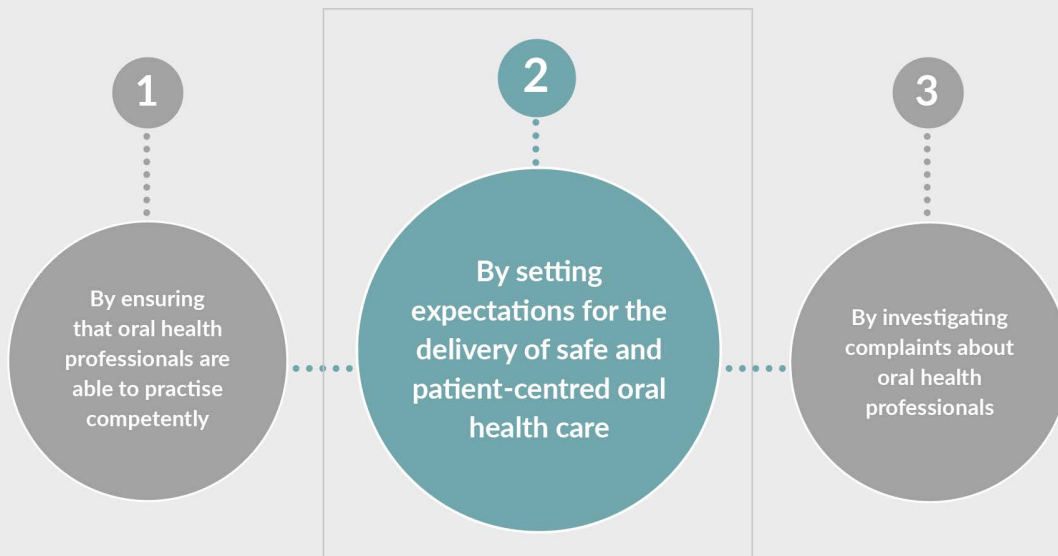


Expectations for clinical and ethical practice

Infection Control Reminders

Applies to Dental Technicians

There are three main ways that the BC College of Oral Health Professionals protects the public:



The British Columbia College of Oral Health Professionals (BCCOHP) was created on September 1, 2022 through the amalgamation of four health regulatory colleges: the College of Dental Hygienists of BC, the College of Dental Surgeons of BC, the College of Dental Technicians of BC, and the College of Denturists of BC. All current requirements for standards of clinical and ethical practice issued by the four colleges remain in place upon amalgamation. This document was created by the College of Dental Technicians of BC and will be updated to reflect the amalgamation.

INFECTION CONTROL REMINDERS

DO

1. **Do** clean and disinfect floors, cabinets, sinks, etc. as required with an effective surface disinfectant.
2. **Do** discard all packing materials from potentially contaminated cases.
3. **Do** wear masks for all grinding and polishing procedures.
4. **Do** wear protective glasses.
5. **Do** use gloves or finger protectors if hands have nicks or cuts.
6. **Do** multiple washing of hands between cases.
7. **Do** wear clean fresh protective clothing.
8. **Do** ultrasonically clean instruments whenever possible.
9. **Do** sterilize potentially contaminated instruments whenever possible.
10. **Do** disinfect work trays between uses.
11. **Do** disinfect only those items that cannot be sterilized.
12. **Do** train personnel to think "cross contamination".
13. **Do** train personnel to think "disinfection and sterilization".
14. **Do** train personnel to think "legally".

DON'T

1. **Don't** delegate duties to janitorial services without providing supervision.
2. **Don't** reuse questionable packing material.
3. **Don't** inhale contaminants.
4. **Don't** rub eyes.
5. **Don't** reuse contaminated gloves.
6. **Don't** reuse towels or use bar soaps.
7. **Don't** wear contaminated clothes.
8. **Don't** hand scrub instruments, especially without heavy gloves.
9. **Don't** use cold disinfectants for instruments that can be heat sterilized if a sterilizer is available.
10. **Don't** delegate to untrained personnel.
11. **Don't** use disinfectants too long without changing.
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Excerpts from the Infection Control brochure provided by the National Association of Dental Laboratories.