

Strategies for Risk Reduction Related to Dental Malpractice Claims

- Discuss treatment options, and pros and cons with the patient in a manner the patient can understand.
- Encourage patients to seek second opinions if they are still uncertain.
- Assess the patient to determine if he/she has realistic expectations of the treatment.
- Obtain documented informed consent from the patient or the guardian prior to performing any procedures.
- Ensure that subordinates are licensed/certified as per individual state statutes.
- Implement a plan to assess and evaluate the performance of subordinates on an ongoing basis.