



# DANB's Code of Professional Conduct

To promote quality and ethical practice and to assist DANB Individuals\* in understanding their ethical responsibilities to patients, employers, professional colleagues, including fellow DANB Individuals, the dental assisting profession, and the public, DANB has established the following *DANB Code of Professional Conduct*. The *DANB Code of Professional Conduct* includes a DANB Individual's responsibilities to patients, employers, colleagues, the profession, the public, and DANB.

All DANB Individuals must abide by the *DANB Code of Professional Conduct*, and must maintain high standards of ethics and excellence in all areas of professional endeavor.

Violating the *DANB Code of Professional Conduct*, including but not limited to commission of any act specifically prohibited in *DANB's Disciplinary Policy and Procedures*, may result in disciplinary action and the imposition of sanctions.

## Individual Autonomy and Respect for Human Beings

*The dental assistant has a duty to respect each patient's individuality, humanity, and autonomy in decision making.*

## Health and Well-Being of Patients and Colleagues

*The dental assistant has a duty to refrain from harming any patient.  
The dental assistant has a duty to promote each patient's welfare.  
The dental assistant has a duty to protect the health and well-being of colleagues.*

## Justice and Fairness

*The dental assistant has a duty to treat people fairly.*

## Truth

*The dental assistant has a duty to communicate truthfully.*

## Confidentiality

*The dental assistant has a duty to respect each patient's right to confidentiality.*

## Responsibility to Profession, Community, Society and DANB

*The dental assistant has a duty to know the law  
(which, in this context, also includes DANB Policies and Procedures),  
to act within the law, and to report to the proper authorities those who fail to do so.*

\* DANB Individuals is an inclusive term that refers to all DANB examination applicants, DANB examination candidates, DANB Certificants (CDAs, COAs, CDPMAs, COMSAs), and those who hold DANB Certificates of Competency (RHS, ICE). See Definitions section of the unabbreviated document for additional detail.