

NZ Dental Council,
Regarding Dental Therapists

Surely Dental Therapist should be linked with their like profession in this case Oral Health Therapists, to become one – to keep fees fair and reasonable for both. Surely this current proposal is discriminative towards Dental Therapists. Under this current thinking fees over time will become exorbitant. Dental Therapists are still an important part of the Dental work force and should not be viewed any differently - there are still large numbers still to complete their careers with in this work force. Currently other groups are linked in the fee structure such as Hygienists/Ortho Auxiliaries- Dental Techs / Clinical Techs Dentists /Specialists. There is no reason that this cannot apply to Dental Therapists and Oral Health Therapists.

This is in need of serious consideration before any changes apply.

Yours,
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