

## Scope of practice for implant overdentures

The practice of implant overdentures by clinical dental technicians is the processes and procedures associated with taking impressions, undertaking other non-invasive clinical procedures related to the design, manufacture, repair and trial fitting of removable complete and partial implant overdentures, in accordance with this scope of practice and the clinical dental technician's additional approved education, training, experience and competence<sup>4</sup>.

~~The scope for implant overdenture practice includes:~~

- ~~• the activities described in the scopes of practice for dental technology and clinical dental technology~~
- ~~• taking impressions and undertaking other non-invasive clinical procedures involved in the construction of removable complete and partial implant overdentures on the prescription of, and prior to the final fitting<sup>2</sup> by, a dentist or dental specialist~~
- ~~• repairing removable complete and partial implant overdentures prescribed and fitted by a dentist or dental specialist and appropriate referral when indicated~~
- ~~• relining removable complete and partial implant overdentures on the prescription of, and prior to the final fitting by a dentist or dental specialist<sup>2</sup>~~

Practice in this context goes wider than clinical dental technology practice to include teaching, research, and management, given that such roles influence clinical practice and public safety. Areas of implant overdentures practice which were not included in a practitioner's training should not be undertaken unless the practitioner has completed appropriate training and practises to the standards required by the Standards Framework for Oral Health Practitioners.

~~1 Appliances and prostheses are prescribed by a practising dental specialist or dentist; and they do the final fit of the implant overdenture~~

~~2 Final fitting for clinical dental technicians means ensuring the patient is referred back to the prescribing dentist/dental specialist for the subsequent management and ongoing monitoring of that patient's oral health~~