



## What Constitutes Urgent/Emergent Care

The College expects that Registered Denturists will exercise their professional judgement in determining whether a patient needs urgent/emergent care. It is not necessarily the procedure that can be described as urgent or an emergency but, in many cases, it is the individual needs of a patient that will determine whether the care is urgent/emergent.

Registered Denturists need to make the decision around the provision of care, in consideration of whether or not providing care would put the patient's health and safety at risk, or if there is the potential for significant harm, adverse outcomes or suffering, if the patient does not receive the care in question.

One patient who has broken a denture may be able to tolerate not having that denture for a period of time while the same situation may negatively impact the health and well-being of another patient. It is up to the Registered Denturist to make that determination, in honest consultation with the patient.

Practitioners are reminded of the procedures and precautions outlined in the College's [Guide for Return to Practice for Denturists](#).

### Important Resources

[Guide for Return to Practice for Denturists](#)

[College's Infection Prevention and Control Webpage](#)

### If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

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