

# The issues

- **The exam is not valid**
  - There is no correlation between success in dental school and passing the exam.
- **The exam is not reliable**
  - Clinical exams are impossible to standardize because no two humans are the same.
- **The exam tests a narrow scope of practice**
  - The patient-based exam does not test all areas in which dentists should be knowledgeable in.
- **The exam does not put the best interests of the patient first**
  - Patients will not necessarily receive follow-up or appropriate sequence of care.
- **The exam needlessly places candidates in positions of moral distress**
  - Candidates may fail the exam due to factors outside their control.



## ASDA's ideal exam

- Does not use human subjects in a live clinical testing scenario
- Is psychometrically valid and reliable in its assessment
- Is reflective of the scope of current dental practice
- Is universally accepted

## ASDA believes this could be achieved by:

- Manikin-based kinesthetic assessment
- A non-patient based Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)
- Submission of a portfolio of comprehensive patient care

## Available alternatives

- **American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX)** all-manikin exam, including manikin-based periodontal scaling and restorative procedures utilizing CompeDont™ DTX.
- **Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS)** all-manikin exam. This exam is an option for the Periodontal and Restorative procedures traditionally administered on a patient.
- **Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA)** manikin-based restorative skills module using cutting-edge dental products that are highly effective in simulating a live patient's dental procedures.
- **Western Regional Examining Board (WREB)** manikin simulation exam.
- **Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE)** Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE).

# Dental Licensure

This brochure will explore the issues with the current live-patient clinical licensure examination, share what ASDA's ideal exam looks like, and provide information on available alternatives to the traditional live-patient clinical exam.



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