

IMPORTANT NOTE

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As some of you are aware at the recent AGM of the DAPEI, there was an amendment passed to the By-Law regarding supervision of Dental Hygienists in your office and outside, for example in Long Term Care facilities. We want you to note that the activities of the staff members under your supervision are still to be carefully monitored and directed so the following guidelines apply.

1. The Dental Hygienist must be duly licenced under the Dental Act of PEI, and the licence must be current and in good standing.
2. The individual so licenced should have malpractice insurance in his/her own right. Malpractice insurance is available through CDSPI or CDHA.
3. The services performed must be within their scope of practice.
4. They may only work under indirect supervision on patients of record of the dentist prescribing the treatment (No treatment on new patients)
5. The direction from the dentist to allow the treatment to be performed must be charted, and the treatment defined.
eg. Ms. So and so requires scaling/root planing every 3 months for periodontal maintenance
6. The dentist as the supervisor must be comfortable with their ability to handle medical emergencies within the office or at their place of work. Individuals should have current CPR.

These BY-LAW changes in no way implies that the hygienist is working independently. The dentist is still ultimately responsible for all treatment performed by their employees.