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Subject: OHT registration to practice independently - disagree

Dear Sir/Madam

I do not believe that allowing Oral Health Therapists to practice independently of dentists will be of benefit to anyone - not to their patients or themselves.

If therapists want to work like dentists, they should have the training that dentists have ie they should go back to Uni and study Dentistry.

There is no guarantee that therapists will provide more cost-effective dental care. There is also no evidence that care will be provided by them in underserved areas.

How will a patient be able to tell whether they are seeing a dentist or a therapist?

So for the sake of patient safety, transparency and quality of care, please do not allow oral health therapists to practice independently. They have not had the training that dentists have had and so should not be allowed to practice as a dentist.

Kind regards

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Sent from my iPhone