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Draft Accreditation Standards for Dental Practitioner Programs

The Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (ASMIRT) is the peak body representing medical radiation practitioners in Australia. Our aims are to promote, encourage, cultivate and maintain the highest principles of practice and proficiency of medical radiation science, always mindful that the welfare of the patient should be at the centre of everything we do.

ASMIRT agrees that a review of the Accreditation standards for dental practitioner programs is timely.

Please find some suggestions pertaining to the Australian Dental Council's (ADC) consultation paper with respect to the issue of ionising radiation use in the dental health environment, which may be of assistance to your organisation.

- The use of ionising radiation in dental services is not a huge aspect of a dental practitioner's role and the radiation risk is very low.
- The use of gonad shielding is not required for dental x- rays and for the most part dentists do not require radiation monitoring.
- Dental practices are governed under respective state radiation safety legislation.
- There is an absence of specific information regarding radiation safety in this document. We suggest that consideration for this would be included in broader safety statements or alternatively in further documents specifically outlining safety aspects of dental practice.

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