

Scope of Practice review for Dental and Oral Health Therapists

Dental and Oral Health Therapists are a vital part of the Oral Health Team and provide an invaluable service to the community. The restrictions that have been place on these educated and competent practitioners have for too long deprived the wider public of their skills and expertise.

I would like to endorse and support the 17 recommendations made by Health Workforce Australia in their latest report with regards to dental and oral health therapists.

I would also like to endorse and support the Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists Association's (ADOHTA) submission with regards to the Scope of Practice for dental and oral health therapists.

These changes to the Scope of Practice for dental and oral health therapists would greatly benefit the wider public especially our most disadvantaged and Indigenous people.

All dental and oral health professionals should practice under the wording:

“Dental and Oral Health Professionals should perform those clinical duties for which they have been trained, educated and deemed competent in within a consultative and referral framework referring clinical procedures which are not within their Scope of Practice to other oral health professionals within the dental team.”

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