

Health Professions Act
DENTISTS REGULATION

PROPOSED

TO AMEND
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1 In this regulation:

"Act" means the [Health Professions Act](#);

"college" means the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia continued under section 15.1 of the Act;

"compound" means to mix with one or more other ingredients;

"dental appliance" means an appliance or a device designed or offered for a dental condition or other condition of the orofacial complex, excluding a ~~ready-to-use or self-adapted~~ mouthguard designed or offered for temporary protection against injury during sporting activities;

"dentistry" means the health profession in which a person provides the services of assessment, management, treatment and prevention of diseases, disorders and conditions of the orofacial complex and associated anatomical structures;

"dispense",

(a) in respect of a drug, has the same meaning as in the [Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act](#), but excludes a sale, as defined in that Act, and

(b) in respect of a dental appliance, means to ~~fabricate or alter~~ make, alter or provide;

"enteral instillation" means instillation directly into the gastrointestinal tract;

"fit" means to perform any intra-oral procedure related to dispensing a dental appliance, including the making of impressions;

"parenteral instillation" means instillation directly into the blood stream;

"prescribe" means,

(a) in respect of a drug, to issue a "prescription" as defined in the [Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act](#), and

(b) in respect of a dental appliance, to issue an authorization to dispense the dental appliance for use by a named individual;

"substance" includes air and water, but excludes a drug specified in Schedule I, IA, II or IV of the Drug Schedules Regulation, B.C. Reg. 9/98.

Reserved titles

2 (1) The following titles are reserved for exclusive use by registrants:

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- (a) dentist;
- (b) dental surgeon;
- (c) surgeon;
- (d) doctor;
- (e) dental therapist.

(2) This section does not prevent a person from using

- (a) the title "surgeon" or "doctor" in a manner authorized by another enactment that regulates a health profession, or
- (b) an academic or educational designation that the person is entitled to use.

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Scope of practice

3 A registrant may practise dentistry.

Restricted activities

4 (1) A registrant in the course of practising dentistry may do any of the following:

- (a) make a diagnosis identifying, as the cause of signs or symptoms of an individual, a disease, disorder or condition of the orofacial complex and associated anatomical structures;
- (b) perform a procedure on tissue of the orofacial complex and associated anatomical structures below the dermis or the surface of a mucous membrane;
- (c) perform a procedure on tissue below the dermis for the purpose of removing tissue for use in reconstructive or other surgery on the orofacial complex and associated anatomical structures;
- (d) perform a procedure on tissue in or below the surfaces of the teeth, including ~~the scaling of teeth~~ scaling, dental debridement and root planing;
- (e) set a fracture of a bone of the orofacial complex;
- (f) reduce a dislocation of a joint of the orofacial complex;
- (g) administer a substance by

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- (i) injection,
- (ii) inhalation,
- (iii) mechanical ventilation,
- (iv) irrigation, or
- (v) enteral instillation or parenteral instillation;
- (h) put an instrument or a device, hand or finger
 - (i) into the external ear canal, up to the eardrum,
 - (ii) beyond the point in the nasal passages where they normally narrow,
 - (iii) beyond the pharynx,
 - (iv) beyond the opening of the urethra for the purposes of catheterization,
 - (v) beyond the anal verge for the purposes of monitoring temperature, or
 - (vi) into an artificial opening into the body;
- (i) put into the external ear canal, up to the eardrum, a substance that is under pressure;
- (j) apply
 - (i) ultrasound, for
 - (A) diagnostic or imaging purposes, excluding any application of ultrasound to a fetus, or
 - (B) the purpose of lithotripsy, in treating a disease, disorder or condition of the orofacial complex and associated anatomical structures,
 - (ii) electricity, for the purpose of destroying tissue or affecting activity of the heart or nervous system,
 - (iii) electromagnetism, for the purpose of magnetic resonance imaging,
 - (iv) laser, for the purpose of cutting or destroying tissue, or
 - (v) X-rays, for diagnostic or imaging purposes, including X-rays for the purpose of computerized axial tomography;

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- (k) issue an instruction or authorization for another person to perform, in respect of a named individual, a restricted activity specified in paragraph (j);
- (l) in respect of a drug specified in Schedule I, IA or II of the Drug Schedules Regulation, B.C. Reg. 9/98,
 - (i) prescribe the drug,
 - (ii) compound the drug,
 - (iii) dispense the drug, or
 - (iv) administer the drug by any method;
- (m) if nutrition is administered by enteral instillation, dispense a therapeutic diet;
- (n) prescribe a dental appliance;
- (o) dispense or fit a dental appliance;
- (p) conduct challenge testing for allergies
 - (i) that involves injection, scratch tests or inhalation, if the individual being tested has not had a previous anaphylactic reaction, or
 - (ii) by any method, if the individual being tested has had a previous anaphylactic reaction.
- (2) ~~Only a registrant may provide a service of dentistry as set out in this regulation if, on the day before this section comes into force, the provision of the same service by anyone other than a person authorized under the *Dentists Act* was prohibited.~~ Only a registrant who is a dentist may provide a service that includes the performance of an activity set out in subsection (1).

Patient relations program

- 5 The college is designated for the purposes of section 16 (2) (f) of the Act.

Health profession corporations

- 6 Part 4 of the Act applies to dentistry.