

# INFORMED CONSENT

## Standard

In their practice, Registered Dental Technologists (RDT) and Registered Dental Technicians (DT) typically do not have direct patient interaction. RDT's and DT's provide services to other **regulated health professionals** who provide services to the public.

This *Standard* applies to any direct patient care provided by authorized **regulated members**.

## Expectations

The regulated member **must**:

- a) Clearly explain all processes and procedures to the patient including any risks in a way that the patient can understand enabling the patient to provide **informed consent**.
- b) Assess the patient's level of understanding of processes/procedures and communicate accordingly.
- c) Ensure appropriate informed consent is obtained and remains valid at all times, from either the patient or their parent, guardian or substitute decision maker.
- d) Respect the patients' rights to:
  - (1) withdraw consent at any time;
  - (2) make informed choices, consult, and request additional information.

## Standards of Practice For Registered Dental Technologists and Registered Dental Technicians

### GLOSSARY

**Informed Consent:** Receiving the patient’s permission to proceed with a proposed service following a process of decision-making leading to an informed choice. Informed consent involves ongoing communication between the parties involved. In the case of a minor or others who do not have the capacity to provide informed consent, the agreement must come from a legal guardian or substitute decisionmaker legally authorised to act on behalf of a patient. (CRDHA)

**Must:** is used where the duty is compulsory.

**Patient:** an individual awaiting or receiving dental technology services and or treatment where the regulated member knew or reasonably ought to have known, that they were providing care to the individual and satisfies any of the following conditions listed below:

- I. The regulated member has charged or received payment from the individual or a third party on behalf of the individual.
- I. The regulated member has contributed to a health record or file for the individual.
- III. The individual has consented to oral health care services and or treatment by the regulated member.

**Regulated member(s):** a person who is granted registration as a member of the CDTA in accordance with the HPA and the Regulation.

This term includes a previously regulated member whose last day of registration with the College is within the immediately preceding two years.

**Regulated health professional(s):** is a person registered with a professional health regulatory professional college, agency and/or authority, in Alberta or any other jurisdiction, as a regulated.