

PDBNS Policy on Digital/Optical Scanning

The Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia considers digital/optical scanning of the teeth and other oral tissues to be an intraoral procedure. As such, this activity is prohibited for non-registered persons employed in dental offices in accordance with Section 5(3) of the Dental Assistants Regulations.

All registered and licensed oral healthcare professionals employed in dental offices are permitted to perform digital/optical scanning either for working/study models or for final impressions. If digital/optical scanning is performed by registered dental assistants or dental hygienists for final impressions, the treating dentist bears the ultimate responsibility for the evaluation of the scan and the final restoration or prostheses.

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