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**Dental Council of New Zealand**

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Dear Marie,

**RE: Submission on an updated sedation practice standard**

We write to the Dental Council in response to the consultation document for the draft sedation practice standard. Waitemata District Health Board (WDHB) wish to respond with the following submission in response and ordered as per the Consultation Questions below:-

- Q1.** WDHB **AGREE** with the proposed clinical team for sedation (proposal 1)
- Q2.** WDHB **AGREE** with the proposed formal education requirements to provide sedation and for monitoring-only of sedated patients (proposals 2&3)
- Q3.** WDHB **AGREE** with the proposed core competencies for providing sedation and monitoring-only of a sedated patient (proposal 4 and appendices B & C of the draft practice standard)
- Q4.** WDHB **DO NOT AGREE** with the proposal to have scenario training relevant to the management of sedation-related complications, incorporated into the NZRC CORE Advanced resuscitation training every two years (proposal 5)

WDHB have concern that the NZRC CORE Advanced resuscitation training framework is not appropriately targeted for sedating dentistry.

WDHB believe that the NZRC curriculum which includes electrical therapy, ECG rhythm recognition and management of trauma are not relevant to the sedating dentist as per current Dental Council guidelines.

- Q5.** WDHB **DOES** have concern with another area of the draft practice standard, not already expressed.

The change in rescuer levels under the NZRC CORE framework state that CORE immediate and CORE Advanced Rescuers should not co-train i.e. blended courses.

WDHB do not support this believing that there is benefit in mixed level training and exposing immediate and advanced rescuers to communication and human factors that present themselves in dynamic groups.

We believe blended courses should be encouraged and in dentistry acknowledging that CORE immediate training will end after 4-hours and CORE Advanced will continue for the duration of at least 8-hours however; the benefits of co-training should be encouraged and maintained.

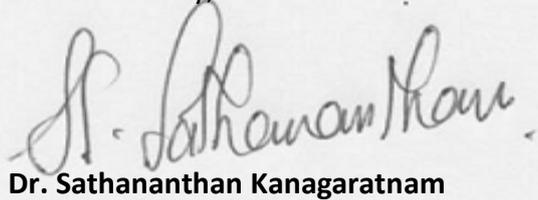
WDHB suggest the Dental Council consider the following:

1. Reinstating the modular approach to CORE i.e engage with the NZRC seeking approval to introduce Modular CORE Advanced that removes the irrelevant topics and replace them with a short lecture and simulation for management of the sedated patient.
2. Seek approval from the NZRC to permit the delivery of blended courses i.e. CORE immediate and CORE Advanced to dental practitioners.
3. That the Dental Council consider adding the words 'or equivalent' so that training providers can develop an appropriately targeted Advanced Life Support course for sedating dentists. Provided the Dental Council outline the key learning objectives, WDHB would implement a satisfactory training course for the management of the sedated patient and would accommodate a condition of seeking Dental Council endorsement.

#### REGISTRATION OF INTEREST:

In respect of future education, WDHB would be willing to work with the Council to develop and implement (from 2019 onwards), an education and training programme for monitoring-only of sedated patients.

Yours Sincerely,



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