



Standard of Practice: Professional Boundaries

Stakeholder Consultation

February 13, 2020

Dear Stakeholder,

At its December 6th, 2019 meeting, the Council of the College of Denturists of Ontario approved a draft of the Standard of Practice: Professional Boundaries for stakeholder consultation.

Background

It is critical that health professionals understand the concept of professional boundaries and its impact on their practice. Professional relationships in health care are built on mutual trust and respect. Mutual trust and respect are fostered by appropriate management of boundaries between health care providers and patients.

The College does not currently articulate expectations regarding approaches to professional boundaries other than section 47 of the Professional Misconduct Regulation which prohibits members from “engaging in conduct or performing an act, relevant to the practice of denturism, that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as disgraceful, dishonourable, unethical or unprofessional.” The Regulated Health Professions Act further defines some boundary violations such as the sexual abuse of a patient by a member.

Consultation

As part of the stakeholder consultation, this email is being sent to you requesting your feedback and comments.

- [Standard of Practice: Professional Boundaries](#)
- [Guide to the Standard of Practice: Professional Boundaries](#)

The Standard contains only the essential expectations and the Guide provides information that will assist individuals with interpreting and meeting the expectations that are articulated in the Standard.

Please take a few minutes to review the draft Standard and accompanying Guide. Once you have reviewed the documentation, you may complete the short survey if you wish to provide comments, feedback or have questions. Standard setting benefits from the input of all stakeholders and the College Council thanks you in advance for your contribution.

Your feedback is requested on or before **Friday March 13, 2020**.

[Click HERE to access the survey for the Standard of Practice: Professional Boundaries](#)

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