



Virtual Patient Consultation Billing COVID-19 Pandemic

As denturists in all Canadian jurisdictions respond to provincial and national guidance on the provision of denturist services during the COVID-19 pandemic, appropriate means of providing care are being explored.

The College of Alberta Denturists promotes the use of virtual consultations by denturists. In this way, under the current pandemic circumstances, the denturist is able to provide some care and consultation to the patient.

The Denturist Association of Canada (DAC) would like to remind all denturists that a code does exist for billing of these virtual services. DAC's Masterlist of Procedure Codes has a **procedure code for a Professional Consultation (70050)** whereby the definition is

"a professional consultation with a patient, potential patient, member of the profession or other health care providers in or out of the office whether in person or by electronic means",

as defined in the DAC's Succinct Glossary of Terms and Procedures. The DAC feels that this is the appropriate procedure code that would duly represent the services that are being provided to a patient by way of electronic means. This procedure code is already readily available in all DAC 2020 Provincial Association Fee Guides.

The DAC will continue to communicate with all stakeholders, especially insurance carriers, on the use, acceptance and implementation of procedure code 70050 to ensure understanding and compliance.

Should you have any questions with regards to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the DAC directly by email (dacdenturist@bellnet.ca).