

As dental professionals, we must be registered with the General Dental Council and meet their standards. There are nine principles that we must follow:

- 1** Put patients' interests first
- 2** Communicate effectively with patients
- 3** Obtain valid consent
- 4** Maintain and protect patients' information
- 5** Have a clear and effective complaints procedure
- 6** Work with colleagues in a way that is in patients' best interests
- 7** Maintain, develop and work within our professional knowledge and skills
- 8** Raise concerns if patients are at risk
- 9** Make sure our personal behaviour maintains confidence in us and the dental profession

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