

ICRC RISK ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK

Purpose

The Risk Assessment Framework guides ICRC panel decision-making when addressing complaints and reports. The purpose of the Framework is to ensure consistent, fair and transparent decision-making that is guided by the panel's analysis and assessment of risk.

The Framework does not apply to health inquiries.

Risk Analysis Tool

CLINICAL / PRACTICE ISSUES	LEVEL OF CONCERNS				
	N/A	No concerns	Somewhat concerning	Moderately concerning	Seriously concerning
Patient Harm / Patient Safety					
Clinical Knowledge / Understanding					
Clinical Skill / Execution					
Professional Judgement					
Recordkeeping					
Patient Informed Consent					
Communication					
Practice Management / Protocols					
Billing / Financial					
OTHER FACTORS					
Proactive Remediation / Willingness to Address Issues					
Insight / Reflection					
Dishonesty / Breach of Trust					
Prior History					
Effect on Public Interest / Confidence					
One Time Incident vs. Pattern of Conduct					
Governability					
Wilfulness / Awareness / Level of Control					
Cooperation with College					
OTHER MITIGATING / AGGRAVATING FACTORS:					



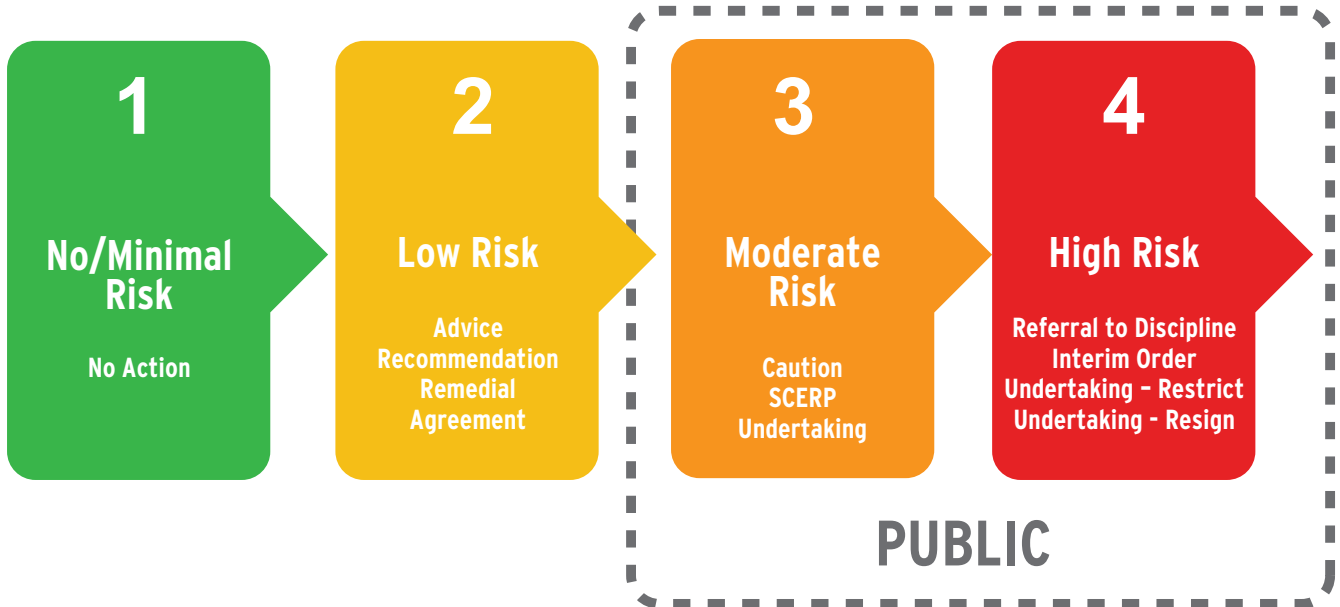
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Definitions Of Risk Categories

