



## Code of Ethics

The mission of the College of Denturists of Ontario is to regulate and govern the profession of denturism in the public interest.

### Preamble

Denturists are self-regulated professionals. This status obliges them to act competently and ethically in the practice of their profession. They shall maintain recognized standards of care while observing professional values.

Denturists are valuable members of the oral-health team who uphold high standards of ethical behaviours when working with team members, colleagues and members of the public. Denturists value self-governance and recognize the importance of maintaining public trust and respect through engagement in ethical practice.

### Core Values

Core values are principles that form the foundation for ethical practice. They guide denturists' decision-making and conduct and are characteristics that define the profession.

The profession's core values are: *accountability, beneficence, transparency, dignity, integrity, professionalism, and respect*. Each principle is defined below.

#### Accountability

Taking responsibility for own actions and services and intervening when patient safety and competent and/or ethical care is at risk. Maintaining professional obligations by adhering to legislation, regulations and standards of practice; and meeting registration and quality assurance program requirements.

#### Beneficence

Maximizing benefits and minimizing harm for the welfare of the patient.

#### Transparency

Sharing current and accurate information, professional opinions, professional title, limitations, risks, benefits, and scope of practice in a way that is meaningful and enables informed decision-making.

#### Dignity

Acting with compassion, empathy, respect and understanding for the patient's quality of life, wishes and right to make an informed decision.

#### Integrity

Demonstrating honesty and reliability in all professional relations, communications and business practices.

#### Professionalism

Maintaining a professional image in all interactions with the public, colleagues and peers.

#### Respect

Demonstrating respect for the patient's choice, time, financial resources, privacy and right to confidentiality, as well as respect for colleagues and peers.

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