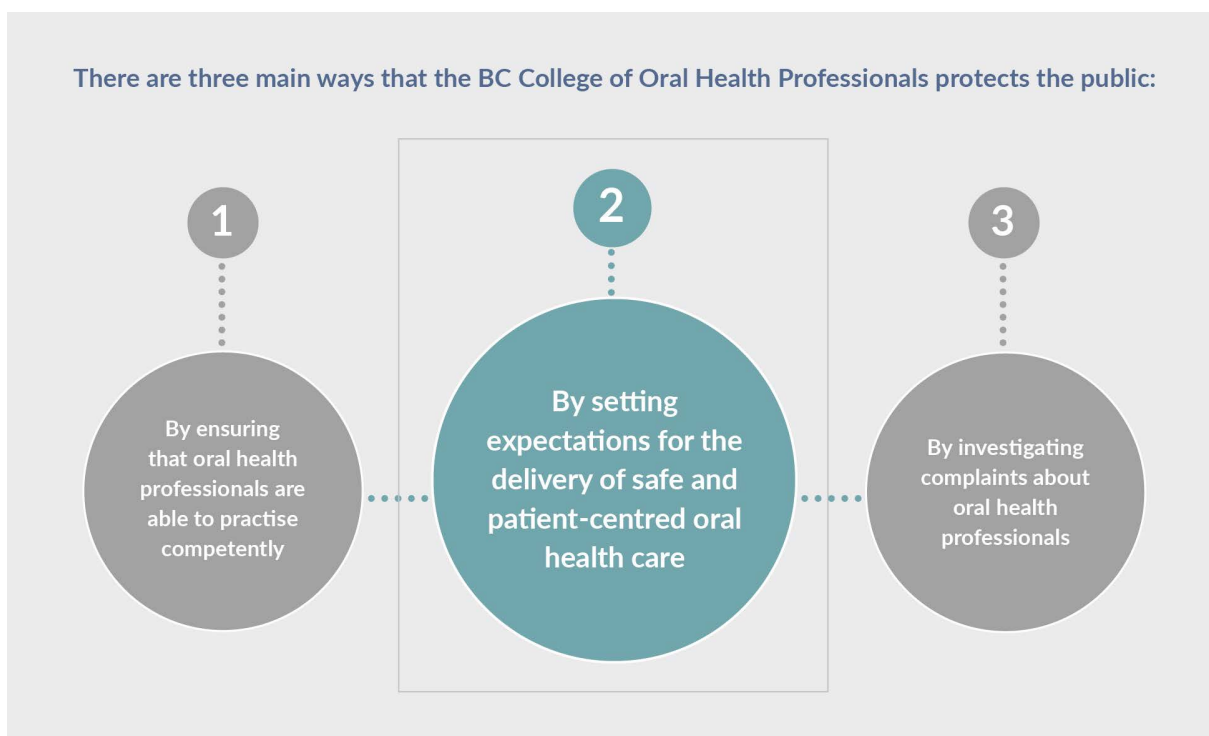


Expectations for clinical and ethical practice

Changes to the Prescribing and Dispensing Drugs Document

Applies to Dentists

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



Disclaimer: This document was developed by the former College of Dental Surgeons of BC before the amalgamation of BC's four oral health regulatory colleges in 2022 and the introduction of BCCOHP's *Professional Standards for the Oral Health Team* (Professional Standards), effective June 30, 2025. The Professional Standards define the minimum expectations for professional and ethical conduct, performance, and behaviour for regulated oral health professionals in BC.

While BCCOHP is in the process of rescinding and replacing all legacy practice resources with unified standards, this document remains applicable.

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Section	Page Number	Changes
Throughout the document		Duplicate Prescription (DP) has changed to Controlled Prescription Program (CPP)
		Schedule F Drugs are now Prescription Drug List (PDL) Drugs
		The Bureau of Drug Surveillance is now the Health Canada Office of Research and Surveillance
Section	1	New introduction
Section 2	2	Addition of <i>Narcotic Control Regulations</i> to the regulations governing the distribution and prescription of drugs in British Columbia
Section 2	2	Pharmacists, Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act of British Columbia changed to <i>Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act of British Columbia</i>
Section 3	3	The list of drugs covered by the CPP has been agreed to by all participating organizations and is provided in Schedule IA to the <i>Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act, Bylaw 4(6) and 4(8)</i> .
Section 3	3	More than one medication or strength of medication can be included on one CPP form, provided the orders are legible.
Section 3	4	A practitioner must keep a separate register for each CPP drug obtained for office use by prescription; such information to be provided upon request to the College or the Health Canada Office of Research and Surveillance. The register should include name of drug, name of person who ordered drug, amount purchased, date received, <i>Controlled Prescription Form folio number</i> and dates of periodic inventory.
Section 3	5	New box describing opioid prescribing by health care professionals
Section 4	5	Non DP Narcotic is changed to <i>Non-CPP Narcotic</i> , which is any preparation containing only one narcotic drug plus two or more non-narcotic drugs in a therapeutic dose that does not require a Controlled Prescription Form.
Glossary	9	The term “controlled drug” is changed to <i>controlled drug substance</i> , which is a drug that includes a substance listed in Schedule I, II, III, IV or V of the <i>Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (Canada)</i> .
Glossary	9	Schedule IA Controlled Prescription Program drugs which may be sold by a pharmacist to a practitioner or on the prescription of a practitioner is in accordance with <i>Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act, Bylaw 4(6) and 4(8)</i> (Formerly in accordance with

		Section B 19(16) of the Bylaws to the Pharmacists, Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act). Unless otherwise specified, both single-entity products and preparations or mixtures of the Schedule IA drugs require the use of <i>Controlled Prescription</i> forms (formerly duplicate prescription) under the Controlled Prescription Program.
Glossary	9	An inspector is defined as a person designated by the Minister of Health Canada as an inspector for the purposes of the Regulations to the <i>Food and Drugs Act</i> and the <i>Controlled Drugs and Substances Regulations</i> (formerly the Narcotic Control Act).
Glossary	9	A narcotic is defined as any drug or substance included in <i>Narcotic Control Regulations</i> (formerly included in the Schedules to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act Regulations)
Glossary	9	A practitioner is defined as a person who is authorized to practise medicine, dentistry, podiatry or veterinary medicine, or who is in a class of persons prescribed by the minister for the purpose of this definition and authorized under the <i>Health Professions Act</i> to prescribe drugs or devices in the course of providing the services of a designated health profession as defined in Section 1 of that Act.
Glossary	10	Prescription denotes an authorization from a practitioner to dispense a specified drug or device for use by a designated individual or animal.
Glossary	10	Schedule F to the Regulations to the Food and Drugs Act is changed to <i>Prescription Drug List (PDL) to the Food and Drug Act</i> , which is a list of medicinal ingredients that when found in a drug, require a prescription. It does not include medicinal ingredients that when found in a drug, require a prescription if those ingredients are listed in <i>Controlled Drugs and Substances Act Schedules</i> .