

## Section 5

### ***Practice Standards***

This section describes the standards to which denturists are expected to practice in British Columbia

## **Denturist Practice**

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The practice of denturism means:

- provision of professional services, as permitted by the regulations, which encompass evaluation, pre-treatment, treatment, and post-treatment of a patient.
- professional administration of clinical, laboratory, and business practices related to the practice of denturism.

## **Standards of Practice**

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A registrant must demonstrate, at all times, a level of knowledge which ensures the adequate protection of the public. Areas of requisite knowledge include:

- ethics and responsibilities
  - demonstrate a knowledge of the *Health Professions Act*, the regulations and College of Denturists bylaws;
  - communicate the responsibilities of a professional to patients, peers, members of the public, and other professionals.
- principles of business
  - demonstrate knowledge of general business practices including principles of accounting, record keeping, basic tax law, basic lease information, basic proprietary and corporate implications on practice, personnel management, and insurance requirements.
- principles of communication
  - demonstrate the ability to communicate in both written and oral forms with patients requiring basic information, peers, other professionals, and staff.
- general and bio-sciences
  - describe basic principles of chemistry, biology, psychology, general anatomy, physiology, kinesiology, pharmacology, histology, embryology;
  - describe advanced principles in head, neck and oral anatomy; head, neck and oral physiology; gnathology; gerontology; psychology; periodontology; pathology; and microbiology.

- removable dental prosthetic sciences
  - describe the theoretical basis of prosthetic care;
  - demonstrate the tasks required to complete clinical and laboratory requirements of practice including documentation, treatment planning, and selection of appropriate dental materials.
- principles of critical analysis
  - demonstrate skill in self-evaluation, problem solving, self-reflection, and constructive criticism.
- clinical skills
  - demonstrate tasks related to the clinical practice of denturism.
- laboratory skills
  - demonstrate tasks related to the laboratory practice of denturism.
- patient management skills
  - demonstrate skill in managing patients from differing socio-economic, cultural, and generational backgrounds;
  - manage the referral of patients to appropriate health care providers as required;
  - document each interaction with patients and other health care providers;
  - maintain complete patient records.
- treatment planning
  - demonstrate the ability to prepare different treatment plans for a patient;
  - estimate and explain the potential for success based on proposed differing treatments.
- sterilization and infection control
  - demonstrate aseptic techniques and environmental controls to ensure adequate hygienic environment.