Denturist Society of Saskatchewan

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Denturist Premises Guidelines

Introduction

The Denturist Society of Saskatchewan (DSS) regulates individual denturists in accordance with *The Dental Disciplines Act* and the *DSS Regulatory Bylaws*. While the DSS does not regulate clinic facilities, it recognizes the importance of practice environments in supporting professional standards and patient safety.

This document provides practical guidance and recommended best practices for registrants who are either establishing their own clinics or working within clinics owned by others. Its purpose is to support adherence to DSS professional standards and to foster safe, ethical, and well-managed practice environments that reflect the values and expectations of the profession.

The following recommendations align with the professional practice standards and best practices expected of denturists registered with the DSS. They are intended to support ethical, safe, and competent care, and to guide registrants in maintaining high-quality clinical environments and professional conduct.

Recommendations

A. Documentation & Access

❒ WHMIS
❒ CPR
❒ The Dental Disciplines Act
❒ DSS Regulatory Bylaws
❒ DSS Practice Guidelines & Standards

B. Personnel Hygiene

❒ Denturists present in a professional and hygienic manner

C. Patient Records & Retention

❒ Patient record system in place (computer/paper records)
❒ Records comply with *DSS Patient Recordkeeping Guidelines*
❒ Document management system in place with secure storage and defined retention schedules
❒ Trustee identified for file custody upon retirement or cessation (must be an alternate DSS registrant)

D. Operatory Setup

❒ Dental Chair
❒ Dental Light
❒ Sink with hot/cold running water
❒ Single-service soap dispenser
❒ Single-service towel dispenser
❒ Single-service cup dispenser
❒ Adequate disinfection solution (in compliance with *Infection Prevention and Control Standards)*
❒ Proper barriers and cleaning materials
❒ Covered garbage container
❒ Single use gloves worn during all procedures
❒ Mask worn during all procedures
❒ Eye protection worn during all procedures
❒ Flooring: non-carpeted, seamless flooring
❒ Disinfection system for operatories and cross contamination prevention of intra-oral devices
❒ Infection control system for non-critical surfaces

E. General Laboratory

❒ Case pan and slip for each patient
❒ Cross-contamination prevention system (proper disinfectant)
❒ Facemask and eye protection available
❒ Laboratory clean and organized
❒ Routine for general lab clean of all surfaces
❒ Well illuminated workspace
❒ Adequate ventilation (fume hood for monomer, vent hood for boil out)
❒ First aid kit available
❒ Eye wash station available

F. Sterilization Protocols

❒ Sterilization equipment (autoclave, proper packaging supplies)
❒ Test strips used in each load
❒ Spore testing system (performed once every 10 cycles OR every two weeks – whichever comes first)
❒ Documentation of sterilizer effectiveness (recorded, dated and initialed)