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Your details

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Q2 dentist or dental specialist

Your submission is in the capacity as

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Q3 Respondent skipped this question

Name of company/organisation

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Q4

Please add your Dental Council Person ID registration number

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Page 5: Please provide your feedback by responding to the following question

Q5

No

Do you support the proposed Supplementary risk management principles for oral health during the COVID-19 pandemic? If you do not support the draft, please share your concerns, reasons for your view, and proposed alternatives if you have any.

Q6

Please share any comments you have below:

- 1) Your blanket rule about not discriminating unvaccinated &/or those who refuse to undergo tests, poses a danger to the health professionals. If we dentists die, then the public can't receive their health care. This defeats the purpose of your risk management system.
 - 2) With the almost widespread usage of rapid antigen testing kits (outside of New Zealand), why doesn't the proposal cover the usage of such kits? This is obviously a conflict between public safety and individual's rights to refuse tests. However, I would like to remind the council that PATIENTS LIE ALL THE TIME. A COVID positive patient will likely say that they are not covid positive for convenience sake.
 - 3) If patients refuse to follow health and safety protocols, ie not wearing a mask, refusing to social distance, refusing to disclose medical information, does refusal to treat on the grounds of public safety, count as discrimination?
 - 4) If the police are already prepared for abusive/violent responses from people who don't follow the mandate, what is the protocol for dentists if we have a non-compliant patient?
 - 5) Patients lie all the time. Your proposal should include clear cut usage and evidence weightage of rapid antigen testing, temperature recording and the dentist's judgement with respect to the "discrimination blanket". If a dentist notes that the patient is actually symptomatic, but the patient denies it completely, who has the authority to determine if treatment should be carried or deferred? I believe the ultimate call should belong to the dentist if the patient is objectively proven to be symptomatic.
 - 6) I hope after this rushed consultation is completed, a second and more thorough consultation is carried out to gain feedback on how this system can improve, especially with the advent of Omicron variant. This may also avoid another rushed consultation when the Omicron does make its way here.
 - 7) A percentage of health professionals will likely die from COVID (even though they are vaccinated). Please ensure your proposal provides some authority for dentists the right to refuse treatment in black and white under certain situations.
 - 8) An alternative would be allow private and public dentist to access their DHB files to assess COVID status and tests results.
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