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Dear Member:

The CDSS is aware of the proposal by the Saskatchewan Dental Hygienists Association (SDHA) to expand hygienist's scope of practice to provide services to certain populations in Saskatchewan (remote locations and long term care facilities). The CDSS will continue to collaborate with programs and other professionals to provide care that meets the provisions of The Dental Disciplines Act and that meets the standard of care. The CDSS is currently evaluating the SDHA proposal and formulating a strategy that will attempt to satisfy the concerns of the profession and the needs of the Saskatchewan public.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Re: SDTA - SDHA IST/ART

They call it IST because they know ART is not in their scope of practice. ART requires removal of decay, IST does not.

This is how CDHA and ODHA got around this

fact. So they can't teach an ART course.

My 2

cents

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Temporary Restorations SDHA Position Statement

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After carefully reviewing the body of evidence surrounding the history, indications for, and effectiveness of temporary restorations, the Saskatchewan Dental Hygienists' Association (SDHA) has determined that a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) in Saskatchewan may place temporary restorations, including Interim Stabilization Therapy (IST) and Atraumatic Restorative Treatment (ART), as per the SDHA Competencies and section 23(5)(c) of The Dental Disciplines Act (Act), provided that appropriate education and competency has been obtained.

Temporary restorations may be indicated for clients requiring a permanent restoration but access is not immediate or practical, client experiences discomfort, there are signs of dental disease or fractured teeth, or there's evidence of a displaced permanent filling. The material used for temporary restorations may include zinc-oxide eugenol, glass ionomer or other medicated/non-medicated temporary cements and resins.

IST and ART, specific types of temporary restorative therapies, are minimally invasive caries control procedures that provide temporary relief from dental discomfort and help prevent the progression of disease. The therapeutic properties of the fluoride-releasing restorative material help to remineralize the affected lesion, thereby stabilizing the tooth structure until a permanent restoration can be placed. ART involves the removal of soft, demineralized tooth tissue using hand instruments, followed by restoration of the tooth with a therapeutic material. ART was pioneered in the mid 1980's and has been endorsed by leading international health organizations, including the World Health Organization, and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. IST, a similar procedure, involves the removal of soft debris (plaque and/or food particles) from the lesion prior to the placement of fluoride-releasing material. IST was first adopted in 2010 by the Ontario Region First Nations and Inuit Health Branch alongside the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario to arrest dental disease in children in high-risk communities. Since then, this procedure has been an effective approach for other vulnerable populations, including adults and the frail or elderly.

To perform temporary restorations in Saskatchewan, including ART and IST, dental hygienists must:

- Complete an education program approved by the SDHA;
- Possess and demonstrate competency;
- Comply with all SDHA legislation, Practice Standards, and Competencies;
- Perform a comprehensive medical and oral health assessment prior to the placement of a temporary restoration;
- Ensure that the client and/or caregiver understand the temporary nature of the restoration; and
- Ensure that the client and/or caregiver understand the importance of imminent follow-up care by a dentist or dental therapist.

While “communicating a conclusion regarding dental caries” is not an authorized practice of dental hygienists in Saskatchewan, the necessity for a diagnosis of dental caries is not required to place temporary restorations. In accordance with the SDHA Competencies and the dental hygiene curriculum, RDH’s have the ability to:

- Assess intraoral hard tissues (e.g. discoloration of teeth, possible caries, tori, etc.) **(Assessment #31, pg 5)**
- Select evidence-based clinical interventions options based on the assessment data **(Planning # 6, pg 7)**
- Assess the need for consultation and referrals within the health care delivery system **(Assessment #54, pg 6)**
- Place temporary restorations **(Implementation #45, pg 11)**
- Use materials and equipment according to manufacturers’ specifications **(Implementation #62, pg 11)**
- Act as a client advocate (e.g. assisting the client to find treatment, communicating and referring the client’s needs to other health professionals, etc.) **(Implementation #52, pg 11)**

This position statement reflects the current evidence and is subject to periodic review and revisions with on-going research and consultation. If you have any questions regarding this policy, or regarding the IST/ART approved courses, please contact Kellie Watson, Registrar-Executive Director at sdha@sasktel.net or 306-931-7342, extension 2.

References

1. Health Canada- First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB, Interim Stabilization Therapy (IST) Protocol), Ontario Region, 2012
2. Alternative Restorative Technique Training Manual, Alberta and British Columbia Region, 2009.
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4. The Dental Disciplines Act
5. The SDHA Competencies & Practice Standards

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The SDHA would like to acknowledge the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario, the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba and the College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta in the development in this position statement.

Petition to the Government of Saskatchewan

We, the undersigned, residents of the province of Saskatchewan, wish to bring to your attention the following:

- That the citizens of Saskatchewan are extremely concerned that our province has the third highest rate of day surgeries for treating oral disease in Canada – only behind Nunavut and the Northwest Territories, costing the provincial government 3.3 million health care dollars each year;
- That rates of oral disease will only increase in our province, as a result of the closure of the last dental therapy school and an increasing number of oral health human resources vacancies in the North;
- That Saskatchewan's 650 registered dental hygienists are highly educated primary health care providers committed to addressing the unmet oral health needs of the residents;
- That the *Dental Disciplines Act* severely limits the ability of registered dental hygienists to deliver many necessary services directly to the people of Saskatchewan; and
- That preventing and managing oral diseases will reduce the burden on emergency rooms, reduce backlogs for acute care services, improve productivity, and enhance the overall health and well-being of residents of Saskatchewan;

We, in the prayer that reads as follows, respectfully request the Government of Saskatchewan to:

Take the necessary steps and actions to address the oral health needs of the people of Saskatchewan by updating the *Dental Disciplines Act* to remove restrictions and expand the dental hygiene profession's scope of practice.

Date: _____

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