

# Standards of Practice

The following standards describe the responsibilities of dentists, dental therapists 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, dental therapist 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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