



Denturist Society of Saskatchewan

Code of Ethics

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Introduction

The profession of denturism is granted the privilege of self-governance under *The Dental Disciplines Act*. With this privilege comes the responsibility for registrants to understand and comply with the Act, and the Society's bylaws. Registrants must uphold the honour and dignity of the profession through ethical conduct and professional integrity.

General Responsibilities

To maintain high standards, registrants must:

- Be honest and impartial in serving patients, the public, and the profession.
- Strive to enhance the competence and reputation of denturism.
- Apply their knowledge and skills to improve oral health and overall well-being.
- Act in a manner that enhances the reputation of the profession.

Duty to Patients and the Public

Registrants must:

- Maintain patient confidentiality, except when disclosure is permitted by bylaws, required for investigations, or authorized by the patient.
- Stay current with developments in denturism.
- Provide treatment aligned with accepted professional standards.
- Exercise informed consent by clearly explaining treatment options, risks, and benefits, ensuring patients understand and voluntarily agree before proceeding.
- In consultations, registrants are expected to limit their treatment strictly to what was specifically requested.
- Educate the public about oral and removable prosthodontic health in a manner consistent with professional standards and marketing bylaws.

Additional obligations include:

- Treating only within the scope of their training and experience.
- Referring patients when necessary for optimal care.
- Ensuring that delegated tasks are performed only by qualified individuals.
- Supervising personnel to ensure compliance with the Act, and bylaws.
- Keeping thorough records of clinical findings, diagnoses, and treatments.

Duty to the Society, the Profession, and to Oneself

Registrants are expected to:

- Deliver the highest standard of care and accept full responsibility for all treatments provided.
- Maintain their own well-being and remain fit to practice.
- Establish and uphold professional boundaries in the context of social and digital media.
- Make known to the appropriate person or authority the practice of a colleague that appears not to maintain standards of practice in their profession.

Duty to Colleagues

Registrants should:

- Interact professionally, collaboratively, respectfully and honestly with the people with whom they work and practice.
- Refrain from commenting on the qualifications or clinical practices of fellow registrants unless such commentary is necessary to safeguard the patient's health and well-being, or is provided under legal obligation, such as sworn testimony.
- Avoid seeking patients or professional opportunities through conduct that compromises ethical standards or undermines the integrity of the profession.