

Statement on Emergency Care during COVID-19 Pandemic

In future, as the evidence base expands, it will be judged how and when a return to routine practice is advised by the appropriate authorities, but for now dentists have a responsibility to “first do no harm”.

Dentists should follow their professional judgement and assess risks when deciding how to care for patients. Your professional judgement remains key and you should only treat if it is safe to do so for both patients and the dental team. Safe care is a priority for all. Dentists who cannot provide these emergency services in their own practices should make reasonable efforts to attempt to arrange referral to a setting where the emergency can be safely managed.

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