

**Oregon Board of Dentistry
Dental Therapist
Verification of Collaborative Agreement**

I, (print your name) _____, a licensed Dentist pursuant to ORS 679.020 or exempt from licensure pursuant to ORS 679.025, license number _____, have entered into a Collaborative Agreement with (print your name) _____, an Oregon licensed Dental Therapist, license number DT_____. The Collaborative Agreement sets forth the agreed-upon practice limitations of the Dental Therapist's practice and adheres to all the requirements set forth by the Legislature and the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

Please describe the circumstances under which the prior knowledge and consent of the dentist is required to allow the dental therapist to provide a certain service or perform a certain procedure within the scope of dental therapy:

Please define the practice settings in which the dental therapist may provide care:

Please describe any limitation on the care the dental therapist may provide:

Please define patient age-specific and procedure-specific practice protocols, including case selection criteria, assessment guidelines and imaging frequency, (attach a copy of the guidelines):

Please describe procedures for creating and maintaining dental records for patients treated by the dental therapist:

Please describe guidelines for the management of medical emergencies in each of the practice settings in which the dental therapist provides care. Please provide specific protocols for each of the more probable (approximately 8-13) medical emergencies. This written protocol should comprehensively and concisely review what is currently taught in medical emergency lectures. Your medical emergency protocol should be in your own words, and should not be copied or attached from other literature, books, websites etc. (attach copy of guidelines):

Please provide a quality assurance plan for monitoring care provided by the dental therapist, including chart review, patient care review and referral follow-up, (attach copy of plan):

Please describe protocols for the dispensation and administration of local anesthetic, non-narcotic analgesic's, and anti-inflammatories or antibiotics; including the dispensation of oral or topical administration of non-narcotic analgesics, anti-inflammatories and antibiotics:

Please describe the criteria for the provision of care to patients with specific medical conditions or complex medical histories, including any requirements for consultation with the dentist prior to the provision of care:

Please describe protocols for when a patient requires treatment outside the dental therapist's scope of practice, including for referral of the patient for evaluation and treatment by the dentist, a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677, a nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390 or other licensed health care provider, (attach protocols):

Please briefly summarize the following treatment parameters for when the dental therapist consults with a dentist, if the dental therapist intends to administer local anesthesia and perform an irreversible surgical procedure under general supervision on a patient who has a severe systemic disease. Severe systemic disease is defined as ASA III:

General Supervision: requires that a dentist authorize the procedures, but not requiring that a dentist be present when the authorized procedures are performed. The authorized procedures may also be performed at a place other than the usual place of practice of the dentist.

Indirect Supervision: requires that a dentist authorize the procedures and that a dentist be on the premises while the procedures are performed.

Direct Supervision: requires that a dentist diagnose the condition to be treated, that a dentist authorize the procedure to be performed, and that a dentist remain in the dental treatment room while the procedures are performed.

The below listed duties may be performed under **general supervision**, unless otherwise indicated.

If **all** duties listed below are allowed under **general supervision**, please initial here: _____

*****If a duty listed below is not allowed, or allowed under a different level of supervision, please indicate that by checking the appropriate box.**

Specific Supervision Levels	GS	IS	DS	Not Allowed
Identification of conditions requiring evaluation, diagnosis or treatment by a dentist, a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677, a nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390				
Comprehensive charting of the oral cavity				
Oral health instruction and disease prevention education, including nutritional counseling and dietary analysis				
Exposing and evaluation of radiographic images				
Dental prophylaxis, including subgingival scaling and polishing procedures				
Application of topical preventative or prophylactic agents, including fluoride varnishes and pit and fissure sealants				
Administering local anesthetic				
Pulp vitality testing				
Application of desensitizing medication or resin				
Fabrication of athletic mouth guards				
Changing of periodontal dressings				
Simple extractions of erupted primary anterior teeth and coronal remnants of any primary teeth				
Emergency palliative treatment of dental pain				
Preparation and placement of direct restoration in primary and permanent teeth				

Fabrication and placement of single-tooth temporary crowns				
Preparation and placement of preformed crowns on primary teeth				
Indirect pulp capping in permanent teeth				
Indirect pulp capping on primary teeth				
Suture removal				
Minor adjustments and repairs of removable prosthetic devices				
Atraumatic restorative therapy and interim restorative therapy				
Oral examination, evaluation and diagnosis of conditions within the supervising dentist' s authorization				
Removal of space maintainers				
The dispensation and oral or topical administration of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Non-narcotic analgesics o Anti-inflammatories o Antibiotics 				

The below listed duties may be performed under **indirect supervision**, unless otherwise indicated.

If **all** duties listed below are allowed under **indirect supervision**, please initial here: _____

In accordance with OAR 818-038-0020 (3) Please indicate whether review with the supervising dentist is to be completed before the procedure, after the procedure, or both.

