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# Structured Professional Relationships

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Dear Peter Joseph W

Earlier this year the ADA conducted a campaign that opposed changes to the Dental Board's Scope of Practice Registration Standard, 'Hope for Scope'.

The proposed changes sought to remove the 'supervision' of allied health practitioners by dentists. The ADA used all formal channels to demonstrate the risks associated with such a change and gained the support of more than 6000 dentists by way of online petition which was presented to the Health Minister. After extensive deliberation, the Dental Board updated the Standard. Even though the term supervision was removed, the concept of a 'structured professional relationship' was retained in line with the original intent of the Standard. This is a significant achievement for dentists and the dental profession.

It is important that you read and understand your regulatory obligations as a registered dentist and comply with them, so we've created a template and a guide to assist you in implementing structured professional relationships in your practice. These documents are intended to assist dentists to understand and operate within the requirements of the Dental Board - that dental hygienists, dental therapists, oral health therapists and in some cases dental prosthetists must work in a structured professional relationship with a dentist.

You should now:

1. Read the [Dental Board of Australia Scope of Practice Registration Standard](#)
2. Read [A Guide to Structured Professional Relationships in Dentistry](#)
3. Download and complete for all practitioners the [Structured Professional Relationship Template](#)

If you require any assistance with the documents or wish to seek clarification about working in a structured professional relationship with an allied dental practitioner contact the ADA on 02 9906 4412 or via email at [eithne.irving@ada.org.au](mailto:eithne.irving@ada.org.au)

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