

# You Asked About...

## Selling a Practice to a Non-dentist/Corporation

The sale of a dental practice to a non-dentist – such as, a corporation other than an Alberta dental professional corporation – is contrary to the *Health Professions Act* and may constitute unprofessional conduct. In addition, the sharing, dividing or splitting of fees for professional services with a non-dentist is contrary to the *Health Professions Act*.

The Alberta Dental Association and College advises all members who are considering a sale of their dental practice or entering into an arrangement with a non-dentist to carefully consult Part 5 of the *Health Professions Act*. While the legislation does not contain a specific provision concerning the sale of a dental practice, Part 5 offers guidance as to appropriate practice arrangements, detailing who may provide professional services, on whose behalf and through which entity. A member who enters into an arrangement for the sale of a dental practice, the effect of which is contrary to the language or intent of the *Health Professions Act*, may expose themselves to disciplinary action. The Alberta Dental Association and College strongly encourages any member considering a sale of their dental practice to first seek legal advice to ensure full compliance with the legislation.