*****If a duty listed below is not allowed, or allowed under a different level of supervision, please indicate that by checking the appropriate box.**

Specific Supervision Levels	Review Before	Review After	IS	DS	Not Allowed
Placement of temporary restorations Additional comments:					
Fabrication of soft occlusal guards Additional comments:					
Tissue reconditioning and soft relines Additional comments:					

Tooth reimplantation and stabilization Additional comments:					
Recementing of permanent crowns Additional comments:					
Pulpotomies on primary teeth Additional comments:					
Simple extractions of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Erupted posterior primary teeth; and Additional comments:					
Simple extractions of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Permanent teeth that have horizontal movement of greater than two millimeters or vertical movement and that have at least 50 percent periodontal bone loss Additional comments:					
Brush biopsies Additional comments:					
Direct pulp capping on permanent teeth Additional comments:					

Dentist:

I understand that this agreement will remain in effect with the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD) until I submit a written change. If any changes are made to this agreement, a new verification and copy of the agreement must be submitted to the OBD as soon as reasonably possible (this means in less than 14 days of the change). Failure to do so may result in Board action.

I understand that I may supervise and enter into collaborative agreements with up to three dental therapists at one time.

I attest that a copy of the Collaborative Agreement, signed by both parties, is attached to this verification. I understand that failure to provide a copy of the agreement with the verification will result in the verification form being rejected and returned.

Dentist's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Cell phone # _____ Email: _____

Dental Therapist:

I understand that this agreement will remain in effect with the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD) until I submit a written change. I understand that I shall submit annually a signed copy of the collaborative agreement to the Oregon Board of Dentistry. If any changes are made to this agreement, a new verification and copy of the agreement must be submitted to the OBD as soon as reasonably possible (this means in less than 14 days of the change). Failure to do so may result in Board action.

I understand that I may enter into collaborative agreements with more than one dentist if each collaborative agreement includes the same supervision requirements and scope of practice.

I attest that a copy of my liability insurance is attached to this verification.

I attest that at least 51 percent of my dental therapy practice will be to patients who represent underserved populations, as defined by the Oregon Health Authority by rule, or patients located in dental care health professional shortage areas, as determined by the authority.

I attest that a copy of the Collaborative Agreement, signed by both parties, is attached to this verification. I understand that failure to provide a copy of the agreement with the verification will result in the verification form being rejected and returned.

Dental Therapist's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Cell phone # _____ Email _____

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- 1. Patient age-specific and procedure-specific practice protocols, including case selection criteria, assessment guidelines and imaging frequency?**
- 2. Medical emergency guidelines?**
- 3. Quality assurance plan?**
- 4. Protocols for when a patient requires treatment outside the dental therapist's scope of practice?**

ORS 679.618 Collaborative agreement required to practice dental therapy; required provisions; duties of dentist.

(1) A dental therapist may practice dental therapy only under the supervision of a dentist and pursuant to a collaborative agreement with the dentist that outlines the supervision logistics and requirements for the dental therapist's practice. The collaborative agreement must include at least the following information:

- (a) The level of supervision required for each procedure performed by the dental therapist;**
- (b) Circumstances under which the prior knowledge and consent of the dentist is required to allow the dental therapist to provide a certain service or perform a certain procedure;**
- (c) The practice settings in which the dental therapist may provide care;**
- (d) Any limitation on the care the dental therapist may provide;**
- (e) Patient age-specific and procedure-specific practice protocols, including case selection criteria, assessment guidelines and imaging frequency;**
- (f) Procedures for creating and maintaining dental records for patients treated by the dental therapist;**
- (g) Guidelines for the management of medical emergencies in each of the practice settings in which the dental therapist provides care;**
- (h) A quality assurance plan for monitoring care provided by the dental therapist, including chart review, patient care review and referral follow-up;**
- (i) Protocols for the dispensation and administration of drugs, as described in ORS 679.621, by the dental therapist, including circumstances under which the dental therapist may dispense and administer drugs;**
- (j) Criteria for the provision of care to patients with specific medical conditions or complex medical histories, including any requirements for consultation with the dentist prior to the provision of care; and**
- (k) Protocols for when a patient requires treatment outside the dental therapist's scope of practice, including for referral of the patient for evaluation and treatment by the dentist, a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677, a nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390 or other licensed health care provider.**

(2) In addition to the information described in subsection (1) of this section, a collaborative agreement must include a provision that requires the dental therapist to consult with a dentist if the dental therapist intends to perform an irreversible surgical procedure under general supervision on a patient who has a severe systemic disease.

(3) A dentist who enters into a collaborative agreement with a dental therapist shall:

- (a) Directly provide care to a patient that is outside the scope of practice of the dental therapist or arrange for the provision of care by another dentist; and**
- (b) Ensure that the dentist, or another dentist, is available to the dental therapist for timely communication during the dental therapist's provision of care to a patient.**

(4) A dental therapist may perform and provide only those procedures and services authorized by the dentist and set out in the collaborative agreement, and shall maintain with the dentist an appropriate level of contact, as determined by the dentist.

(5) A dental therapist and a dentist who enter into a collaborative agreement together shall each maintain a physical copy of the collaborative agreement.

(6)(a) A dental therapist may enter into collaborative agreements with more than one dentist if each collaborative agreement includes the same supervision requirements and scope of practice.

(b) A dentist may supervise and enter into collaborative agreements with up to three dental therapists at any one time.

(7)(a) A collaborative agreement must be signed by the dentist and dental therapist.

(b) A dental therapist shall annually submit a signed copy of the collaborative agreement to the Oregon Board of Dentistry. If the collaborative agreement is revised in between annual submissions, a signed copy of the revised collaborative agreement must be submitted to the board as soon as practicable after the revision is made.