
Dental Hygienists: Essential Primary Care Providers

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The sky's the limit.....

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Dental hygienists are the primary preventive oral health care provider.

Many sources shed light on the demand and severe need for dental services that may be provided by the dental hygienist. In addition, the ever- evolving healthcare landscape, the expansion of healthcare coverage, increased research with the oral systemic link and the epidemic of inflammatory and chronic diseases are reinforcing that optimal oral health is a key component for optimal overall health. As states across the country are moving to expand the dental hygiene scope of practice, increase practice settings and introduce midlevel dental hygiene providers -the profession of dental hygiene is exploding with opportunities!

Objectives:

- Review the dental hygiene process of care and the ADHA Standards of Clinical Practice
And discuss implementation into your practice for optimal delivery of dental hygiene services
- Discuss various state dental hygiene practice acts around the country
- Explore various practice settings: private, corporate and public health
- Describe current and potential dental hygiene and non-dental hygiene based mid-level provider models
- Review current “alternative dental hygiene settings” models that ARE working in the US and globally
- Review dental hygiene education: transforming curriculum and pilot programs, degree completion, advanced degrees
- Introduction to how YOU can maximize your own opportunities

Course Outline:

The Dental Hygiene Profession: Past, Present and Future

Who and What is driving the Change?

Consolidation, Practitioner expansion, healthcare landscape, access to care, oral-systemic link

Dental Hygiene Process of Care/ ADHA “Standards for Clinical Dental Hygiene Practice”

1. Assessment

- a. Health History
- b. Clinical Assessment
- c. Risk Assessment

2. Dental Hygiene Diagnosis

3. Planning

4. Implementation
5. Evaluation
6. Documentation

Career Pathways- Roles of the Dental Hygienist

1. Clinician
2. Corporate
3. Public Health
4. Researcher
5. Educator
6. Administrator
7. Entrepreneur



A look at the dental hygiene profession

- A. Statewide
- B. A global perspective

Mid-Level Providers

Classification of Practices/ Types of Practice Settings

Essential Primary Care Provider: What does that mean?

Essential:

Primary Care Provider:

Where there's a will-there is a way.....

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Volunteerism

Be engaged: social media, mentors, professional association

A Business Plan for YOU: develop your brand



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