



DENTAL PRACTICE ACT

Unit 1: Scope of Practice
TOPIC A: Basic DPA Info and Definitions

1. The book that includes all the laws and regulations governing dentistry in California is called the _____ (DPA).
2. The _____ of _____ governs many different boards in California.
3. The DHCC is the _____ of California.
4. There are _____ members on the dental board:
 - a. _____ are practicing dentists
 - b. _____ are public members
 - c. _____ is a RDH
 - d. _____ is an RDA
5. Who appoints most of the members of the Dental Board of California? _____
6. There are _____ subcommittees underneath the DBC.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
 - f. _____
 - g. _____
7. There are _____ ways to create requirements regarding dentistry in California:
 - a. Statutes = _____ and is put in the _____ (BPC)
 - b. Regulations – created by the _____ and is put in the CA _____ (CCR)
8. Which is harder to change, laws or regulations? _____
9. All of the auxiliary duties are written in _____ and are therefore _____ to change when needed.
10. The BPC and the CCR are both available on the _____ website at: _____.
11. How can you be sure to stay current regarding changes to dental laws and regulations?

12. All dental offices must post a notice about the dental board. What does it need to include and what is the minimum size font required? _____
13. Ignorance of law/regulation changes is a valid excuse for not following them. True False (circle one)

14. "Scope of practice" is covered by _____% of the RDA Law and Ethics exam.
15. The definitions in this podcast come from the CCR which stands for _____ of _____ .A dental auxiliary is anyone _____ the dentist in the dental office.
16. ADHP stands for _____ .
17. Fill in the blanks:

AUXILIARIES IN CALIFORNIA	
ASSISTANTS	HYGIENISTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DA = _____ dental asst. • _____ (permit holder) • _____ (permit holder) • RDA • RDAEF = RDA w/ _____ functions • _____ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDH • _____ • _____ • RDHAP = RDH in _____

18. OAP stands for _____ .
19. A dental assistant (DA) is an unlicensed person. True False (circle one)
20. An RDA must take _____ written exams and a _____ exam.
21. An RDH in California CANNOT do RDA duties **unless they are also an RDA** if they became a licensed hygienist after _____ .
22. Didactic means _____ training.
23. It is no longer possible to become an RDAEF1 – these duties are in the longer RDAEF2 program and must be done in conjunction with the whole RDAEF2 program. True False (circle one)
24. RDAEF2s can place _____ restorations and cement _____ crowns.
25. An RDHAP can practice _____ of the normal scope of the dental practice as long as they are providing services in areas where _____ .
26. All offices must conspicuously display the _____ of everyone in the office _____ dentistry.
27. All dental professionals MUST wear a nametag. True False (circle one)
Explain: _____
28. All healthcare practitioners must disclose their highest _____ .
29. A prophylaxis is the complete removal of _____, _____, and extrinsic _____ .
30. A coronal polish is the removal of _____ and extrinsic _____ .
31. General supervision means supervision of procedures by an auxiliary in which the dentist:
- a. Provides _____
 - b. Does _____ need to be in the building

32. Direct supervision means supervision of procedures by an auxiliary in which the dentist:
- Provides _____
 - Needs to be _____
 - Must _____ the auxiliaries work when they are done
33. RDA duties are now _____ supervision and therefore the dentist does _____ need to be in the building during the performance of RDA duties.
34. The one law that is “direct in-room” supervision is _____ in the administration of _____.
35. A DA or RDA can _____ **START** nitrous oxide sedation.
36. Root planing is making the root of a tooth _____ so that _____ cannot hide.
37. Soft tissue curettage is removal of the diseased _____ tissue opposite to the tooth surface.
38. Marginal gingiva is _____.
39. Free gingiva is _____ gingiva.
40. The gingival sulcus is _____.

GOOD JOB! NEXT UP: Auxiliary Duties!