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Dear AHPRA

I may be wrong but on Page 19 there seems to be an error.

Periodontal diagnosis and instrumentation should be within the scope of an Dental Hygienist, probably not a Therapist who training is more directed towards treating children.

I remember visiting an orthodontic practice 32 years ago when much of the work was being done by dental assistants. The practice generally works just the same these days. 7 treatment chairs, one orthodontist, now perhaps one hygienist as well.

Is there change to the scope of work envisaged to dental assistants, either those who are untrained or those who have TAFE certificates? It seems disingenuous to encourage people to study further without expanding their duties, but as far as I know, that is how it works in NSW currently.

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