

DENTAL COUNCIL

Te Kaunibera Tiaki Nibo o Aotearoa

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

Dental Council Meeting Summary of Decisions – 4 October 2010

Strategic/Operational Goals

Council held a strategic working session as part of its October meeting where it approved its existing mission statement and amended the vision statement and goals to:

Vision Statement

To provide a framework for oral health practitioners to deliver best practice standard of oral health care for the public of New Zealand.

Goals

1. Administer the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 fairly and effectively.
2. Maintain an efficient organisation that is sustainable and responsive.
3. Promote and communicate Council's functions to stakeholders and the public of New Zealand.
4. Promote best practice that is well respected.

Consultation for Dental Therapy, Dental Hygiene and Orthodontic Auxiliary to Remove "Add On" Scopes and Merge into General Scope

The draft consultation documents and letter were approved by Council with the Secretariat to finalise the documentation ready for issue to stakeholders.

Oral Surgery Working Party

Council revoked the Resolution of Council passed on 7 December 2009 adopting a consultation process for determining the future of the specialist scope of Oral Surgery.

Council approved the establishment of a Working Group of key stakeholders, including NZAOMS, to consider the future of the specialist scope of Oral surgery and report to a committee of Council, which shall then consider the report before Council makes any further decision on the future of the scope.

All members of the Working Group would be provided with sufficient information to enable the members to participate effectively.

Military Adult Care Scope of Practice

A request had been received from the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) to establish a new scope of practice - Military Adult Care in Dental Therapy, limited to practice within the NZDF.

Council agreed to consult with the profession on the requirement for a new scope of practice, based on the application received and subject to a legal opinion being sought regarding the most appropriate registration pathway.

Discussion Paper – Guidelines on the use of Cone Beam Computed Tomography in Dentistry

A draft guideline on the use of Cone Beam Computed Tomography in Dentistry was approved to go to consultation as a Council Statement.

Appointment of NZDREX Review Team

Council appointed the team members for the NZDREX clinical review and assessment team scheduled for the February 2011 site visit.

Interim Report from Taranaki DHB Stainless Steel Crowns

Council accepted the report and approved the recommendation of the Dental Hygienist-Dental Therapist Board that the placement of five Stainless Steel Crowns on patients was excessive and should be reduced to three.