

Take Action Now!

Help Add Botox to Dental Hygiene Scope of Practice

What's Happening

- The Oregon Board of Dentistry is considering a proposed rule change that if passed by the Board will allow dental hygienists with a local anesthesia endorsement to use Botox to treat conditions within the oral and maxillofacial region under the general supervision of a dentist.
- Dental hygienists will need to complete a minimum of 10 hours in a hands-on clinical course offered by an approved provider or training as part of a CODA accredited program.

Why This Matters

- Enhances patient access to therapeutic and cosmetic treatments
- Recognizes the extensive head and neck anatomy training dental hygienists receive
- Expands scope of practice to align with practice already permitted in other states

What You Can Do

- Submit your comments to the Oregon Board of Dentistry as an email message or as a letter attached to an email.
- Email your message or letter to information@obd.oregon.gov during the public comment period from **September 2 through 4:00 PM on October 10, 2025**.

Format for Message or Letter

- I am a (licensed dental hygienist or student) and I work in (clinical practice or expanded practice or education or public health etc.).
- I am writing in **support** of the proposed rule change to **818-035-0030 Additional Functions of Dental Hygienists** that if passed by the Board will allow dental hygienists with a local anesthesia endorsement to use Botulinum Toxin Type A to treat conditions that are within the oral and maxillofacial region under the general supervision of a dentist after they have completed appropriate training.
- (Explain in your own words why you support this proposed rule change).
- Thank you for considering my support for this proposed rule change.

Information or Questions

Contact ODHA Advocacy Director lisajrowley.rdh@outlook.com or text 503-568-5825.

Please share this information with your professional colleagues!