



## SINGAPORE DENTAL COUNCIL

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### **RESTRICTED \ SENSITIVE-NORMAL**

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To: All Part II Oral Health Therapists

### **PART II ORAL HEALTH THERAPISTS WISHING TO TAKE PART IN DENTAL VOLUNTEER WORK IN SINGAPORE**

Part II Oral Health Therapists who are planning to volunteer their time to serve the community must inform the Council of the details of their volunteer dental work at least 14 days in advance.

- 2 Please write to [SDC@spb.gov.sg](mailto:SDC@spb.gov.sg) with the following details:
  - i. Location of volunteer work
  - ii. Frequency i.e. once-off / monthly / quarterly
  - iii. Start and end date
  - iv. Nature of dental work to be carried out
  - v. Approval by current approved 1st supervisor to undertake the volunteer work
  - vi. Full name and DCR number of Div I Fully-registered supervisor(s) with at least 5 years post-BDS experience who will be supervising the volunteer dental work during the volunteering period if he/she is not the 1st approved supervisor
  
- 3 Council would like to iterate that Part II Oral Health Therapists must be under the supervision of a Council-approved supervisor at all times, as long as he/she is undertaking clinical practice and performing prescribed dental procedures on patients in Singapore. A copy of the prescribed work scope as stipulated under the Fourth Schedule of Dental Registration Regulations is attached in Annex A for your compliance.
  
- 4 Please note that volunteering hours would not count towards supervision hours.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chng Chai Kiat".

A/PROF CHNG CHAI KIAT  
REGISTRAR, SINGAPORE DENTAL COUNCIL

### **(A) Dental Hygienists**

The scope of work that can be performed by a dental hygienist include:

1. Cleaning and polishing of teeth.
2. Scaling of teeth.
3. Root planing of teeth.
4. Application to the teeth of solutions of sodium or stannous fluoride or such other similar prophylactic solutions as the Council may from time to time determine.
5. Application of fissure sealants.
6. Application of rubber dam.
7. Exposure of radiographic films intraorally or extraorally for the investigation of lesions of the mouth, jaws, teeth and associated structures.
8. Usage of infiltration anaesthesia in procedures such as scaling or root planing.
9. Taking alginate impressions of the upper and lower dentition.
10. Giving of advice on matters related to dental hygiene.

### **(B) Dental Therapists**

Dental therapist may perform the following on a person who is 18 years of age or younger:

1. Cleaning and polishing of teeth.
2. Scaling of teeth.
3. Any application to the teeth of solutions of sodium or stannous fluoride or such other similar prophylactic solutions as the Council may from time to time determine.
4. Application of fissure sealants.
5. Application of rubber dam.
6. Extraction of primary teeth.
7. Restoration of teeth using direct restorative materials.
8. Exposure of radiographic films intraorally or extraorally for the investigation of lesions of the mouth, jaws, teeth and associated structures;
9. Usage of infiltration anaesthesia in procedures such as scaling or direct restorative procedure.
10. Taking alginate impressions of the upper and lower dentition.
11. Giving of advice on matters related to dental hygiene.

### **(C) Dental Therapists/ Hygienists**

The scope of work that can be performed by a dental therapist/hygienist include:

1. Cleaning and polishing of teeth.
2. Scaling of teeth.
3. Root planing of teeth.
4. Application to the teeth of solutions of sodium or stannous fluoride or such other similar prophylactic solutions as the Council may from time to time determine.
5. Application of fissure sealants.
6. Application of rubber dam.
7. Extraction of primary teeth of persons of 18 years of age or younger.
8. Restoration of teeth of persons of 18 years of age or younger using direct restorative materials.
9. Exposure of radiographic films intraorally or extraorally for the investigation of lesions of the mouth, jaws, teeth and associated structures.
10. Usage of infiltration anaesthesia in procedures such as scaling, root planing, direct restorative procedure and extraction.
11. Taking alginate impressions of the upper and lower dentition.
12. Giving of advice on matters related to dental hygiene.