

**481—574.8(153) Consultation and referral.**

**574.8(1)** Dentists are responsible for meeting the minimum standard of care and should seek consultation or referral, if possible, whenever the welfare of patients will be safeguarded or advanced by utilizing those practitioners who have special skills, knowledge and experience.

**574.8(2)** The specialist or consulting dentist shall comply with the following:

*a.* Upon completion of the consultation or specialty treatment, return the patient, unless the patient expressly states a different preference, to the referring dentist or, if none, to the dentist of record for future care.

*b.* When there is no referring dentist, upon completion of the treatment, inform the patient when there is a need for further dental care.

**574.8(3)** A dentist who has a patient referred for a second opinion regarding a diagnosis or treatment plan should render the requested second opinion in accordance with these rules. In the interest of the patient being afforded quality care, the dentist rendering the second opinion should not have a vested interest in the ensuing recommendation.

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