

## Swedish Dental Association Ethical Code

A dentist:

1. shall be guided in his or her professional work by humanitarian principles and honesty. The primary consideration must always be the patient's health and well-being.
2. shall practise his or her profession according to sound scientific principles and empirical experience.
3. must not impose his or her authority so that he or she encroaches upon the patient's right to decide over him or herself.
4. must not allow factors unrelated to dental care to influence his or her relationship with the patient.
5. shall refer to a professional colleague for advice if he finds this necessary in order to be able to carry out an examination or treatment. He or she shall comply with a patient's or guardian's reasonable request for a second opinion and inform the colleague concerned of his or her own observations.
6. shall treat information received or observations made in the course of practise of his or her profession as confidential.
7. shall carry out only such investigations and recommend only such treatment as he or she finds warranted.
8. shall respect his or her colleagues' and other health care professionals' work insofar as he or she can do so without its conflicting with patients' interests.