

Resolution Number: 302-2018

Title: Amendment to ASDA's Current Statement of Position or Policy 'C-2 Functions of Dental Providers'

Reference Committee Assignment: Membership & Professional Issues

Sponsor(s): Sloan Meadows
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Financial Impact: None

Background: The current stance on functions of dental providers is that the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) believes that the dentist is the only dental provider that should perform examinations, diagnosis, treatment planning, prescribing work authorizations, performing surgical/irreversible dental procedures, and prescribing drugs and/or other medications. ASDA's mission statement also includes the following: "The American Student Dental Association is a national student-run organization that protects and advances the rights, interests and welfare of dental students." Mid-level providers and dental hygienists are students of dentistry; therefore, be it

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that ASDA's Current Statements of Position or Policy 'C-2 Functions of Dental Providers (2014)' be amended to read as follows:

The American Student Dental Association believes that **licensed dental hygienists, dental therapists, and expanded function dental hygienists, under the supervision of a** the dentist, ~~is the only dental provider that~~ should perform the following functions.

- a. Examination, diagnosis and treatment planning
- b. Prescribing work authorizations **within their scope of practice**
- c. Performing surgical/irreversible dental procedures **within their scope of practice**
- d. Prescribing drugs and/or other medications **limited to those that are not addictive or antimicrobial resistance cannot be developed**

Action: The Chair moves 302-2018 with a recommendation of a no vote.

House of Delegates Action: Not adopted