



Community Services
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Bulletin 320-2003-05: Use of cosmetic Botox in dental practice

It has come to our attention that some dentists in Yukon may be administering cosmetic Botox as part of their dental practice.

Please be advised that at this time, it is not clear whether cosmetic Botox can be considered part of the allowed scope of dentistry in Yukon. According to the *Dental Profession Act*, the services a dentist provides are described as “the treatment, advice, service or attendance that is **usually rendered or performed by dentists in the practice of their profession** and includes the practice of dental surgery;”

Other Canadian jurisdictions differ in their inclusion of cosmetic Botox as part of dental practice. For example, the Ontario regulator has specified that cosmetic Botox is not within the scope of practice for dentistry, while the Alberta regulator has produced a detailed standard, noting that the procedure is “adjunctive to the regular provision of dental services.” Because of this, there remains uncertainty as to whether cosmetic Botox would legally be interpreted to be part of the scope of practice in Yukon.

It is our intention to engage Yukon dentists in the coming month, perform a review of this practice and ultimately issue guidance. Please contact our office if you have an interest in contributing to this discussion.

Meanwhile, if you choose to provide cosmetic Botox services as part of your dental practice please be advised that all expectations regarding dental service remain relevant, including:

- Clinical and record-keeping practices such as obtaining patients’ medical histories, developing a treatment plan, following up and keeping appropriate medical records
- Only providing these services in an appropriate clinical setting.

If you have questions, please contact Professional Licensing and Regulatory Affairs at (867) 667-5111 or at dental.pira@gov.yk.ca.

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Registrar of Dental Professions