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Q1

Your details

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Q2

dental hygienist

Your submission is in the capacity as

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Respondent skipped this question

Name of company/organisation

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Q4

Please add your Dental Council Person ID registration number



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Q5

Agree

Do you agree/disagree with the proposal to remove the mandated requirement for a professional relationship (dental therapy), working relationship (dental hygiene, orthodontic auxiliary practice), and a consultative professional relationship (oral health therapy) from the respective scopes of practice. Please detail why.

Q6

Please provide comments to support your response.

Because Dental Hygiene is a qualification in its own right. Our scopes are registered under the DCNZ it seems like it's doubling up.

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Q7

Agree

Do you agree/disagree to remove references to working/professional/consultative professional relationships from the dental therapy, dental hygiene, orthodontic auxiliary practice, oral health therapy, dental technology and clinical dental technology scopes of practice? (as detailed in Appendices A – F). Please detail why.

Q8

Please provide comments to support your response.

As stated prior it seems like it's doubling up under our professional registration with APCs with DCNZ.

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Q9

Agree

Do you agree/disagree with the removal of the requirement for direct clinical supervision for administration of local anaesthetic and prescription preventive agents? Please detail why.

Q10

Please provide comments to support your response.

Why do we need direct supervision when we have been trained, tested and deemed qualified to administer LA. When passing this component an educational body has deemed the practitioner competent. Why do we then need to be supervised. Further many patients have been disadvantaged over the years due to the frustrating situation or instance of my BDS finishing early or on lunch and not being able to administer LA due to them not being in the building. Therefore the patient has had to be treated with pain or having to defer complete treatment.

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Q11

Agree

Do you agree/disagree with the removal of clinical guidance for the remainder of the dental hygiene scope activities? (excluding the orthodontic activities currently defined as being performed under direct supervision). Please detail why.

Q12

Please provide comments to support your response.

Same reasons mentioned prior

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Q13

Agree

Do you agree/disagree to align the description of the following scope activity with current dental hygiene practice in the following way: obtaining and reassessing medical and dental oral health histories? Please detail why.

Q14

Please provide comments to support your response.

We are qualified outright to obtain medical and health histories . There has actually been instances in the past where the supervising BDS has missed something on a medical history and has been picked up by myself.

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Q15

Yes

Are there any further comments you would like to made on the proposals?

Q16

Please comment below

If these changes are passed it doesn't mean dental hygiene will be autonomous. It is my view we are a TEAM that work together for the complete benefit of the patient. The current legislation, working relationships, and supervision requirements doesn't work towards the complete benefit of the patient. It seems to be a double up within our qualifications and registration requirements, that at times is detrimental to patients. Ie not being able to administer LA unless a dentist is present. This is unfair to the patient and ridiculous and frustrating especially when we have been trained and deemed competent when we passed the relevant examinations.
