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To: Consultations
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Hi Marie,

Here is my feedback

Q1. Do you agree/disagree with the proposed gazetting of the University of Otago DCLinDent (oral surgery) programme as a prescribed qualification for the oral surgery scope of practice?

I agree because there is a place for this Speciality qualification in our profession. There is an over reliance on OMF surgeons for Dento-alveolar procedures/ complex oral surgical procedures leading to increased public waiting lists for Specialist treatment for purely oral surgical conditions. This has arisen because of the increasing Medical influence and increasing importance of medicine in OMF surgery thereby moving away from a Dental Speciality. There needs to be an intermediary Speciality which could assist with more dental orientated conditions e.g. minor oral surgery, complex wisdom teeth extraction, Implant surgery, exposure of canines, management of odontogenic cysts. I can speak from experience being dual qualified (BDS and MBChB) that there are many like me who do not fit the college's criteria for advanced training and are left with no alternative. Therefore this program would give us a career lifeline.

Q2. Agree

Q3. Disagree with OMS description i.e. A Dental Board of Australia approved programme of study providing a qualification for the purposes of specialist registration in oral and maxillofacial surgery in Australia- In reality it is RACDS approved/enforced study programme. Ideally it would be university based and the Dental Board approval would then be appropriate and possible

Kind Regards

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