

DENTAL LICENSURE

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Issues with the Live-Patient Clinical Exam:

- 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, and
- A non-patient based Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)

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.
- Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDEx) Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE).