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Under the Authority of the
Health Professions Act
Section 133

Introduction: Compliance with the Code of Ethics ensures that Dental Technologists and Dental Technicians have the competency and capability to fabricate custom made dental appliances. The Code of Ethics is required under the Health Professions Act. Regulated Members are required to follow the Code of Ethics.

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-provincial legislation has given the privilege of self-governing, self-regulating and self-discipline to the College of Dental Technologists of Alberta. In exchange, Dental Technologists and Dental 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 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 Dental Technologist and Dental Technician to know and understand the laws governing his professional behavior as set out by his professional peers.

RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE CLIENT

1. Responsibilities to the Client:

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

2. Choice of Client:

A Dental Technologist and Dental Technician has the right to refuse a client. Notwithstanding this, the Dental Technologist and Dental Technician shall not deny services to clients on the basis of any enumerated ground set forth in Alberta human rights legislation.

3. Education:

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

4. Warranty or Guarantee:

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

RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PROFESSION

1. **Personal Conduct:**

A Dental Technologist and Dental Technician shall:

- (a) recognize that self-discipline of their profession is a privilege and they have a responsibility to merit the retention of this privilege;
- (b) conduct their professional practice beyond reproach and report to the appropriate body of their peers conduct by a colleague which they consider unbecoming to their profession;
- (c) refrain from making disparaging comments to clients or the public about the qualifications or procedures of a colleague or any other members of the dental 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. They will accept their share of their profession's responsibility to society in matters relating to the health and safety of the Alberta public;
- (e) strive to become a meaningful member of the dental care team.

2. **Mutual Support:**

Provide the profession the opportunity to regulate and govern itself. Every Dental Technologist and Dental Technician, therefore, has the dual obligation of making themselves a part of the College and adhering to its Code of Ethics.

3. **Use of Professional Title:**

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

4. **Contractual Services:**

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

5. **Conflict of Interest**

A Dental Technologist and Dental Technician should not accept gifts or enter into a situation which would compromise their professionalism.