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News Bulletin

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Requirements for Administering Oral Sedation

CDSBC has received numerous phone calls from dentists about promotional material they received from an organization offering training in sedation administration by dentists. The promotional material led several dentists to believe that CDSBC now requires dentists to take courses in order to be authorized to provide any form of sedation. This is not the case. CDSBC requirements for administering sedation have not changed under the HPA and **dentists do not need to register with CDSBC if they are providing a single, oral, sedative drug**. This is considered to be an entry level competency that is usually gained in dental school.

To be authorized to provide **moderate** sedation using multiple oral sedatives (with or without nitrous oxide/oxygen), and/or one or more parenteral drugs, dentists must meet the requirements outlined in the College's Guidelines on [Minimal and Moderate Sedation in Dentistry](#) and register their qualifications with CDSBC. This involves taking sedation courses that meet the criteria set out in the Guidelines. It is the responsibility of the dentist taking the course to ensure that the Guidelines have been met.

In addition, the promotional material referred to above incorrectly inferred that to meet the Guidelines, the dentist was required to "observe 20 clinical patient experiences". In fact, the Guidelines state that dentists must **perform** sedation on 20 live patients, not just observe.

CDSBC does not endorse or promote individual CE courses or course providers.



Continuous Practice Requirement

This requirement is being phased in over the next two years. For registration/certification in 2010, dentists and CDAs must have some practice over the previous three years in order to work in B.C. Visit the [CDSBC website](#) for more information about continuous practice.

Please note that the requirements for continuing education have not changed.

Clarification of CDA Services

Under the CDSBC Bylaws, certified dental assistants have the opportunity to play a broader role in the dental office. Some dentists and CDAs have asked for more information about two services in particular:

- The removal of extrinsic stains not associated with calculus using an appropriate hand instrument or slow speed rotary instrument **does not** include scaling.
- Packing cord: Only a CDA who has successfully completed a Prosthodontic Module is authorized to pack cord.

There are other changes to the services CDAs can provide and more information is available in the [Overview of the Health Professions Act and College Bylaws](#) and [Summer 2009 Sentinel](#) (both available at www.cdsbc.org). In addition, a detailed description of CDA services under the Bylaws will be distributed this fall.

In all cases, the dentist and the CDA must be comfortable that the CDA has the knowledge, skill and competency to perform any service.

Dentists: Cut-off date for 2009/10 Directory is September 28

Dentists, please ensure we have your correct practice address, email address and phone/fax numbers. Any changes must be received by September 28 in order to appear in the 2009/2010 Directory of Dentists. Changes received after this time will not be reflected in the new directory.

You can check and update your address [here](#). Other changes can be made by email to info@cdsbc.org or by fax to the number below.



CDA Presentation at TODS Meeting

Thursday, October 22, 5-6 pm

Grand Okanagan Hotel, Kelowna

Dentists and CDAs will earn one CE credit by attending the College's information session on Thursday, October 22 at the Thompson Okanagan Dental Meeting. The presentation will highlight what's new for CDAs in the *Health Professions Act* and CDSBC Bylaws, including: restricted activities and how they affect dentists and CDAs, expanded services for CDAs, continuous practice requirement, delegation and supervision, understanding the 60-day rule, and CDA involvement in public health.

Note: **TODS registration is not required** for this free session.

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