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AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CDTO

Dear RDT:

It has come to the attention of the CDTO that some RDTs may be providing direct services to patients involving intra-oral procedures.

Under the *Dental Technology Act, 1991*, the scope of practice of Dental Technologists is defined as

"...the design, construction, repair or alteration of dental prosthetics, restorative and orthodontic devices."

As such, it is beyond the scope of practice and therefore in violation of the law for RDTs to perform either of the following "controlled acts" stipulated under the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 (RHPA)*, sub-section 27 (2):

2. *Performing a procedure on tissue below the dermis, below the surface of a mucous membrane, in or below the surface of the cornea, or in or below the surfaces of the teeth, including the scaling of teeth.*

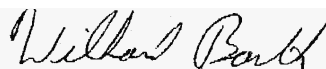
11. *Fitting or dispensing a dental prosthesis, orthodontic or periodontal appliance or a device used inside the mouth to protect teeth from abnormal functioning.*

RDTs are reminded that performing a "controlled act" if not authorized to do so by law or properly delegated by dentists in accordance with published RCDSO standards, constitutes the basis for professional misconduct. On conviction for the first offence, a person is liable to fines of up to \$25,000 and up to a term of one year imprisonment, or both. As well, RDTs must be aware that professional liability insurance policies do not cover any act beyond the scope of dental technology practice as defined by legislation.

The CDTO reminds RDTs that you are **legally obligated to comply with the RHPA and the Dental Technology Act and Regulations**. Please regularly review your own practice, and those working under your supervision, to ensure conformity with legislation and ensure that the CDTO's standards of practice are consistently maintained.

Should you have further questions in this regard, please contact the College office at (416) 438-5003 or 1-877-391-2386.

Yours truly,



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