



Access to Dental Treatment Regardless of Medical Condition

CDA recognizes that as healthcare providers, dentists have the discretion to choose patients. However, selecting patients based on HIV status, Hepatitis C or other infectious diseases is not only unethical but unlawful. Refusing to accept patients based on their medical condition may be discriminatory and a violation of state and federal laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act.

It is also important to recognize that some medical conditions, such as active tuberculosis or high blood pressure, may need to be treated or stabilized before dental treatment is initiated. When current clinical recommendations warrant it, it is not discriminatory for dentists to delay dental treatment for patients with specific medical conditions.