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Dear sir/madam

I am writing in regards to the proposed changes to the Scope of Practice Registration Standard. I have concerns over the wording of point 2 - "Dental practitioners must only perform dental treatment for which they have been formally educated and trained in programs of study approved by the board". Does this mean only programs run by a university? Does this exclude any other CPD courses. I note that there is no current guidelines for approval of CPD courses.

Many of the everyday procedures we do as dentists are based on information we have learnt via CPD courses - does this now fall outside of the scope of practice for a dentist? Will this open dentists up to litigation, insurance claims etc? Procedures like whitening, rotary endodontics, mouthguards etc. which are not by any means "outside" of the scope of practice for a modern day dentist were not formally taught at university.

The wording of the change makes this point particularly vague - please try and amend it, or create guidelines in regards to which CPD courses are approved by the board in regards to furthering scope of practice.

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