



Statement of Values & Commitments

The Immune Tolerance Network is an organization born from the collective vision of the National Institutes of Health and the tolerance research community. As such, our vision and the principles upon which we were founded are a reflection of the community itself.

Our Statement of Values and Commitments clearly defines these principles and provides a framework that guides us in our activities. This commitment ensures that we will continue as strong advocates for the community, working in an open and accessible manner.

Our Mission

To advance the clinical application of immune tolerance by performing high quality clinical trials of emerging therapeutics integrated with mechanism-based research.

In particular, we aim to:

- establish new tolerance therapeutics
- develop a better understanding of the mechanisms of immune function and disease pathogenesis
- identify new biomarkers of tolerance and disease

Our Purpose

To achieve immune tolerance to prevent and cure human disease.

Our Values

Innovation: We anticipate and respond to each challenge, research or otherwise, with creativity and passion, welcoming the challenge of attempting what has never been accomplished before.

Integrity: We strive for fairness, truth and respect in all that we do and uphold high ethical standards in all human research.

Conviction: We are firm in our belief that immune tolerance therapies can *and will* radically improve human health.

Collaboration: We are built upon teamwork, establishing partnerships with academia, government and industry to meet our goals. We are committed to the scientific ideals of openness and the sharing of scientific information.

Our Commitments

We make the following commitments in order to fulfill our purpose and translate our values into our every day work.

We will lead by example and use our collective resources and expertise to rapidly advance the field of tolerance research.

This means we will:

- remain open to, and objectively evaluate all investigator-initiated research proposals
- anticipate, identify and actively pursue new scientific opportunities wherever they may be
- strive for innovative solutions to difficult clinical and scientific problems
- seek synergistic partnerships and collaborations with academia, government and industry
- aim to produce results of only the highest possible quality

We will share the results of our scientific endeavors with the research community in a timely, open manner.

This means we will:

- publish results quickly in peer-reviewed publications
- make technical innovations and protocols available to the community
- respect the rights of collaborators to appropriate intellectual property considerations

We will uphold the highest ethical standards in all that we do.

This means we will:

- continue to place the highest priority on patient safety and informed consent in ITN clinical trials
- interact with our members, the community and each other with honesty, integrity and respect

We will ensure that the Immune Tolerance Network provides an outstanding work environment.

This means we will:

- create a workplace that is healthy, diverse stimulating and rewarding
- provide the leadership, tools and resources for employees to achieve their full potential

We will be accountable for living up to our commitments.

This means we will:

- make continuous and measurable progress in meeting our commitments
- involve our staff, members and the community in evaluating our progress
- provide up-to-date information on our research activities to the public