

Model Scope of Clinical Practice – Oral Medicine

This document has been prepared in consultation with the State Scope of Clinical Practice Oral Medicine Working Group, which includes broad representation of Oral Medicine Specialists.

Information about the State Scope of Clinical Practice Unit and the project to develop Model Scopes of Clinical Practice (SoCPs) for use within NSW Health facilities can be found here: www.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/ssocpu.

The Model SoCPs are intended to assist Local Health Districts and Specialty Networks to achieve clarity and consistency in the way practitioners' scope of clinical practice is defined, whilst still allowing for local decisions to be made in accordance with the facility's need and its role delineation. The Model SoCPs will provide a measure of expert input and advice when considering the credentials appropriate for the practice of particular specialties and sub-specialties.

Oral Medicine Specialists require a degree in dentistry and completion of a three year full time post graduate degree in Oral Medicine from an accredited post graduate training course (or approval through the Qualification Equivalence Pathway) to gain registration as an Oral Medicine Specialist with the Dental Board of Australia.

Please note that the final Oral Medicine SoCP as presented in the eCredential system may appear differently to the format shown here.

Queries regarding the Model Scope of Clinical Practice for Oral Medicine document can be submitted to the State Scope of Clinical Practice Unit on the contact details below:

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| Core Scope of Clinical Practice for the Specialty of Oral Medicine | Core Scope of Clinical Practice granted? |
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| <p>Oral Medicine is the branch of dentistry concerned with the diagnosis, prevention and predominantly non-surgical management of medically-related disorders and conditions affecting the oral and maxillofacial region, in particular oral mucosal disease and orofacial pain as well as the oral health care of medically complex patients.</p> <p>In addition to the scope of clinical practice expected for general dentistry, the core scope of clinical practice for Oral Medicine may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. diagnosing and managing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • oral mucosal and soft tissue conditions in the oral and maxillofacial region • oral and maxillofacial manifestations of systemic diseases and disorders • disorders of major and minor salivary glands • disorders of the temporomandibular joint and masticatory apparatus • orofacial pain b. diagnosing oral and maxillofacial malignancy and potentially malignant disorders, and providing treatment in conjunction with the appropriate multidisciplinary medical team c. planning and delivery of dental treatment for severely medically compromised patients, undertaken in conjunction with specialist medical and surgical clinicians and units d. general and internal medicine relevant to the practice of oral medicine e. the principles and application of pharmacology f. knowledge of oral and maxillofacial pathology and laboratory medicine g. interpretation skills in oral radiology and imaging h. dental sleep medicine <p>Specialists in Oral Medicine may treat patients of all ages.</p> <p>See 'specific credentialing' for items not included within 'core'.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes with exclusions <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> |
| Qualifications Required for Core Scope of Clinical Practice | Qualifications Met? |
| <p>Eligible for registration with the Dental Board of Australia as a Specialist in Oral Medicine/Oral Medicine Specialist.</p> <p>Radiation User License IA20 <i>Use radiation apparatus for general dental radiography</i> required if the dentist is using orthopantomogram (OPG) apparatus for extra-oral dental radiography. (Registered Dentists are exempt from the requirement to hold a radiation user licence in relation to the use, for dental diagnostic purposes, of extra-oral x-ray apparatus used with intra-oral image receptors.)</p> <p>Radiation User License IA24 <i>Use cone beam computed tomography for dental radiography</i> required if operating this apparatus.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> |

This document is focused on defining qualifications related to competency to exercise scope of clinical practice. The applicant must also adhere to any additional organisational, regulatory, or accreditation requirements that the organisation is obliged to meet.

Service Role Delineation

Note that scope of clinical practice granted may only be exercised at the site(s) and/or setting(s) that have sufficient space, equipment, staffing, and other resources required to support the scope of clinical practice. For more information, see www.health.nsw.gov.au/roledelineation

Oral Medicine at [location] is a level X service.

Patient Age Limitation for Oral Medicine at [facility]

Optional free-text field for LHDs to add more information about a department's role delineation, if desired.