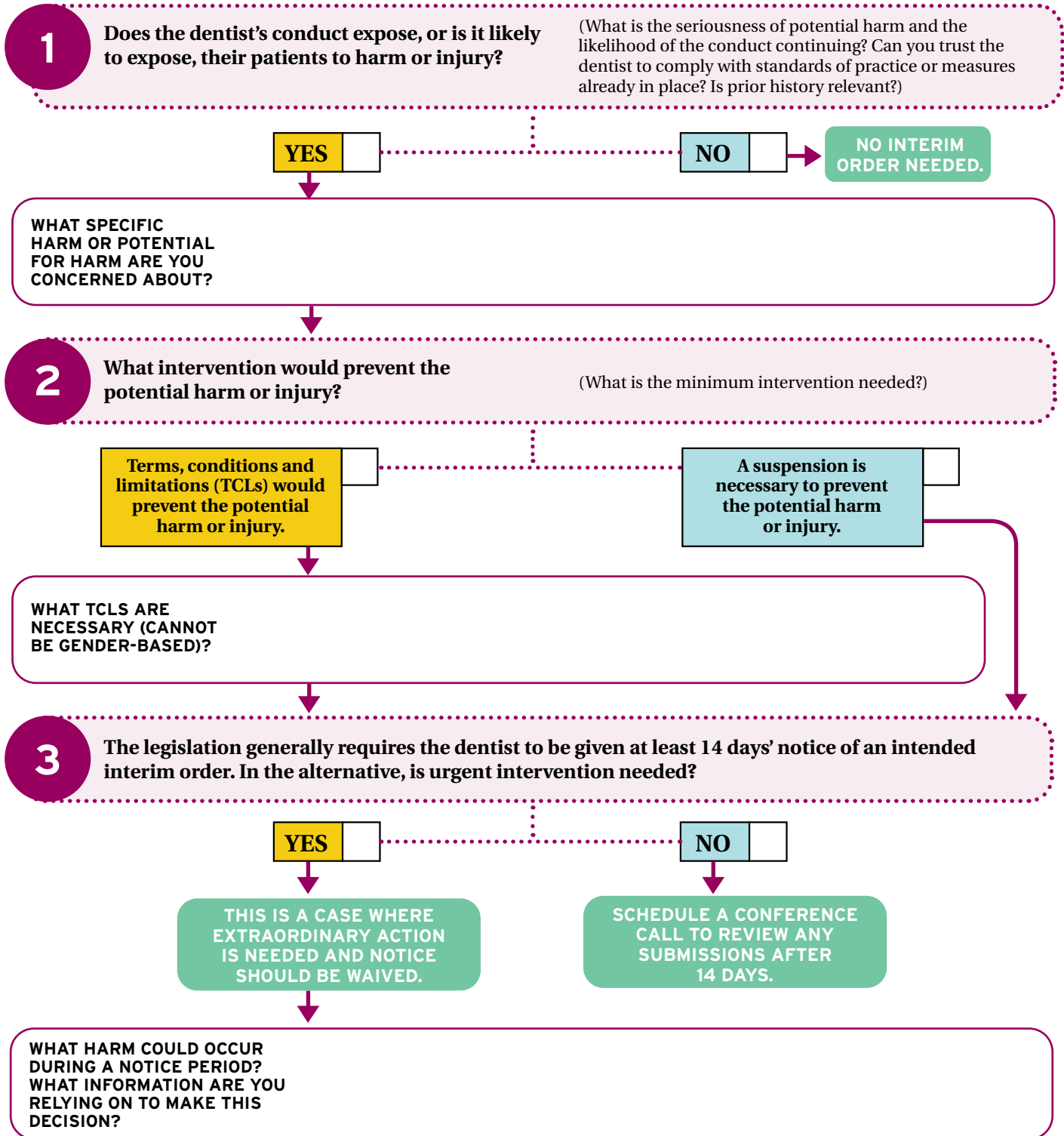
Risk Category	Description
No or Minimal Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information does not support taking regulatory action
Low Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlikely to have a direct impact on patient care, safety, or the public interest
Moderate Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical issues requiring remediation or significant improvement through didactic or hands-on courses, mentoring, assessments and/or evaluations Concerns related to an aspect of the member’s conduct or practice that may have a direct impact on patient care, safety, or the public interest if not addressed
High Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serious concerns regarding the member’s conduct or practice that are likely to have a direct impact on patient care, safety, or the public interest Concerns cannot be addressed through other remedial actions, or previous remedial actions have been attempted unsuccessfully Clinical issues requiring restrictions or conditions on practice, or a withdrawal or resignation from practice

