

DENTAL COUNCIL

Te Kaunibera Tiaki Nibo

DENTISTRY - DENTAL HYGIENE - CLINICAL DENTAL TECHNOLOGY - DENTAL TECHNOLOGY - DENTAL THERAPY

Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting – 7 April 2014

The Dental Council is the statutory body constituted under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (The Act) to maintain the health and safety of members of the public by providing mechanisms to ensure that health practitioners are competent and fit to practise. Council endeavours to keep its key stakeholders up to date with key decisions.

This document is a summary of Council's decisions from the meeting held in April 2014.

Governance Review

A proposal for a review of governance effectiveness for the 2013/14 year was considered by Council. The review process would consist of two stages: self-appraisal and an assessment administered by an independent party.

Medical Emergencies prescribing rights

Council resolved to amend the consultation document to remove the requirement for hygienists, therapists, orthodontic auxiliaries, clinical dental technicians and dental technicians to have Adrenaline and Salbutamol available in their practice, for the following reasons:

- a. the administration and pharmacological knowledge of Adrenaline and Salbutamol did not form part of these practitioners' undergraduate training;
- b. prescribing was not within their core skillset;
- c. there was no training available about the drugs, when and when not to administer them, and how to administer them; and

Council also agreed that the establishment of appropriate training courses could be explored in the future.

University of Otago, Bachelor of Oral Health Site Evaluation Team 2014

Council approved the appointment of Jenny Miller, Karen Boyce-Bacon and Marie Kiely to the Otago Bachelor of Oral Health site evaluation team.