

GENERAL BY-LAWS

BY-LAW NO. 6-03

THE MANITOBA DENTAL ASSOCIATION

1. This By-law is to amend the Ethics By-law 6-02 Article 9 – Emergencies.
2. The amendment is:

Article 9 Emergencies

A dental emergency exists if professional judgment determines that a person needs immediate attention due to trauma, infection or bleeding. Dentists have an obligation to consult and to provide treatment in a dental emergency, and if the dentist is unavailable, to suggest alternative arrangements.

Dentists should have alternative emergency care arranged when the office is closed, when they are unavailable, or when they are away from the office for a time period.

If alternative arrangements have not been made, and the person receives emergency treatment from another dentist the following protocol for treating emergency patients ought to be followed by the emergency dentist:

Treatment Protocol

- 1) Treat chief complaint/emergency:
- 2) As part of the medical history, ask the question “Do you have a regular dentist?”
 - a. If the answer is “yes” then the treating dentist provides emergency care and encourages the patient to return to the regular dentist for continuing care following the treatment (see Article D1 on Consultation and Referral):
 - b. If the answer is “no” the treating dentist may provide full and comprehensive treatment to that patient.
- 3) If the patient’s regular dentist requests x-rays and/or treatment chart information, then the dentist who provided the emergency treatment should accommodate that request. (See Article A7 Confidentiality and Release of Patient Information.)

Article 9 – Emergencies in By-law 6-02 is hereby repealed and the above substituted for it.

DONE AND PASSED by the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Dental Association at Winnipeg, in Manitoba, this 29th day of May, 2003.

President

Secretary

This By-law will become effective on the 15th day of August, 2003, unless 10 (ten) members request in writing its ratification at a general meeting of the Association. (Section 70(2) of *The Dental Act*.)

Secretary

Effective Date: August 15, 2003.