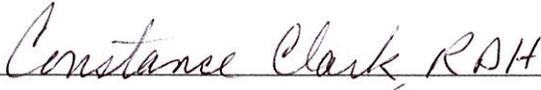


<p>POLICY NUMBER B-501</p>	<p>POLICY TITLE: Policy Regarding Dental Hygienists Performing Periodontal Maintenance When the Supervising Dentist is not Present.</p>
	<p>RELATES TO: OHIO STATE DENTAL BOARD DENTAL HYGIENISTS</p>
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I. Purpose

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 address inquiries regarding whether a dental hygienist can perform periodontal maintenance on a patient when the supervising dentist is not present in the office.

Legal Authority

- O.R.C. 4715.22 Supervision of licensed dentist.
- O.A.C. 4715-9-01 Permissible practices of a dental hygienist.
- O.A.C. 4715-9-05 Practice when the dentist is not physically present.

Education and Training

- O.A.C. 4715-9-05 Practice when the dentist is not physically present.
(A)(2) Successful completion of a 4-hour Board-approved course in the identification and prevention of potential medical emergencies.
(A)(3) Successful completion of an American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or American Safety and Health Institute basic life-support training course.

Minimum Practice Requirement

- O.R.C. 4715.22 Supervision of licensed dentist.
(C)(1) The dental hygienist has at least one year and a minimum of one thousand five hundred hours of experience in the practice of dental hygiene.
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II. Applicability

The policy applies to the practice of appropriately licensed dental hygienists under the supervision of the licensed supervising dentist.

III. Definitions

Supervision O.A.C. 4715-3-01(O)(1) which states: acts are deemed to be under the supervision of a licensed dentist when performed in a dental facility wherein a licensed dentist is physically present at all times during the performance of such acts and such acts are performed pursuant to his order, control and full professional responsibility. Such acts shall be performed only after examination and diagnosis by said dentist and in accordance with said dentist's treatment plan for the procedure to be performed by the dental hygienist. This definition is subject to the exceptions noted in section 4715.22 of the Revised Code.

Periodontal Maintenance Procedures performed at regularly scheduled intervals to assist the periodontal patient in maintaining oral health. As part of periodontal therapy, an interval is established for periodic, ongoing care. Maintenance procedures are under the supervision of the dentist and typically include: an update of the medical and dental histories; radiographic review; periodontal evaluation; removal of the bacterial flora from crevicular and pocket areas; limited scaling and root planing where indicated; polishing of the teeth; and a review of the patient's plaque control efficiency. Periodontal maintenance procedures following active therapy is not synonymous with a prophylaxis.

IV. Procedure

- Dental Hygienists: O.A.C. 4715-9-01 Permissible practices of a dental hygienist.
(B)(2) Periodontal scaling, root planing, and soft tissue curettage.

The performance of periodontal maintenance as described above is permissible on a patient when the supervising dentist is not present, as long as there is compliance with the Ohio Administrative Code 4715-9-05. The supervising dentist must have evaluated the patient within the past year, and prescribed the periodontal maintenance as part of ongoing care for the patient.

V. Attachments

Form: Permissible Practices Documentation for Dental Hygienists

VI. 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

O.R.C. 4715.22	Supervision of licensed dentist.
O.A.C. 4715-9-01	Permissible practices of a dental hygienist.
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