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Presentation Title: HOW TO AVOID SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE DENTAL SETTING

In the past few months the issue of sexual harassment has been all over the news. While this may have involved mostly celebrities and politicians, the dental profession is not immune from the issue of sexual harassment. Republic Act 7877, the Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995, while punishing said abhorrent acts with imprisonment, is limited in scope and application. What dentists may perceive as acts of sexual harassment may actually not be such under the law. That is not say that these acts are not covered by other crimes or considered unethical behavior. Under RA 7877, sexual harassment may only be committed by one having authority, influence or moral ascendancy over another in the workplace or in training or educational environment. Further, interpretations of certain acts or behaviors can vary widely, particularly if the act or behavior is not flagrant in character. Certain actuations of dentists may be offensive to a particular patient while another will see nothing offensive or sexual about said act. The purpose of this lecture is to provide guidance to dentists not only on the law on sexual harassment but also what probable offenses may arise from other acts which may be interpreted to have sexual undertones and deemed as unethical or criminal in nature. in order to avoid committing these acts.