

### Code of Practice in relation to Non Surgical Cosmetic Procedures

1. The Dental Council considers non-surgical cosmetic procedures are not the practice of dentistry.
2. The Dental Council considers non-surgical cosmetic procedures are not the business of dentistry.
3. Therefore, if any enquiry about the provision of a non-surgical cosmetic procedure is made by a member of the public, registered dentists are obliged to inform the person that:
  - Non-surgical cosmetic procedures are elective, non-healthcare treatments and are not the practice of dentistry.

If a registered dentist chooses to provide procedures that do not come within the Scope of Practice, as defined by the Dental Council, the dentist must still fully comply with the Professional Behaviour and Dental Ethics laid down by the Dental Council pursuant to Section 66 of the Dentists Act 1985.

If, having considered these guidelines, a registered dentist chooses to provide non-surgical cosmetic procedures to patients s/he is expected to:

- Satisfy her/himself that the treatment is in the best interest of the patient;
  - Undertake the procedure only if s/he has the knowledge, skill and experience required.
- A registered dentist should **not**:
    - Suggest any particular skills for these procedures by way of being a dentist;
    - Promote or market such procedures to patients or associate any promotional material with the practice of dentistry;
    - Act as a prescriber to delegate the work elsewhere;
    - Induce a patient to undergo such treatment either by word or deed;
    - Ask/encourage a third party to entice the public to undertake such treatment by a dentist.
  4. Registered dentists must comply with Irish Medicines Board Regulations

**Failure by a registrant to observe these guidelines may lead to Fitness to Practise proceedings being taken under the Dentists Act, 1985.**