Q: I am a general dentist just learning how to place implants. I didn't have any implant training in dental school. Am I given more 'leeway' in how my treatment is judged?

A: No. The standard of care is the standard of care. But because implant dentistry is not a specialty area of practice, you would be held to the standard of care expected of the dental profession in general (competent), not a specialty standard. On the other hand, when you perform endodontic therapy, for example, you are held to the standard of the endodontist, i.e., the specialty standard.