

Model Scope of Clinical Practice – Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

This document has been prepared in consultation with the State Scope of Clinical Practice Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Working Group, which includes broad representation of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologists.

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 and Maxillofacial Pathologists require a degree in dentistry and either Fellowship of the Faculty of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology from the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia or completion of a three year full time post graduate degree in Oral Pathology from an accredited post graduate training course (or approval through the Qualification Equivalence Pathway) to gain registration as a Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologist with the Dental Board of Australia.

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

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**Model Scope of Clinical Practice for
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Core Scope of Clinical Practice for the Specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology		Core Scope of Clinical Practice granted?
<p>Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology is a predominantly laboratory-based branch of pathology that deals with the nature, diagnosis and identification of diseases affecting the oral, maxillofacial and adjacent regions and contributes to the management of patients with these diseases.</p> <p>The core scope of clinical practice for Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologists may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Macroscopic and histopathological diagnosis of oral and maxillofacial pathology (and adjacent structures) and providing structured reports and/or data sets Correlating the findings of diagnostic oral and maxillofacial histological examination of tissue with clinical and radiological features and laboratory results Interpreting the relationship and diagnosis of oral and maxillofacial manifestations of systemic disease Contributing to clinico-pathological review meetings including oral and maxillofacial oncology Performing the functions of an Oral and Maxillofacial pathologist in the laboratory. <p>Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologists deal with 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 an Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologist.</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<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.</p>		
Service Role Delineation		
<p>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</p>		
<p>Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at [location] is a level X service.</p>	<p>Patient Age Limitation for Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at [facility]</p>	
<p><i>Optional free-text field for LHD/SNs to add more information about a department’s role delineation, if desired.</i></p>		

Clinical Duties		
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

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Scope of Clinical Practice Requiring Specific Credentialing				
<p>This section describes procedures or practices which require specific credentialing for safe and effective performance, but which are within the practice of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. 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.</p>				
Areas of Practice Requiring Specific Credentialing	Qualifications/experience required	Standards/Guidelines	Patient Age Limitations	Specific Scope of Clinical Practice Granted?
1. Performance of Fine Needle Biopsy in the oral and maxillofacial region	Appropriate training, experience and recency of practice	None identified	All ages	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not performed at [facility]
2. Reporting of immunofluorescence studies	Appropriate training, experience and recency of practice	None identified	All ages	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not performed at [facility]
3. Reporting of Fluorescent In Situ Hybridization (FISH)	Appropriate training, experience and recency of practice	None identified	All ages	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not performed at [facility]
4. Reporting of Electron Microscopy	Appropriate training, experience and recency of practice	None identified	All ages	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not performed at [facility]
5. Reporting of Somatic Mutation Testing	Appropriate training, experience and recency of practice	None identified	All ages	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not performed at [facility]
6. Reporting of Germline Testing where relevant to Cancer Mutation Analysis	Appropriate training, experience and recency of practice	None identified	All ages	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not performed at [facility]
<p>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.</p>				

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 and Maxillofacial Pathology 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.

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 and Maxillofacial Pathology, which may not be conducted by the practitioner.

Areas of Practice Excluded from SoCP

[list here any clinical work that may not be undertaken by the practitioner, including temporary restrictions]

Time frame for review (if exclusion is temporary)

[specify time frame if applicable]

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

[automatic feed from AHPRA public database to appear in eCredential]

Outcomes of Credentialing and Scope of Clinical Practice

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