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Dear Marie

### **Response to Dental Council consultation on an updated sedation practice standard**

Thank you for your invitation to provide feedback on the Dental Council's consultation on an updated sedation practice standard.

The Pharmacy Council congratulates you on strengthening the Dental Council's sedation practice standard. It is great to see this work done.

The Pharmacy Council supports the:

- enhancements to guidance in the areas of patient assessment, informed consent, pre-operative instructions, environmental monitoring, supplemental oxygen, recovery and discharge requirements and information on management of sedation-related complications
- new requirements for minimum levels of team members proportional to the level of patient sedation to mitigate increased levels of patient risk.

We agree with the:

- requirement for competence assurance through advanced resuscitation and scenario training every two years
- new requirements for formal education and training to ensure dentists providing sedation services are competent to do so
- education requirements for monitoring of sedated patients.

Once again, we thank you for the opportunity to respond to the consultation. Please contact Council's Professional Standards Advisor – [REDACTED] if you wish to discuss any aspects of our submission in further detail.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Bedford', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Bedford  
**Chair**