

<p>POLICY NUMBER A-502</p>	<p>POLICY TITLE: Policy Regarding Treatment Within the Scope of Dental Practice</p>
	<p>RELATES TO: DENTAL SCOPE OF PRACTICE</p>
<p>EFFECTIVE DATE: December 6, 2017</p> <p>NEXT REVIEW DATE: December 2022</p>	<p><u>LICENSED DENTISTS</u></p>

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I. Purpose

The Ohio State Dental Board (Board) is committed to ensuring the safe practice of dentistry to the public. The purpose of this policy is to clarify the Board's position regarding the development of technologies and techniques dentists may utilize and their relationship to scope of practice.

Legal Authority

O.R.C. 4715.01 Dentists – dental hygienist definitions

Education and Training

O.R.C. 4715.10 Application for license.

O.A.C. 4715-5-01.1 Requirements for initial licensure for dentists.

II. Applicability

The policy applies to the treatment within scope of dental practice for licensed dentists.

III. Definitions

Dentistry The definition of dentistry in Ohio is consistent with the American Dental Association (ADA) definition of dentistry: The evaluation, diagnosis, prevention, and/or treatment (nonsurgical, surgical or related procedures) of diseases, disorders and/or conditions of the oral cavity, maxillofacial area and/or the adjacent and associated structures and their impact on the human body; provided by a dentist, within the scope of his/her education, training and experience, in accordance with the ethics of the profession and applicable law.

Evidence-based dentistry is an approach to oral health care that requires the judicious integration of systematic assessments of clinically relevant scientific evidence, relating to the patients oral and medical condition and history, with the dentist's clinical expertise and the patient's treatment needs and preferences. Parameters of care for dental patients and standards of care for treatment of patients are developed based on this approach

Procedure

Using these definitions, the Board considers available scientific evidence, educational requirements of the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited programs within the dental schools residency programs, and peer reviewed accredited educational programs consistent with an evidenced based approach to dentistry, to aid in its determination of the scope of dental practice.

The ADA has a code of ethical and professional conduct for the practice of dentistry. All dentists must be aware of their own limitations and level of training in determining their individual competence levels within the scope of practice of dentistry. Using these ethical and professional standards each dentist chooses how to practice dentistry. The expectation, for all patients, is the dentist is competent in providing adequate diagnosis and treatment plan, informed consent, and appropriate treatment. Additionally, the dentist is expected to be competent in recognizing and treating complications.

IV. Attachments

The ADA Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct, November 2016

V. Monitoring

The supervisory staff overseeing the daily practices of the procedures contained within this policy shall utilize quality tools and instruments to ensure compliance.

An interdisciplinary team comprised of the Director, Deputy Director, and Policy Committee of the Board, shall meet as needed throughout the year to review policies and procedures and integrate collaborative services. Assigned designees may represent each of these respective disciplines. All policies must be documented as an official review in the policy database on an annual basis.

Each year, the policy design team shall review the quality assurance data and results derived from audit reports, quality tools and instruments, legal or investigatory measures, and interdisciplinary team meeting summaries and/or actions, and incorporate the findings and other improvement recommendations as revisions to the current policies and procedures or develop new policies when necessary.

VI. Training

This revised policy requires staff education or training prior to policy implementation.

VII. References

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