



ETHICS HANDBOOK FOR DENTISTRY

ACD

American College of Dentists

— SINCE 1920 —

*Advancing excellence, ethics, professionalism,
and leadership in oral healthcare.*

The American College of Dentists dedicates this document to the dental profession with the expectation that it will serve as a useful reference to the highest-held ideals of the College, ethics, and professionalism. It is intended to highlight ethical and professional responsibility, promote ethical conduct in dentistry, advance dialogue on ethical issues, and stimulate further reflection on common ethical problems in dental practice. Useful resources are available in this guide to help dental professionals navigate through difficult ethical decisions although it is not intended to solve specific ethical dilemmas. Dental professionals are strongly encouraged to further their understanding of ethics and ethical issues beyond this document.

For those who hold the privileges and responsibilities of a dental professional, this document will serve as an introduction to the ethical practice of dentistry through the lens of the American College of Dentists.