

Hello,

As a practising oral health therapist I feel therapists should be entitled to 'independent practice' under the 'Scope of practice registration standard' as they are equally qualified registered health practitioners to any other health practitioner with this entitlement.

Clause 6 in this document is superfluous and degrading and is unfortunately influencing some state health departments, whereby they are imposing ridiculously restrictive policies on employed dental and oral health therapists.

Clause 6 needs to be removed from the 'Scope of practice registration standard' with normal referral of treatment outside therapists' scope of practice being the accepted practice as with any other health practitioner.

Yours sincerely