

April 11, 2025

Subject: Request for Feedback - Draft Practice Standards for Dental Hygienists

Dear Registrant,

We are inviting your feedback on two new draft Practice Standards that have been developed in preparation for the new legislation with a proposed effective date of May 1, 2025. These documents are an important part of aligning our regulatory framework with the upcoming transition to the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA) and our simultaneous amalgamation with denturists and dental technologists. These Standards will help ensure dental hygienists continue to provide safe, ethical, and competent care within the new legislative context.

The draft standards are now open for consultation during a two-week feedback period from April 11 to April 25, 2025.



■ Draft Practice Standards for Review:

1. Practice Standard: Dental Hygienists - Professional Judgment and Collaboration with **Healthcare Professionals and Communication**

This document reflects the shift under the new legislation, which removes the formal requirement for "self-initiation" and the list of specific contraindications requiring medical clearance. It clarifies expectations for professional judgment, collaboration, and communication, ensuring dental hygienists continue to exercise appropriate clinical decision-making and interprofessional collaboration in alignment with the updated legislative environment.

2. Practice Standard: Dental Hygienists - Use of Ionizing Radiation

This standard applies to all dental hygienists who order, take, and interpret radiographs. It outlines expectations for the safe and appropriate use of ionizing radiation.

How to Submit Your Feedback:

Please review the draft Practice Standards here: Prof-Collab-Consult and Ionizing Radiation. Please email your feedback or questions to registrar@cdhns.ca by April 25, 2025.

We welcome your input. Your feedback will help shape the final versions of these important standards.

Thank you for your time and contribution to this essential process.

Warm regards,

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