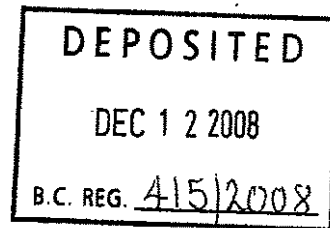


PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

REGULATION OF THE MINISTER OF
HEALTH SERVICES

Ministerial Order No. M 308

I, George Abbott, Minister of Health Services, order that, effective April 3, 2009, the attached Dentists Regulation is made.



December 11, 2008
Date

George Abbott
Minister of Health Services

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section:- Health Professions Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 183, s. 12 (2)

Other (specify):-

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DENTISTS REGULATION

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Definitions

1 In this regulation:

“Act” means the *Health Professions Act*;

“college” means the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia continued under section 15.1 of the Act;

“compound” means to mix with one or more other ingredients;

“dental appliance” means an appliance or a device designed or offered for a dental condition or other condition of the orofacial complex, excluding a ready-to-use or self-adapted mouthguard designed or offered for temporary protection against injury during sporting activities;

“dentistry” means the health profession in which a person provides the services of assessment, management, treatment and prevention of diseases, disorders and conditions of the orofacial complex and associated anatomical structures;

“dispense”,

(a) in respect of a drug, has the same meaning as in the *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act*, but excludes a sale, as defined in that Act, and

(b) in respect of a dental appliance, means to fabricate or alter;

“entral instillation” means instillation directly into the gastrointestinal tract;

“fit” means to perform any intra-oral procedure related to dispensing, including the making of impressions;

“parenteral instillation” means instillation directly into the blood stream;

“prescribe” means,

(a) in respect of a drug, to issue a “prescription” as defined in the *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act*, and

(b) in respect of a dental appliance, to issue an authorization to dispense for use by a named individual;

“substance” includes air and water, but excludes a drug specified in Schedule I, IA, II or IV of the Drug Schedules Regulation, B.C. Reg. 9/98.

Reserved titles

2 (1) The following titles are reserved for exclusive use by registrants:

- (a) dentist;
- (b) dental surgeon;
- (c) surgeon;
- (d) doctor.

- (2) This section does not prevent a person from using
- (a) the title "surgeon" or "doctor" in a manner authorized by another enactment that regulates a health profession, or
 - (b) an academic or educational designation that the person is entitled to use.

Scope of practice

- 3 A registrant may practise dentistry.

Restricted activities

- 4 (1) A registrant in the course of practising dentistry may do any of the following:
- (a) make a diagnosis identifying, as the cause of signs or symptoms of an individual, a disease, disorder or condition of the orofacial complex and associated anatomical structures;
 - (b) perform a procedure on tissue of the orofacial complex and associated anatomical structures below the dermis or the surface of a mucous membrane;
 - (c) perform a procedure on tissue below the dermis for the purpose of removing tissue for use in reconstructive or other surgery on the orofacial complex and associated anatomical structures;
 - (d) perform a procedure on tissue in or below the surfaces of the teeth, including the scaling of teeth;
 - (e) set a fracture of a bone of the orofacial complex;
 - (f) reduce a dislocation of a joint of the orofacial complex;
 - (g) administer a substance by
 - (i) injection,
 - (ii) inhalation,
 - (iii) mechanical ventilation,
 - (iv) irrigation, or
 - (v) enteral instillation or parenteral instillation;
 - (h) put an instrument or a device, hand or finger
 - (i) into the external ear canal, up to the eardrum,
 - (ii) beyond the point in the nasal passages where they normally narrow,
 - (iii) beyond the pharynx,
 - (iv) beyond the opening of the urethra for the purposes of catheterization,
 - (v) beyond the anal verge for the purposes of monitoring temperature, or
 - (vi) into an artificial opening into the body;
 - (i) put into the external ear canal, up to the eardrum, a substance that is under pressure;
 - (j) apply
 - (i) ultrasound, for
 - (A) diagnostic or imaging purposes, excluding any application of ultrasound to a fetus, or
 - (B) the purpose of lithotripsy, in treating a disease, disorder or condition of the orofacial complex and associated anatomical structures,

- (ii) electricity, for the purpose of destroying tissue or affecting activity of the heart or nervous system,
 - (iii) electromagnetism, for the purpose of magnetic resonance imaging,
 - (iv) laser, for the purpose of cutting or destroying tissue, or
 - (v) X-rays, for diagnostic or imaging purposes, including X-rays for the purpose of computerized axial tomography;
- (k) issue an instruction or authorization for another person to perform, in respect of a named individual, a restricted activity specified in paragraph (j);
- (l) in respect of a drug specified in Schedule I, IA or II of the Drug Schedules Regulation, B.C. Reg. 9/98,
- (i) prescribe the drug,
 - (ii) compound the drug,
 - (iii) dispense the drug, or
 - (iv) administer the drug by any method;
- (m) if nutrition is administered by enteral instillation, dispense a therapeutic diet;
- (n) prescribe a dental appliance;
- (o) dispense or fit a dental appliance;
- (p) conduct challenge testing for allergies
- (i) that involves injection, scratch tests or inhalation, if the individual being tested has not had a previous anaphylactic reaction, or
 - (ii) by any method, if the individual being tested has had a previous anaphylactic reaction.
- (2) Only a registrant may provide a service of dentistry as set out in this regulation if, on the day before this section comes into force, the provision of the same service by anyone other than a person authorized under the *Dentists Act* was prohibited.

Patient relations program

- 5 The college is designated for the purposes of section 16 (2) (f) of the Act.

Health profession corporations

- 6 Part 4 of the Act applies to dentistry.