

Dear ADAQ president,

I came to know about the following decisions being made by the dental board i.e.

The proposed changes basically mean dental hygienist/therapist/prosthodontist

1. They can practice everything under the scope of dentistry
(there are already many expensive weekend courses lined up to 'formally educate' them on how to do restorations/ extractions/ crowns/ ortho /implants/radiography etc. you name it)
2. They will not have to practice under supervision
3. This new definition of "structured professional relationship" basically means as long as you know who to refer when something goes wrong with your patients, you are in a structured professional relationship
4. Everyone will be known as dental practitioners!! - rest be assured that the public won't know the difference

As a member of ADAQ and BDS student, I strongly oppose these changes. These decisions will be detrimental to future job prospects for current BDS students and put the entire dental industry in unwarranted/unnecessary trouble. I do not believe this will anyway solve anything especially when we already have many jobless dentists floating in Australia and this information was according to one of your previous publications (ADA, 2012) and you also highlighted this issue in your presentation during your recent visit at Griffith University, Gold Coast.

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