



Denturist Society of Saskatchewan

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Code of Ethics

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:

- Act honestly and impartially, upholding the integrity and reputation of the profession.
- Strive to enhance the competence and reputation of denturism.
- Apply their knowledge and skills to improve the oral health and overall well-being of the patient.

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.
- Maintain up-to-date knowledge of emerging developments in denturism.
- Provide treatment aligned with accepted professional standards.
- Obtain informed consent by clearly explaining treatment options, ensuring patients understand and voluntarily agree before proceeding and limit treatment to the services for which informed consent has been obtained.
- Establish, maintain, and appropriately conclude a professional relationship with each patient.
 - The duty of care begins when professional services are agreed upon and continues until the relationship is formally ended or transferred.
 - A denturist must not abandon a patient and shall take reasonable steps to ensure continuity of care, including providing appropriate notice, referrals, or information necessary for the patient to obtain ongoing treatment elsewhere.
- Provide services only within their training, experience, and professional competence, and within the established scope of practice for denturists.
- Refer patients when necessary for optimal care.
- Ensure that services are performed only by qualified individuals.
- Supervise personnel to ensure compliance with the Act, and bylaws.
- Maintain thorough records of clinical findings, diagnoses, treatments and all associated financial records.
- Engage in ethical billing by providing accurate and truthful claims, communicating fees transparently, and charging only for the services actually provided.

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.
- Bring forward concerns about a colleague's practice to the appropriate person or authority when it appears to fall short of professional standards.

Duty to Colleagues

Registrants should:

- Conduct themselves in a manner that promotes trust, respect, collaboration, and fairness with those they work and practice.
- Avoid seeking patients or professional opportunities through conduct that compromises ethical standards or diminishes the professional reputation of colleagues.
- Ensure professional decisions are guided by transparency and the best interests of the patient, rather than personal, financial, or competitive advantage.
- Respect professional relationships established between patients and other practitioners, ensuring their own actions do not interfere with or exploit those relationships.

Conflict of Interest

Denturists must conduct themselves in a manner that upholds the integrity of the profession and places the interests of patients above personal gain. A conflict of interest arises when personal, financial, or other considerations compromise, or could reasonably be perceived to compromise, professional judgment and patient care.

Avoidance of Conflicts

- Denturists must avoid situations where personal or financial interests may influence the care provided. This includes relationships with suppliers, laboratories, or other service providers.

Prohibited Conduct

- Denturists shall not accept gifts, benefits, or inducements that could reasonably be seen to affect professional judgment.
- Denturists shall not recommend unnecessary services or products for personal financial benefit.

Accountability

- Failure to disclose or appropriately manage a conflict of interest may constitute professional misconduct and result in disciplinary action.