

Codes of Ethics
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Definition: A Code of Ethics defines responsible professional behavior in situations specific to Dental Technology. This is accomplished using a set of principles of professional moral and ethical behaviors.

Purpose: Society, via its governing body has given the privilege of self-governing, self-regulating and self-discipline to the College of Dental Technologists of Alberta. In exchange, dental technologists/technicians owe society a duty to exercise these privileges in a responsible manner. To this end, as professionals we must adhere to a code of moral and ethical behaviors, which clarifies our professional responsibilities in relationship to our clients, our colleagues and society at large.

Duty: It is the responsibility of each technologist/technician to know and understand the laws governing his professional behavior as set out by his professional peers.

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RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE CLIENT

1. Responsibilities to the Client:

A Dental Technologist/Technician is a member of the Health Care Profession and has a duty of service to the public. This responsibility must include the delivery of safe quality care, competently and timely, within the bounds of clinical and technical circumstances, presented by the client. Quality care is the primary consideration of the Dental Technologist/Technician.

2. Choice of Client:

A Dental Technologist/Technician has the right to refuse a client. Notwithstanding this, the dental technologist/technician should not exclude clients, members of society on the basis of nationality, creed, race, color or sex.

3. Education:

The Dental Technologist/Technician should keep his knowledge and skills current and avoid undertaking to provide professional services in which he lacks expertise, but rather seek the opinion of an appropriate colleague. Practice the art and science of dental technology to the best of his ability according to the Standards of Practice as determined by his Colleagues.

4. Records:

All prescriptions should be maintained as records and such records or information may only be shared with the client and or patients permission. Information of a professional nature between a patient and a Dental Technologist/Technician should caution his/her staff on the importance of professional confidentiality.

5. Collection of Fees:

The Dental Technologist/Technician is entitled to collect his fees and may utilize any legal method of doing so. Upon the request of the client an itemized statement should be rendered.

(a) Fee Splitting: The Dental Technologist/Technician should not split fees when a case is referred to colleagues.

6. Expert Testimony:

When a witness the Dental Technologist/Technician should not warrant a guarantee of operations, appliances or treatment; however this in no way negates the Dental Technologist/Technician's responsibility to provide the highest standard of care.

7. Guarantee:

The Dental Technologist/Technician should not warrant or guarantee operations, appliances or treatment; however this in no way negates the Dental Technologist/Technician's responsibility to provide the highest standard of care.

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RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PROFESSION

1. Personal Conduct:

Dental Technologist/Technicians should:

- (a) recognize that self-discipline within their profession is a privilege and he/she has a responsibility to merit the retention of this privilege.

- (b) conduct his/her professional being beyond reproach and report to the appropriate body of his peers conduct by a colleague which he considers unbecoming to his profession.

- (c) should refrain from the making of disparaging comments to clients or the public about the qualification of procedures of a colleague or any other members of the health care team; rather, such criticism or concerns should be directed to the appropriate professional body.

- (d) strive to improve the standards of dental technology in the community. He/she will accept his/her share of his/her profession's responsibility to society in matters relating to the health and safety of the Alberta public,

- (e) strive to become a meaningful contributory member to the health care team.

2. Mutual Support:

Provides the profession the opportunity to regulate and govern itself. Every dental Technologist/Technician, therefore, has the dual obligation of making himself/herself a part of the professional College adhering to its Code of Ethics.

3. Use of Professional Title:

Dental Technologists/Technicians should represent themselves to the public in a manner that conveys himself/herself as an equal to his professional colleagues.

4. Contractual Services:

The Dental Technologist/Technician, by entering into a contract with an organization or other party involving the practice of dental technology, neither reduces his personal professional responsibilities nor transfers any part of these responsibilities to that organization or other party.

5. Practicing in an Association:

A Dental Technologist/Technician should not accept gifts or enter into a situation which would compromise your Professionalism.