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To the scope of Practice Consultation.

It is unsafe for the public when dentistry is practiced by persons not having appropriate, specific and objectively accredited training.

Change to this rule risks the health of the public.

The DBA and it's predecessors has recognised and enforced the attainment of this ethical requirement (for appropriate training and accreditation) for over 100 years.

There is no reason to change it.

There will always economic arguments opined by lobbyists who desire extensions of scope of practice that are not linked to appropriate or specific training. But for public safety, the scope of dental practice must be tightly linked to specific and objectively controlled training.

That is the only ethical rule otherwise much harm will be done to public health.

A change to this situation will expose everybody to risk, including the DBA.

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