AMERICAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
PRINCIPLES OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS (2011)

FOREWORD: The Principles of Professional Ethics lists legal and ethical guidelines expected by patients, employers, employees and, in many areas, required by regulatory boards.

- Cause no harm;
- Uphold all federal, state, and local laws and regulations;
- Be truthful and honest in verbal, financial, and treatment endeavors;
- Recognize and report signs of abuse to proper authorities;
- Assist in informed decision-making of treatment options; while respecting the rights of patients to determine the final course of treatment to be rendered;
- Do not discriminate against others;
- Support, promote and participate in access to care efforts through education, professional activities and programs;
- Deliver optimum care utilizing professional knowledge, judgment and skill within the law;
- Be compassionate, respectful, kind and fair to employers, co-workers, and patients;
- Refrain from denigrating by word, print, or in electronic communication his/her employer, workplace, or colleagues at all times;
- Create and maintain a safe work environment;
- Assist in conflict management when necessary to maintain harmony within the workplace;
- Strive for self-improvement through continuing education;
- Strive for a healthy lifestyle which may prevent physical or mental impairment caused by any type of illness;
- Refrain from any substance abuse;
- Never misrepresent professional credentials or education.

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