



An Act Enabling Trained Dental Hygienists to Administer Dermal Fillers and Botox

HD3952/SD2062

Sponsored by Representatives Frank Moran and Manny Cruz, and Senator Julian Cyr

Dental Hygienists already receive the necessary training

Dental Hygienists have a significant amount of training in head and neck anatomy and currently administer Novocaine using needles that are much larger than Botox needles

Dentists and oral surgeons in MA are able to administer Botox currently per 2013 BORID policy guidance



Dental Hygienists should safely join their fellow oral healthcare colleagues as licensed administrators!



Data to Support:

Dental hygienists **have more head and neck anatomy training** than other practitioners who can administer Botox.



More than just cosmetics:

Botox and fillers are **used for many dental issues** including **TMJ and jaw issues/teeth grinding** - not just for cosmetic reasons.



Surgical Care:

Botox administration can be **immediately reversed with an antidote** in the event of any issues.



Aftercare:

Side effects are usually **mild and brief**.



**To become a dental
hygienist, you must:**



Receive an AD in dental hygiene in 2 years involving 8 - 16 hours a week of hands-on training or receive a BS in dental hygiene in 4 years



Pass the National Board Dental Exam and the state clinical exam (3 options of tests in Mass.)



Pass the Massachusetts Dental Ethics and Jurisprudence Exam



Be CPR/AED certified
Be BLS certified
Receive state licensure

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Providers Who Can Administer Botox:

Dentists
Licensed physicians
and surgeons
Nurse Practitioners
Physician Assistants
Registered nurses

Nevada
Connecticut
Florida
Iowa
Maryland
New York
Wisconsin

A number of other
states allow dental
hygienists to perform
Botox services:



Dental hygienists are permitted to use lasers in MA - similar training to Botox injections - and are permitted to administer anesthesia if they receive a permit in MA.



Many dentists and dental offices would like their RDHs to be able to administer Botox and fillers to bring in and retain patients.