

PPE Surcharges

The British Columbia Dental Association (BCDA) does not set fees for its members. BCDA publishes an annual *Suggested Fee Guide*, but individual dentists in BC and across Canada set their own fees.

Dentists are highly-trained and experts in infection control. As the COVID-19 pandemic has evolved in BC, dentists have done their best to adapt and enhance their infection control protocols to follow public health orders and regulatory guidelines as they are published. As per the current Phase 2 guidelines, depending on the specific nature of the dental treatment, and patient risk factors, members of the dental care team require varying levels of personal protective equipment, (PPE) to keep everyone safe.

Dental procedure fees, which covers the cost of supplies and PPE, are determined by individual practitioners. Before commencing treatment, dentists must obtain informed consent from the patient. Included in this process is an estimate of the fees to be charged. While some dental offices submit dental insurance claims directly as a service to patients; it is the patient's responsibility to know which services and fee limits are covered by their specific plan.

As the voice of dentistry in BC, BCDA is dedicated to serving the interests of its members and promoting oral health for all British Columbians.