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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to show my support for the Revised Scope of Practice Registration Standard, the Guidelines for Scope of Practice and the new Reflective Practice Tool for Scope of Practice.

I believe these minor changes will not make much difference to the way the majority of dental clinic's and practitioners are currently practicing.
The change in wording emphasises the need for a team approach to dentistry and takes away the old view of hierarchy in a dental environment.

Further to this I am very disappointed in the ADA's campaign against the changes. Their choice of wording is derogatory towards OHT's and DH's and is coming across as a scare campaign designed to incite fear in dentists losing control and patient numbers. The ADA seems to have a very different take on the proposed changes than the DHAA and ADOHTA.

I am also unhappy to see the behaviour of many dentists on Facebook (the ADA page and DPR) regarding the proposal, there has been an abundance of insulting, derogatory and immature comments directed towards OHT's and DH's. Many of these people are hiding behind fake profile names.

I do not know a single OHT or DH who has any interest in practicing outside of their scope of practice and believe this faction of oral health practitioners to be the most concerned with strictly adhering to what they have been formally trained in. They are more likely to be a member of a professional association and take their CPD responsibilities seriously.

I believe OHT's and DH's welcome this change and see it as a benefit to our patients and industry. It will allow us to work to the full extent of our training and receive the respect and acknowledgement we deserve but rarely get.

Kind Regards

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