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Dentists & Oral surgeons

Re: Type 1 diabetes, routine dental care & the COVID-19 crisis

Dear Dentists & Oral Surgeons.

I am writing to address a policy of the College of Dentistry, recently brought to my attention, that because individuals living with Type 1 diabetes are considered at “high risk” for COVID-19 all basic dental care should be cancelled.

Although it is assumed that individuals living with diabetes are at higher risk for COVID-19-related complications in general, I have seen no evidence that this applies to individuals with well-controlled Type 1 diabetes who are without diabetes-related complications. For this group, of whom the bearer of this letter is one such, I consider their diabetes to be a condition, not a disease. I would ask that you consider offering them routine dental care as if they do not have diabetes.

Do not hesitate to call if you have any questions +1-604-960-1347

Yours sincerely,



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