

**[PRC BOARD OF DENTISTRY BOARD RESOLUTION
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**GUIDELINES ON PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAMS OFFERED AND
OPERATED BY DENTISTS**

WHEREAS, Sec. 4, (g) (*Definition and Scope of Practice*), Rule I of Board of Dentistry Res. No. 13, series of 2007, the "Rules and Regulations of the Philippine Dental Act of 2007", provides, to wit;

"Preceptorship Program" refers to "training program in any of the six specialties in dentistry and integration of knowledge and skills in a particular discipline which should be university-based or hospital based run by specialist/s who have undergone extensive training or obtained a degree in an accredited dental university";

WHEREAS, there is a proliferation of preceptorship programs offered and run by dentists and so-called Post Graduate Training Centers for Dentists in six specialties in dentistry: endodontics, pedodontics, periodontics, prosthodontics, oral surgery, and orthodontics, or individual dental specialist for dentistry who wants a specialty training;

WHEREAS, the instructors/teachers therein are incompetent in view of their inadequate formal academic training(s) and/or mere completion of informal training(s) locally or internationally;

WHEREAS, despite their incompetency, they hold out themselves to the public that they are "experts" or "specialists" who are capable of transferring supposedly valuable and newly acquired knowledge and skills on certain fields of specialization in Dentistry;

WHEREAS, this practice is not only inimical to the dental profession but, in particular, may pose danger to the public, in general, who may be misled into believing that dentists who enrolled in the preceptorship programs offered and operated by dentists and the so-called Post-graduate Training Center, have acquired specialized skills in certain fields of dentistry, where in fact there are no bases for competence such as examinations;

WHEREAS, their attitude, deportment, and approach will constitute unprofessional, unethical, immoral, and dishonorable conduct, calling for "disciplinary action against the said registered and licensed dentists by the Board of Dentistry and/or for criminal action against them under the "Revised Penal Code", or any derivative law or regulation;

WHEREAS, propriety dictates that to nurture and safeguard the interest of the post-graduate trainees, in particular, and the public, in general, these center's operation has to be regulated through issuance and promulgation of policies and measures; and