



## ADA CERP Recognition Standard XIII Revised

Adopted April 1, 2016

Additions underlined; deletions in ~~strikethrough~~.

### STANDARD XIII. PATIENT PROTECTION \_\_\_\_\_

#### CRITERIA

1. Where patient treatment is involved, either by course participants or instructors, patient protection must be ensured as follows:
  - a. The provider must seek assurance prior to the course that participants and/or instructors possess the basic skill, knowledge, and expertise necessary to assimilate instruction and perform the treatment techniques being taught in the course
  - b. Informed consent from the patient must be obtained in writing prior to treatment
  - c. Appropriate equipment and instruments must be available and in good working order
  - d. Adequate and appropriate arrangements and/or facilities for emergency and postoperative care must exist
2. Participants must be cautioned about the potential risks of using limited knowledge when integrating new techniques into their practices.
3. The provider must assume responsibility for ensuring that participants and/or instructors treating patients (especially those from outside the jurisdiction state/province where the course is held) are in compliance with any applicable ~~not doing so in violation of state~~ dental licensure laws and/or equivalent laws.
4. The provider must ultimately be responsible for ensuring that informed consent of all patients is obtained.
5. Patients must be informed in plain non-technical language of:
  - a. The training situation
  - b. The nature and extent of the treatment to be rendered
  - c. Any benefits or potential harm that may result from the procedure
  - d. Available alternative procedures
  - e. Their right to discontinue treatment
  - f. The name and contact information for the clinician(s) responsible for answering questions, addressing concerns, and providing any necessary completion of treatment and post-treatment care.
6. There can be no compromise in adequate and appropriate provisions for care of patients treated during continuing education activities. Aseptic conditions, sterile equipment and instruments, as well as emergency care facilities, must be provided.
7. Sufficient clinical supervision must be provided during patient treatment to ensure that the procedures are performed competently.
8. The provider must assume responsibility for ~~providing any necessary post course treatment~~ competent completion of treatment, any necessary post-course treatment, and management of

~~complications, by a qualified clinician and for completion of treatment by a qualified clinician, should any question of the course participant's competence arise.~~

~~9. The provider must assume responsibility for providing any necessary post course treatment, either through the practitioner who treated the patient during the course, or through some alternative arrangement.~~

~~9~~ 40. Providers, instructors and participants must have liability protection where required.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- A. In order to meet course objectives, patients should be screened prior to the course to ensure the presence of an adequate number of individuals with conditions requiring the type of treatment relevant to the course content.
- B. Providers should consult with legal counsel regarding informed consent requirements in their locale and appropriate procedures for obtaining patient consent.