

MAINTENANCE OF FITNESS TO PRACTICE

Standard

Regulated members are responsible to ensure that they meet the physical, emotional, and psychological demands of their work and their professional obligations to provide safe, competent, and ethical care and services.

Expectations

The regulated member **must**:

- a) Be aware of their health, well-being, ability, and capacity to deliver safe, ethical, and competent professional services and care.
- b) Ensure that **patients** and **clients** received appropriate care and/or services from another **regulated health professional** if the regulated member is unable to provide care and/or services.
- c) Promptly remove themselves from and abstain from practice if their ability to provide care and/or services may be impaired immediately or overtime, because of a medical, physical, cognitive, mental, or emotional condition(s) or because of an addiction, a communicable disease, drug/alcohol impairment or any other condition. This includes impairments due to prescribed medications.
- d) Promptly report to their employers and the **College** if their fitness to practice may be compromised.
- e) Promptly report to the appropriate College if they are aware of a regulated health professional whose ability to provide safe competent care has been compromised and the regulated health professional has not taken steps to ensure they provide safe and competent care and/or services.
- f) Follow the College's *Mandatory Duty to Self-Report Standards (2023)*.

Standards of Practice For Registered Dental Technologists and Registered Dental Technicians

GLOSSARY

College: The College of Dental Technologists of Alberta

Client(s): a dentist, denturist or other regulated health care professional who is authorized to prescribe and who is primarily responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of a Patient. The client is responsible for the final fit of any prosthesis, device, or appliance.

Must: is used where the duty is compulsory.

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.