



CDSBC response to reports of misconduct at Dalhousie Faculty of Dentistry

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The news reports from Dalhousie are deeply disturbing.

The College of Dental Surgeons of BC takes this matter extremely seriously. We condemn the conduct reported. Violence or the threat of violence against women is repugnant – in any context.

The College's sole mandate is to serve and protect the public interest. Any person who applies to us for registration must be able to demonstrate not only that they meet the stringent academic requirements for entry, but also that they are of good character and repute. Dentists, dental therapists and certified dental assistants regulated by CDSBC are required to adhere to, and uphold, standards of professionalism, practice and ethics. Any person who is unable or unwilling to abide by the College's [Code of Ethics](#) is not someone who will easily find a place within the profession.

At this point in time we do not have all the facts. We need to allow Dalhousie to investigate this matter fully and to take swift, fair, effective and transparent action against those responsible. We fully expect the University will act quickly and effectively. The school has [an information page](#) on its website which may be helpful.

CDSBC's Registration Committee has oversight over applications for entry for all applicants; including any of these students from Dalhousie who complete their program and graduate. However, it is not clear whether the individuals implicated will graduate. If so, and they choose to apply for registration in B.C., the application process will require them to disclose any accusations or findings of misconduct while in academia. At that time we will be able to fully assess all of the facts and make a determination about whether they are safe to practice and if or on what terms entry to the profession may be granted.

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