
Dental Hygienists: Essential Primary Care Providers

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Dental hygienists are the primary preventive oral health care provider.

Currently, many sources shed light on the demand and severe need for dental services that may be provided by the dental hygienist. In addition, the ever- evolving healthcare landscape, the expansion of healthcare coverage, increased research with the oral systemic link and the epidemic of inflammatory and chronic diseases are reinforcing that optimal oral health is a key component for optimal overall health. As states across the country are moving to expand the dental hygiene scope of practice, increase practice settings and introduce midlevel dental hygiene providers -the profession of dental hygiene is exploding with opportunities!

Objectives:

- Review the dental hygiene process of care and the ADHA Standards of Clinical Practice and discuss implementation into your practice for optimal delivery of dental hygiene services
- Reflect on dental hygiene scope of practice around the country
- Explore various practice settings and 7 professional roles of the dental hygienist
- Recognize mid-level dental provider models, including dental therapy
- Review dental hygiene education: transforming curriculum and pilot programs, degree completion, advanced degrees
- Introduce strategies for YOU to maximize your own opportunities

Course Outline:

The Profession: Past, Present and Future

Portable equipment

Oral Systemic Link

Change

Who and What is driving the Change?

Consolidation, Generations, healthcare landscape, ACA and access to care, oral-systemic link, technology, politics, risk assessments, diagnostic codes, community health

Practitioner Expansion: Nurses, NP, PA, Physical Therapists, Pharmacists

Access to Care: regardless of age, race or geographical location

Dental Sealants

Oral Health in America, Call to Action: Promote Oral Health, Workforce Challenges for the Next Decade, Strategic Actions to Improve Oral Health, Importance of dental Homes for Children

Oral Health Resources

US Dept of Health and Human Services

National Governors Association

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Oral Health America

Supply and Demand

Massachusetts Stats

Your Professional Association: American Dental Hygienists Association

Dental Hygiene Education

Where are we now?

Dental Hygiene Process of Care/ ADHA “Standards for Clinical Dental Hygiene Practice”

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Career Pathways- Professional Roles of the Dental Hygienist (YES, there are now 7)

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Statewide

A Global Perspective

Essential Primary Care Provider: What does that mean?

Essential:

Primary Care Provider:

The Dental Workforce/ Dental Therapy

LIVING THE DREAM!

A Business Plan for YOU!

- Who are you (what are you passionate about)
- What is your purpose (what can you do about it)
- Collaboration (who can help you)
- Vision, Mission, Strategic plan-timeline
- Communication (get the word out)
- Resources (time, money, rewards/benefits)



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

<https://www.dntlworks.com/>

<http://www.adha.org/ioh-community-service-grants-main>

<https://www.adha.org/resources-docs/2016-Revised-Standards-for-Clinical-Dental-Hygiene-Practice.pdf>

<https://bhw.hrsa.gov/shortage-designation/hpsas>

<http://www.adha.org/workforce-models-adhp>

<http://www.adha.org/professional-roles>

<https://classic.nga.org/cms/home/nga-center-for-best-practices/center-publications/page-health-publications/col2-content/main-content-list/the-role-of-dental-hygienists-in.html>

<https://www.cms.gov/>

<https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/full/10.2105/AJPH.2017.303687>

https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/publications/sgr2000_05.htm

<https://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/oral-health>

<https://oralhealthamerica.org/>

<https://www.aafp.org/about/policies/all/fp-definition.html>

<https://www.nursingworld.org/>

<http://www.apta.org/>

<https://pharmacist.com/>

<https://www.aapa.org/what-is-a-pa/>

<https://www.aanp.org/all-about-nps/what-is-an-np>

https://www.adha.org/resources-docs/Transforming_Dental_Hygiene_Education.pdf

<https://ebd.ada.org/en/evidence/guidelines/pit-and-fissure-sealants>

<http://www.ifdh.org/>

<http://www.oralhealthworkforce.org/resources/variation-in-dental-hygiene-scope-of-practice-by-state/>

<http://www.healthworkforceta.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/OH2020-Webinar-180313.pdf>

Book: ***Business Model You: A One Page Method for Reinventing Your Career***. Tim Clark

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