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To: All registered Dental Professionals

CHANGES TO BCLS REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER REMINDERS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY IN SINGAPORE

I would like to draw your attention to the following governing the practice of dentistry in Singapore:

- (i) Waiver of practical Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) for dental professionals who are 60 years old and above

Dentists and OHTs who are **60 years old and above as at 1 Jun 2017** will not be required to pass the practical BCLS for renewal of their Practising Certificate (PC) due in 2017.

They are however still required to pass the theoretical BCLS and submit the necessary Continuing Professional Education (CPE) points and settle any "failure to vote at Election" fines (if any) for the renewal of their PC.

- (i) Mandatory supervision of dentists under Conditional Registration and OHTs under Part 2 of the OHT register

Please be reminded that, as per sections 14A(4) and 21A(4) of the Dental Registration Act, dentists registered under Conditional Registration and OHTs under Part II of the register of OHTs are required to work under supervision of a fully registered dentist in a particular employment approved by the Council.

Employers of dentist(s) under Conditional Registration are required to nominate two supervisors (namely 1 principal and 1 secondary) for each conditional registrant.

In the event that a supervisor is away, the following will apply:

- a) If the assigned supervisor is away for less than 30 days, the clinic should ensure another Division 1 dentist is assigned to oversee the work of the Conditional registrant.

Some situations where Council would consider that a supervisor “is away” includes, but not limited, to the following:-

1. on leave
2. on medical leave
3. on Reservist

SDC reserves the right to request for proof of the supervisor being away where necessary.

It will not be deemed that a supervisor ‘is away’ if he/she is in Singapore but practising at a different clinic from the C-reg Dentist.

b) If the assigned supervisor is away for 30 days or more, the clinic should re-nominate and seek approval for a new supervisor to be assigned to the Conditional registrant.

For any change of supervisor(s), the clinic must inform Council at least 1-month in advance and resubmit the names and CVs of the newly appointed supervisor(s) for Council’s approval.

All employers of dentists under Conditional Registration are required to update Council when a C-reg dentist resigns from their clinic.

(ii) Update of Residential/Practice Address and Email address

As per section 13(4) of the Dental Registration Act, all dental professionals are reminded to update their residential/practice or email address with the Council, online via PRS, as soon as possible so that urgent information can be conveyed promptly.

Dental professionals are advised to refer to the “Announcements” found in SDC’s webpage (at <http://www.sdc.gov.sg>) for any updates on the practice of dentistry in Singapore.

Yours sincerely,

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