ICRC Outcome Assessment



INTERIM ORDER ASSESSMENT TOOL

Section 25.4 of the Health Professions Procedural Code of the RHPA allows a panel to make an interim order at any time after the receipt of a complaint or appointment of an investigator if it feels the conduct of the dentist exposes or is likely to expose their patients to harm or injury. The panel can vary an interim order after it is issued based on new information received.



Definitions Of Outcomes

No Action

- Outcome is reflective of no or minimal risk
- Information does not support taking any regulatory action
- This outcome does not appear on the public register

Advice and Recommendations

- Outcome is reflective of low risk
- Low risk – Unlikely to have a direct impact on patient care, safety, or the public interest
- Provided to the member where some room for improvement has been identified
- Can include best practice advice and/or recommendations to review particular standards, articles, College publications, etc.
- This outcome does not appear on the public register

Remedial Agreement

- Outcome is reflective of low risk
- Low risk - Unlikely to have a direct impact on patient care, safety, or the public interest
- A voluntary agreement between the member and the College in which the member agrees to upgrade his or her skills in a non-clinical area of practice
- Agreements may include in a period of practice monitoring
- Agreements relate to non-clinical issues
- This outcome does not appear on the public register

Specified Continuing Education or Remediation Program (SCERP)

- Outcome is reflective of moderate risk
- Moderate risk – clinical issues requiring remediation or significant improvement through

didactic or hands-on courses, mentoring, assessments and/or evaluations

- A requirement for a member to upgrade his or her skills in a clinical area of practice
- SCERPs will include a period of practice monitoring at the member's expense
- SCERPs relate to clinical issues that can have a direct impact on patient care and safety
- This outcome appears on the public register

Undertaking

- Outcome is reflective of moderate or high risk
- Moderate risk – clinical issues requiring remediation or significant improvement through didactic or hands-on courses, mentoring, assessments and/or evaluations
- High risk – clinical issues requiring restrictions or conditions on practice, or a withdrawal or resignation from practice
- A voluntary agreement between the member and the College in which the member agrees to upgrade his or her skills in a clinical area of practice; to restrict his or her practice in a particular clinical area; or to withdraw or resign from practice
- Undertakings can be used where a SCERP is not available (e.g. restrictions, resignations, withdrawals) or when mitigating factors indicate that a voluntary approach is preferable
- Undertakings will include a period of practice monitoring
- Undertakings relate to clinical issues that can have a direct impact on patient care and safety
- This outcome appears on the public register

Caution

- Outcome is reflective of moderate risk
- Moderate risk – concerns related to an aspect of the member's conduct or practice that can have a direct impact on patient care, safety, or the public interest if not addressed
- Provided to the member when significant concerns are present or significant improvement is needed in his or her practice
- The member is required to attend in person before a panel of the ICR Committee to be formally cautioned, which includes a statement of the panel's concerns and direction as to how to conduct him or herself in future
- A caution can be used alone or in combination with other outcomes (e.g. SCERPs, Undertakings)
- This outcome appears on the public register

Interim Order

- Outcome is reflective of high risk
- High risk - serious concerns that the member's conduct exposes or is likely to expose patients to harm or injury
- This outcome appears on the public register

Referral to Discipline Committee

- Outcome is reflective of high risk
- High risk - serious concerns regarding the member's conduct or practice that are likely to have a direct impact on patient care, safety, or the public interest; concerns cannot be addressed through other remedial actions, or previous remedial actions have been attempted unsuccessfully
- The member is referred for a formal public hearing before the Discipline Committee
- This outcome appears on the public register