Clinical Duties

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| Admitting | May admit patients within the designated specialty under the practitioner's own name. May accept transfer of care to the nominated practitioner. (Restricted admitting rights means that limited rights can be exercised within specific parameters.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Res- tricted <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| On-call | Participation in the appropriate specialty on-call roster and other on-call rosters as required and requested. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Consulting | May be invited for consultation on patients admitted (or being treated) by another practitioner. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Diagnostic | May sign out or authorise reports on diagnostic investigations requested by another practitioner. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Outpatients | May hold an outpatient or privately referred non-inpatient clinic in the practitioner's own name or to participate in a multidisciplinary clinic taking final responsibility for the care of patients attending. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Procedural | May open an operating theatre or a day procedure unit. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Teaching | May access patients for the purpose of teaching. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Research | May participate in research projects or clinical trials. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Scope of Clinical Practice Requiring Specific Credentialing

This section describes procedures or practices which require specific credentialing for safe and effective performance, but which are within the practice of Oral Medicine. Specific credentialing and determination of a specific scope of clinical practice is required where it cannot be reasonably assumed the practitioner’s qualifications include the specific competency. The gaining of the specific competency may involve additional training, experience, or both training and experience. Requests for specific scope of clinical practice should be specified in the credentialing application.

| Areas of Practice Requiring Specific Credentialing | Qualifications/experience required | Standards/Guidelines | Patient Age Limitations | Specific Scope of Clinical Practice Granted? |
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| 1. Use of Laser | Appropriate training in laser procedures and laser safety accreditation according to LHD/SN policy | None identified | All ages | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable for this position |

Any standards for attainment or maintenance of competence suggested as a threshold are developed by specialist medical/dental colleges, specialty societies or NSW Health organisations with expert guidance. They are not intended as an automatic barrier to practice or service delivery. Such standards should be treated as a guideline only and a trigger for review. Regardless of the threshold, acceptable results must be demonstrated, especially for procedures with significant risk. In some situations accreditation standards or NSW Health policy directives may be cited and credentials/medical appointments committees should give these due consideration.

Extended Scope of Clinical Practice

This will be a free text field, no list created. This section is for areas of practice outside the range of Oral Medicine outlined above for which the practitioner may have training and experience. If the clinical work falls within the remit of a different specialty, the scope of clinical practice for that specialty may be applied.

An example for a dentist in any specialty would be performing ‘conscious sedation’, for which it might be expected that the practitioner has Dental Board of Australia Endorsement for Conscious Sedation. See <https://www.dentalboard.gov.au/registration/conscious-sedation.aspx>

Emergency Practice

In an emergency situation, any health professional may provide any treatment immediately necessary to save the life of a patient or prevent serious injury to a patient’s health, whether or not such treatment is within their approved clinical privileges. NSW Health policy on consent in emergency situations must be followed.¹ The health professional should give consideration to whether there are any better means of proceeding within the time available, including considering whether a more qualified clinician is available, before providing treatment outside of approved clinical privileges in an emergency. Any emergency treatment provided should subsequently be documented.

¹ Consent to Medical Treatment - Patient Information (PD2005_406), or any replacement policy.

Exclusions

This will be a free text field. This section will list clinical work within the normal and customary practice of Oral Medicine, which may not be conducted by the practitioner.

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| Areas of Practice Excluded from SoCP | <i>[list here any clinical work that may not be undertaken by the practitioner, including temporary restrictions]</i> |
| Time frame for review (if exclusion is temporary) | <i>[specify time frame if applicable]</i> |

Practice Conditions, Undertakings, Reprimands, Endorsements and Notations as per the Medical/Dental Board of Australia

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Outcomes of Credentialing and Scope of Clinical Practice

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| Practitioner Name | | |
| AHPRA Registration Number: | | |
| Head of Department | | |
| Scope of Clinical Practice granted for the period of (maximum five years): | Start Date | DD/MM/YYYY |
| | Finish Date | DD/MM/YYYY |