

**NEXTCURE, INC.**  
**CODE OF ETHICS FOR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS**

*Effective May 8, 2019*

**I. PURPOSE**

This Code of Ethics applies to NextCure Inc.'s (the "Company's") principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or any person performing similar functions, together with any other executive officer of the Company or member of the Company's Disclosure Committee (each referred to in this Code as a "Principal Officer"). Its purpose is to deter wrongdoing and promote honest and ethical conduct and compliance with the law, particularly as related to the maintenance of the Company's financial records and the preparation of financial statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), and to ensure full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure in reports and documents that the Company files or furnishes with, or submits to, the SEC and in other public communications made by the Company.

**II. OBLIGATIONS**

The obligations of each Principal Officer under this Code of Ethics supplement, but do not replace, the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applicable to all employees. As a Principal Officer you must:

A. always act with the highest standards of personal and professional integrity, carry out your responsibilities honestly and with integrity, exercise at all times your best independent judgment and not tolerate others who attempt to deceive, or evade responsibility for actions;

B. avoid situations in which your own interests conflict with the interests of the Company. In any case in which you find yourself with an actual or apparent conflict of interest, you must promptly disclose it to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board"), which will review the transaction or relationship and determine how the situation should be resolved;

C. comply with the Company's disclosure controls, policies and procedures, which have been designed to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by the Company in its SEC filings is collected, processed, summarized and disclosed in a timely fashion and accumulated and communicated to the appropriate persons;

D. carefully review drafts of reports and other documents the Company files with or furnishes or submits to the SEC before they are filed or submitted, and Company press releases or other public communications before they are released to the public, with particular focus on disclosures you do not understand or agree with and on information known to you that is not reflected in the report, document, press release or public communication;

E. promptly bring to the attention of the Company's Disclosure Committee or a member thereof any material information of which you become aware that affects the disclosures made by the Company in its public filings, and any material information that may assist the Disclosure Committee in fulfilling its responsibilities, matters that could compromise the integrity of the Company's financial reports or disagreements with respect to any material accounting matters;

F. promptly bring to the attention of the Audit Committee or the full Board:

1. any matters that could compromise the integrity of the Company's financial reports;

2. any disagreement with respect to any material accounting matter, and

3. any violation of this Code of Ethics, the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, or of any law or regulation related to the Company's accounting or financial affairs; and

G. comply at all times with applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations, including those of Nasdaq.

### **III. WAIVERS**

The Audit Committee of the Board must approve any waiver or amendment of this Code of Ethics, and any such waiver or amendment must be promptly disclosed to the Company's stockholders, if required by and in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.