Follow up consultation on proposed changes to the working relationship requirements for oral health practitioners with dentists, and the practising conditions for dental hygiene activities



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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.

There will be no impeding consequences to the patients heath if this is to go through. Practitioners always have access to a dentist/ another colleague to gain second opinions for a patients treatment if required and generally a lot of the time the orthodontic auxillary will be working under an orthodontist therefore this admin change would not change their working relationship.

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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.

All these professions are highly trained and become somewhat experts in their own sector as it is, thus having a restriction like this on their scope of practice allows these parties to appear inadequate to do their job and allows the public to have less faith in them. Everyone works in the best interest of their patients and knows when to gain second opinions/discuss situations with their colleagues and it should be as simple as that rather than having something admin enforced.

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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. Follow up consultation on proposed changes to the working relationship requirements for oral health practitioners with dentists, and the practising conditions for dental hygiene activities

Q10

Please provide comments to support your response.

Hygienist have been administering local for years now. This shows a lack of faith in these practitioners that after all these years they are not capable in administrating local anaesthetic without a dentist present.

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Q11

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.

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Q13

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.

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Q15

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

Q16

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Please comment below

Respondent skipped this question

Agree

No

Agree