

The College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba's Practice Guideline for the Administration of Oral Anaesthetic

Practice Guideline

Any dental hygienist who is not on the Oral Anaesthetic Roster is not permitted to administer oral anaesthetic in topical or injectable form.

Administration of oral anaesthetic is an activity which carries a significant risk of harm to the public and must be performed only by a trained professional. Dental hygienists who wish to be on the Oral Anaesthetic Roster must complete a College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba (CDHM) approved oral anaesthetic education program. Approved education programs teach the safe administration of oral anaesthetic, including the use of injectable and topical anaesthetic agents. In order to appear on the Oral Anaesthetic Roster an application must be submitted to the CDHM along with any supporting documentation and evidence required by the Board of Assessors. The application must be accepted and approved by the CDHM prior to practising this procedure. A registered member must not administer oral anaesthetic until they have been notified in writing that his/her application has been approved and his/her name has been added to the CDHM's Roster of dental hygienists who have been authorized to administer oral anaesthetic. Members who are authorized to administer oral anaesthetic will receive a new wall certificate and wallet card that confirms their addition to the roster.

Legislative Reference

Section 2(2) of the Dental Hygienists Regulation authorizes practising dental hygienists in Manitoba to administer oral anaesthetic only if his/her name is listed on the Oral Anaesthetic Roster. Further detail on supervision requirements while administering oral anaesthetic can be found in section 3 of the Regulation.

Section 3(2) of the Dental Hygienists Regulation provides that a dental hygienist may perform an included practice listed in clause 2(2)(c) of the Act (administering oral anaesthetic) without the supervision of a dentist, if section 3(2) Regulation requirements are met.

This practice guideline reflects current knowledge and is subject to periodic review and revisions with on-going research.

