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The College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan position statement continues to be "we believe that intra-oral procedures should not be performed by providers who are not included in The Dental Disciplines Act, 1997 because of the potential risks related to infection control and safety issues related to the use of devices, including but not limited to, lights, lasers and trays used to deliver such services."

Below is a response to our dentists that appeared in the June 2009 newsletter from Dr. Bernie White, Registrar regarding "Tooth Whitening" Concerns.

"Numerous complaints have been received lately from dental offices regarding promotion of tooth whitening services provided by 'personal service facilities' such as spas, hair salons, etc. Correspondence was sent from the College of Dental Surgeons to the Minister of Health in November 2006 regarding the similar concerns the College of Dental Surgeons had with personal service facilities that provide "tooth whitening", "grills" and other cosmetic procedures on teeth. The Ministry of Health advised us at the time, that Regional Health Authorities are responsible for administering The Health Hazard Regulations, under The Public Health Act, 1994, and concerns from the College of Dental Surgeons would be forwarded to alert the various health regions public health officials to these issues. This has been reviewed by Council and no further action has been recommended at this time. The College Office continues to monitor this concern."

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