



Consent for Direct Access treatment with the Dental Hygienist- Diane Washington

Dental hygienists are registered dental professionals who help patients maintain their oral health by preventing and treating periodontal disease and promoting good oral health practice. They carry out treatment direct to patients or under prescription from a dentist. You are able to access dental hygiene care without the need to visit a dentist first. Diane Washington is indemnified with a dental indemnity company and registered with the GDC.

Diane Washington cannot diagnose or give the prognosis (the likely outcome) of diseases such as decaying or broken teeth, or prescribe antibiotics, painkillers or any other drug to alleviate symptoms.

If Diane Washington advises you to see a dentist, it is because she feels that it is in the interests of your health, it is outside the scope of what she is allowed to do. There are very rare circumstances when she can't start treatment, and before she can continue, insist that a dentist assesses you. These may relate to your medical history and general health, or the condition of your mouth, which gives her concern.

Consent

I have read and understood the limitations of direct access to a dental hygienist and agree to be treated under direct access arrangement.

I understand that Diane Washington is not responsible for the overall health of my mouth and that regular visits to a dentist are still recommended.

Signed:

Date:

Name in capitals:

I am/am not registered with a dentist,

Practice contact details are:

Direct Access with a Registered Dental Hygienist

You are able to access dental hygiene care without the need to visit a dentist first. The following shows the type of treatment he/she can undertake:

- provide dental hygiene care to a wide range of patients
- obtain a detailed dental history from patients and evaluate their medical history
- carry out a clinical examination to assess gum disease and oral cancer check
- complete periodontal examination and charting and use indices to screen and monitor periodontal disease
- diagnose and treatment plan for gum disease
- interpret various film views used in general dental practice
- plan the delivery of care for patients
- give appropriate patient advice
- provide preventive oral care to patients and liaise with dentists over the treatment of caries, periodontal disease and tooth wear
- undertake scaling on the root surface and above the gum root manual and powered instruments
- use appropriate anti-microbial therapy to manage plaque related diseases
- adjust restored surfaces in relation to periodontal treatment
- apply topical treatments and fissure sealants
- give patients advice on how to stop smoking
- give infiltration and inferior dental block analgesia (local anaesthetic) under a Patient Group Direction
- place temporary dressings and re-cement crowns with temporary cement
- care of implants and treatment of peri-implant tissues
- if necessary, refer patients to other healthcare professional

Dental hygienists do not:

restore teeth

carry out pulp treatments adjust unrestored surfaces extract teeth

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