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Comply and Stay Up-to-Date with Government Regulations Regarding COVID-19

The BCCA encourages all practitioners to comply with regional governments regarding recommendations for patient care. **Per CDC Guidance, only emergency procedures should be performed in person during the COVID-19 pandemic.** We strongly recommend complying with the CDC guidance. There may be legal or financial implications regarding compliance with regional restriction on practice. We encourage all Anaplastologists to check with legal counsel if you have questions about how these orders apply to you.

Please be reminded of the CCA code of Ethics:

“Foremost, do no harm. A CCA consciously avoids harmful actions or omissions, embodies high ethical standards and adheres to all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations in the choices he/she makes.”

Anaplastologist Pandemic Treatment Guide

Patient photographs and virtual consult (telehealth) should be used:

- Evaluation of tissue inflammation or infection around an implant.
- Pre-surgical consult/ treatment planning for correct implant positioning for scheduled emergent surgery, such as cancer resection surgery.
- Other patient concerns

Emergency procedures that may require in person interaction:

- **Emergency procedures to alleviate medical risk and prevent overloading the ER.**
 - After telehealth consult, adjustment/modification of prosthesis if needed to alleviate pain or tissue irritation when prosthesis is essential to function.
 - After telehealth consult, ocular prosthesis modification to address pain or severe discomfort.
 - After telehealth consult, replacement of a damaged prosthesis that could result in skin overgrowth of implant components or create other serious concerns.

Suggestions for dealing with other special cases:

- Removal or replacement of external components for safe MRI: work with physicians to use hemostats or provide instrumentation for medical staff.
- If a prosthesis is lost or destroyed, mail a replacement and suggest a color touch-up in the future if needed.
- If you are receiving/providing prosthesis remotely, use a disinfection protocol with proper PPE.

Questions?

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Executive Director, Rachel Brooke, at <rachel@bccca-cca.com> and she will pass the concerns onto the BCCA board for review.

Resources:

American Dental Association Guidance

<http://www.ADA.org/virus>

The CDC Interim Guidance for Healthcare Professionals

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html>

State Governments Covid-19 Executive Orders

<https://web.csg.org/covid19/executive-orders/>

World Health Organization

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>