

Standards of Practice for Dentists and Certified Dental Assistants in British Columbia

The following standards describe the responsibilities of dentists and certified dental assistants (CDAs) in providing dental care to the public in B.C.

1 Patient-Centred Dental Care

- Put the interests of patients before the interests of the dentist or CDA in providing safe, professional, quality patient care.
- “Do no Harm”.
- Respect the patient’s right to confidentiality.
- Respect the patient’s right and ability to make informed choices regarding dental care.

2 Unique Body of Knowledge

- Base dental practice on a unique, scientifically based body of knowledge and expertise.
- Practise according to evidence-based and peer-supported principles.

3 Competent Application of Knowledge

- Competently apply knowledge in assessing, treating and managing the care of the patient.
- Assess outcomes of care provided where possible.
- Maintain competence by undertaking continuous learning and professional development.

4 Professional Ethics

- Practise in accordance with the ethical guidelines for the profession.

5 Professional Responsibility and Accountability

- Maintain accountability in the public interest.
- Ensure that practice meets the legislative requirements and professional standards of the profession.
- Assume primary responsibility for maintaining own competence and fitness to practise.

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