

Restorative Procedures Policy

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Public Interest Statement

The Restorative Procedures Policy ensures that dental hygienists have the necessary education and skills to perform this additional authorized practice, thereby enhancing public safety and confidence in the profession.

Purpose

Pursuant to section 23 5(c) of the *Dental Disciplines Act*, dental hygienists can perform restorative procedures consistent with an approved education program in dental hygiene.

Pursuant to the provincial dental hygiene competencies a dental hygienist may place, condense and carve direct restorative materials (e.g. amalgams, composites, etc.) (in collaboration with a dentist, and consistent with approved additional education)

Scope of this Policy

This policy is to provide clarity on the (1) interpretation of legislative requirements in placing permanent restorative materials, (2) authorization to perform restorative procedures, (3) approved restorative education programs.

Policy

1. Interpretations of Legislative Requirements
 - a. Supervision of permanent restorative procedures is not required however, as noted above, the procedures must be provided in collaboration with a dentist. A dentist may determine the degree of supervision a permanent restorative procedure requires, if any.
 - b. When performing permanent restorative procedures, the dentist must prepare (cut) the tooth prior to the dental hygienist placing, carving and finishing the restorative material. Dental hygienists are not authorized to cut teeth as part of the performance of restorative procedures of a permanent nature.
 - c. Sufficient documentation must demonstrate that the dentist completed the tooth preparation and that the dental hygienist completed the restoration (filling) following the dentist's prep (placing, carving, and finishing the restorative material).
2. Authorization to Perform Permanent Restorations is based on a combination of:
 - a. Appropriate education related to the performance of this authorized practice;
 - b. Appropriate education is the acquisition of the competencies (knowledge, skills, and judgment) required to perform restorative procedures of a permanent nature at an entry-level standard of competence.
 - c. Appropriate education provides sufficient theoretical foundation and clinical experience for the practitioner to practice in a competent, legal, ethical and professional manner.
 - d. The length of time that has lapsed since an applicant has successfully completed their education related to performance of restorative procedures; and
 - e. The length of time passed since the applicant last performed restorative procedures on a regular basis.
3. Approved Restorative Education Programs
 - a. A registrant who has successfully completed an education course or program listed below may apply with the CDHS to have the specialization added to their licensure:

Undergraduate Canadian Dental Hygiene Programs: The following restorative courses, delivered as a component of these dental hygiene programs, are considered to have met the requirements:

Dalhousie University, School of DH (up to May 2010)	Collège de L'Outaouais	John Abbott College
Cégep de Chicoutimi	Collège Édouard-Montpetit	University of Manitoba, School of DH (up to May 1999)
Cégep François-Xavier Garneau	Collège Maisonneuve	

Continuing Education Courses: Restorative courses delivered as continuing education courses by the following dental hygiene programs are considered approved:

Algonquin College, Restorative Dental Hygiene Program (post-diploma)	George Brown College, Restorative Dental Hygiene Program (post-diploma)	University of Manitoba, Restorative Dental Hygiene Program (post-diploma)
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If your program is not listed above, please contact CDHS for further directions and consideration.

b. Criteria regarding approval of Restorative Dental Hygiene Courses is outlined in Appendix A of this

Registrant Responsibilities & Compliance

- Registrants must apply to CDHS to have the restorative procedures added to their licensure as an additional authorized practice.
- Registrants must not perform restorative procedures of a permanent nature until they have been notified in writing that they have been authorized by the CDHS.
- Registrants must remain current in their competence of performing restorative procedures.

Non-Compliance

- Performing restorative procedures without obtaining authorization from the CDHS is considered unlawful and may result in disciplinary or legal action.

APPENDIX A: Criteria for Restorative Procedures Courses

<p>1. Theoretical course content must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Science of dental materialsb. Histology and embryologyc. Dental anatomyd. Functional occlusione. Black's classification (e.g., Class I, II, and III)f. Health and safetyg. Management of records
<p>2. Pre-clinical and clinical course content must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Moisture control and isolation techniquesb. Placement of pulp protection (e.g., liners, bases)c. Placement and removal of matrices and wedgesd. Bonding Materialse. Amalgam Restorations (Class I, II, and V)f. Composite Restorations (Class I, II, III, IV, and V)g. Placement of temporary restorations/sedative dressingsh. Placement of gingival retraction cordi. Placement, finishing and polishing of restorationsj. Periodontal response to restorationsk. Infection control proceduresl. Hazardous waste management procedures
<p>3. There must be evidence that course participants receive sufficient experience in both the pre-clinical and clinical settings to attain competence.</p>
<p>4. The course is delivered as a component of a dental hygiene, dental therapy, or dental undergraduate program, or as a continuing education course delivered by:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. An accredited faculty of dentistry, dental hygiene, or dental therapy undergraduate program, or
<ul style="list-style-type: none">b. Continuing education programs which the Registrar deems substantially equivalent to a Council approved faculty of dentistry/dental hygiene/dental therapy sponsored course and is:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Organized and taught by oral health practitioners who are registered/licensed in good standing and authorized to provide restorative procedures in the jurisdiction where they hold registration/licensure, and
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><ul style="list-style-type: none">ii. Held in a properly equipped dental environment which will permit the course participants to use the techniques being taught to achieve an acceptable entry-level of competence for the performance of restorative procedures.
<p>5. There must be evidence of an appropriate process for evaluation in both the theoretical and clinical components of the course.</p>
<p>6. Course providers must issue evidence of successful completion of the restorative course (e.g., transcript from dental hygiene program, certificate of completion from continuing education).</p>