexual sensate focus exercises.

In these cases, the following guidelines are suggested:

- a. Instructors should not touch attendees.
 - b. Participation in such exercises should always be made optional.
 - c. Instructors should not leave the room and should monitor such activity closely. For large events, assistants are advised.
4. No AASECT Organizational Provider should make a mandatory part of their program any CE Event that includes mandatory viewing of nudity or live demonstrations. These may be offered as either
 - a. optional portions of programs/events or
 - b. optional programs/events.