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COMPLEMENTARY TO MEDICINE**

**Code of Practice**

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**Dental Technology**

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## **Code of Practice – Dental Technology**

The Dental Technologist should abide by a Code of Practice which will demonstrate an appreciation of attitudes that will give an optimal delivery of competent practice, within the Oral Health Team.

No person other than a registered/licenced member with the Council for Professions Complementary to Medicine (CPCM) shall hold himself/herself out as a person who is qualified to practice as a dental technologist or in a speciality of dental technology.

### **1.0 What all registrants must do**

1. Work within his or her scope of practice of dental technology and capability and comply with any restrictions or conditions on his or her practice;
2. Maintain currency in knowledge and skill in dental technology and upgrade that knowledge and skill with the development of new procedures and equipment;
3. Observe the supervision requirements as set out in any guidelines published by the CPCM;
4. Follow proper business principles and procedures in his or her practice;
5. Abide by the prescription issued by the dentist;
6. Comply with infection control standards set out by the MDD 93/42 EEC and transposed into Maltese Law by LN 47 of 2003 Medical devices regulations 2003 as amended by LN 27 of 2004; and
7. Keep accurate and complete records.

## **2.0 What a Dental Technologist should maintain**

1. Respect for patients and colleagues without prejudice, diversity of background and opportunity, language and culture;
2. The recognition of patient's rights, particularly with regard to confidentiality and informed consent;
3. An awareness of moral and ethical responsibilities involved in the provision of care to individual patients and to populations;
4. A desire to care and provide an effective service to enhance patients' quality of life within a holistic view of patient care;
5. An ability to critically review and accept the diversity of designs and techniques that might be applied by other team members in response to patients' needs;
6. The ability to cope with stress, uncertainty and setback along with the importance of one's own health and its impact on the ability to practice as a dental technologist;
7. An understanding of audit and clinical governance;
8. An appreciation of the importance of honesty and trustworthiness; and
9. An appreciation of the importance of continuing professional development.

### **3.0 What a Dental Technologist who owns, operates or manages a laboratory offering dental technology services must do**

1. Observe infection control standards,
2. Observe employment guidelines as issued by the CPCM,
3. Ensure that all records pertaining to dental technology services and containing personal information are safely and securely stored,
4. Retain records for dental technology services for a period of not less than 5 years from the date of receipt,
5. Ensure that all records including business records containing personal information are disposed of only by:
  - a) Transferring the record to another registrant or with the consent of the patient, to another health care agency or health care practitioner;
  - b) Effectively destroying the record by shredding, or complete burning; and/or
  - c) By electronic methods should record be stored on tape, disc or cassettes.
6. Make appropriate arrangements in the event that the registrant ceases to practice, becomes unable to practice or dies, to ensure the obligations to this section are carried out by another registrant;
7. On written request of a patient or his or her authorized representative, provide copies of the patient's records pertaining to dental technology services provided to or on behalf of the patient;

8. A registrant may charge a reasonable fee for any copies which must be provided within 40 days following the request; and
9. A Dental Technologist is obliged to abide by the Medical Devices Directive 93/42 EEC.

It is highly recommended that every Dental Technologist carries out Continuing Professional Development.

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