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Advance Practice for the Dental Hygienist



In 2009, Minnesota became the first state government in the U.S to authorize the licensing of dental therapists.

Further reading:

(1.) https://www.adha.org/resources-docs/7513_Direct_Access_to_Care_from_DH.pdf. Direct Access in Minnesota: Collaborative practice created in 2001. Dental hygienist can administer prophylaxis, application of topical preventive and prophylactic agents, application of sealants, fluoride varnishes, coronal polishing, preliminary charting, radiographs and root planning.

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/orhpc/shortage/2017hpsab.pdf> – Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) Based on federal regulations, 3 categories: primary care, dental and mental health. 3 types: geographic (county or regions); population (low income, homeless); and facilities (prisons, Community Health Centers). Dental has 126 HPSAs in Minnesota.

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/orhpc/shortage/2016hpsadent.pdf> – Health Professional Shortage Areas Dental HPSA Designations Map.

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/healthreform/oralhealth/definitions.pdf>- Oral Health Practitioner Work Group Summary- Possible Definitions for Low Income, Uninsured and Underserved Populations; Health Professional Shortage Areas.

(2.) 2016 Minnesota Statutes -A compilation of the general and permanent laws of the state.

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes?id=150A.10> – 150A.10 ALLIED DENTAL PERSONNEL: Limited authorization for dental hygienists.

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes?id=150A.105> – 150A.105 DENTAL THERAPIST

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes?id=150A.106>– 150A.106 ADVANCED DENTAL THERAPIST

<https://mn.gov/boards/dentistry/licensure/processingandapplications/dental-therapists.jsp> - 2014 Report to the Minnesota Legislature- Early impacts of Dental Therapists in Minnesota.

<http://www.mndta.org/>- Minnesota Dental Therapy Association

(3.) Minnesota Board of Dentistry- Mission is to promote and protect public health and safety; and ensure that every licensed dental professional practicing in the state meets the requirements for safe, competent and ethical practice. <https://mn.gov/boards/dentistry>

(4.) Metropolitan State Academic Program/ Admission Criteria/ Additional Information (video)

<http://www.metrostate.edu/academic-programs/graduate-programs/college-of-nursing-and-health-sciences/advanced-dental-therapy-msadt> - The Master of Science in Advanced Dental Therapy (MSADT) program is the first of its kind in the country with Minnesota recognized as a national

leader in oral health care. The dual licensed graduates of Metropolitan State University's Advanced Dental Therapy program have created a meaningful solution to the problem of dental access for underserved communities by providing dental hygiene and dental therapy preventive and therapeutic scopes of practice for the diverse populations they serve.

(5.) Advanced Dental Therapy Collaborative Management Agreement - signed by a licensed Minnesota Dentist. https://mn.gov/boards/assets/NEW_ADTCMA_tcm21-285564.pdf

Collaborative Agreement for dental hygienists must be registered online-
<https://mn.gov/boards/dentistry/onlineservices/onlicecollaborativagreement.jsp>

<http://www.normandale.edu/departments/health-sciences/dental-hygiene> - Normandale Community College Dental Hygiene programs: Collaborative dental hygiene practice.

(6.) <http://healthfindersmn.org/about/> - HealthFinders Collaborative (HFC), is a community health center which provides a comprehensive primary access point to health services for the marginalized families of Rice County. Through primary care, medication assistance, patient education and advocacy, and community-based wellness programming, HFC works across the continuum of wellness to collaborate and engage communities in their own health. HFC believes in the inherent capacity of our patients and communities to support health and wellness. Established in 2005, HFC is a growing non-profit in the dynamic field of community health care. HFC provides a comprehensive access point to health and wellness opportunities. In addition to primary medical and dental care, HFC has a range of chronic disease management and wellness programs. Patient Advocates connect patients to insurance through MNsure, and community organizers and health workers engage communities in what helps them become healthy in their context.

(7.) Community health worker (CHW) Linkage to the community. Bilingual and so they are able to connect with a very diverse community customer base; basically mirror the residents. Makes it much easier to interact and explain services and any misconceptions that they may have or any hesitation about coming and using the services. <http://mnchwalliance.org/minnesota-ch-toolkit/>.

(8.) <http://www.mndha.com/index.html>- Minnesota Dental Hygienists' Association (MnDHA)

<https://www.facebook.com/minnesotadentalhygienistsassociation>- MnDHA Facebook

<http://www.adha.org/>- American Dental Hygienists' Association

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