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Page 2: Your information

**Q1**

Your details

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**Q2** oral health therapist

Your submission is in the capacity as

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Page 3: Name of company/organisation

**Q3** Respondent skipped this question

Name of company/organisation

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Page 4: Your Person ID number

**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.

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**Q6**

Please provide comments to support your response.

Oral healthy therapists as dental professional have to take 3 years of university level training at well respected universities of NZ. The intensive training covers wide range, comprehensive of theoretical and practical dentistry. And that well equips and prepares the therapists who are completely capable and competent for their scope of work. Remove the consultative requirement from the professional relationship will give much deserved freedom to the therapists to be fully in charge in their scope of practice and decision making, screen out the unnecessary, time consuming consultation process. Also the therapists will take more responsibility and be more initiative / proactive in their job as feel being more clinician who are truly responsible for their patients.

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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.

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**Q8**

Please provide comments to support your response.

Properly and well documented guidelines provides the clear definition of responsibility for every dental professional and explains their roles/scope of practices. Its availability is important for memorandum and guidance.

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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.

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**Q10**

Please provide comments to support your response.

As I understand the dental hygienists are permitted to do it with additional training.

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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.

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**Q12**

Please provide comments to support your response.

dental hygiene activities can be performed without clinical guidance as it poses minimal risk to the patients normally.

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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.

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**Q14**

Please provide comments to support your response.

dental hygienists are capable of assessing medical and oral health history.

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**Q15**

**Yes**

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

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## Q16

Please comment below

I find dentistry is increasingly unaffordable to more populations in New Zealand. Obviously there are many reasons for it, such as due to the difficult national economy and being excluded from free public health scheme. However, as a dental professional, I feel it's our responsibility to make dentistry more affordable to the society and the people who suffer from dental problems but can't afford to seek for help. I understand the public health system is overwhelming, therefore, one thing can be done is to remove these unnecessary, more political oriented regulations, which may lead to more clinicians such as oral health therapists fully implement their skills to help and allow the people have early and swift access for their dental problem, be seen, diagnosed, treated or properly referred. Keep smiling NZ.

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