

481—574.14(153) Unethical and unprofessional conduct.

574.14(1) Unethical or unprofessional conduct includes the following:

- a.* Taking actions that the board deems to be abusive, coercive, intimidating, harassing, untruthful or threatening in connection with the practice of dentistry.
- b.* Knowingly providing false or misleading information to the board or an agent of the board.
- c.* Knowingly interfering with a person filing a complaint with the board, or entering an agreement with a person that prohibits that person from filing a complaint with the board.
- d.* Failing to fully explain a treatment regimen and obtain patient authorization before treatment begins.

574.14(2) A licensee or registrant who has been diagnosed with a communicable or infectious disease shall comply with Iowa Code chapter 139A. Failure to do so constitutes unethical and unprofessional conduct and may be grounds for disciplinary action by the board.

574.14(3) Employing a licensee or registrant as an unregistered dental assistant who has been previously disciplined by the board without board approval constitutes unethical conduct and may be grounds for disciplinary action by the board.

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