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Q. If I treat a patient palliatively as a humanitarian gesture and don't charge a fee for the service, does that limit my obligation and/or my potential liability?

A. Regardless of how much or how little dental care you provide for a patient, you always have the duty to practice at or above the standard of care. It doesn't matter if it's palliative care, definitive care, free care or just an examination. Whatever you do must meet or exceed the standard of care at all times. This includes free dentistry you provide to friends, relatives or indigent patients. The fact that you provided free care does not alter or waive your professional duty.

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