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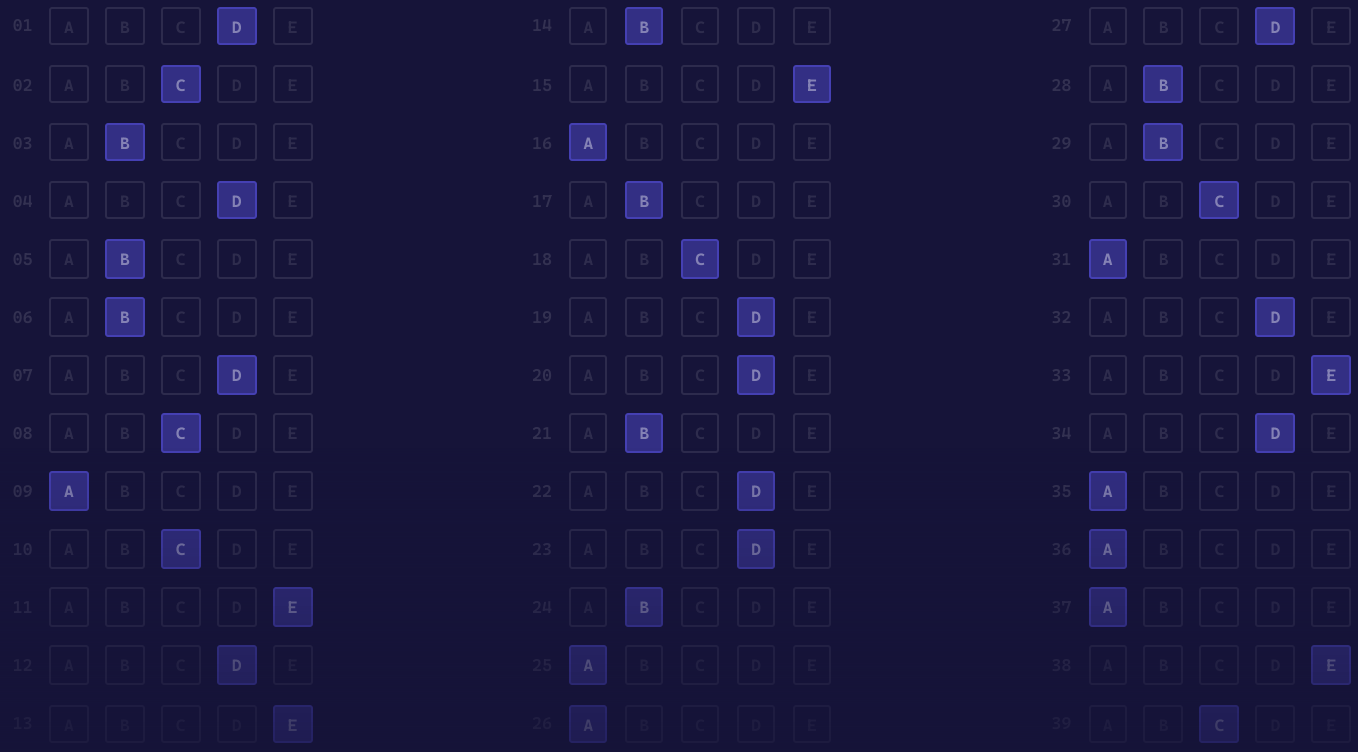

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QUESTION 1 SINGLE CHOICE

Under the California Dental Practice Act, which of the following settings is specifically authorized for an RDHAP to provide dental hygiene services?

A A private dental office owned by a licensed dentist

B A hospital operating room under general anesthesia

C A residential care facility for the elderly

D A mobile dental clinic operated by a school district

ANSWER C

WHY The RDHAP is authorized by Business and Professions Code Section 1926 to provide services in specific alternative settings, which include residential care facilities for the elderly, as well as other defined settings such as private homes, schools, and dental health professional shortage areas. A private dental office is the standard setting for an RDH, not an RDHAP. Hospitals and school-based mobile clinics are not among the enumerated RDHAP settings.

QUESTION 2 SINGLE CHOICE

Which of the following is a prerequisite to applying for an RDHAP license in California?

A Completion of a four-year dental hygiene program

B A minimum of five years of clinical dental hygiene experience

C Possession of a current California RDA license

D A master's degree in public health

ANSWER B

WHY Applicants for the RDHAP license must, among other requirements, have at least five years of clinical practice as a registered dental hygienist. A four-year dental hygiene degree is not required, an RDA license is not a prerequisite, and a master's degree in public health is not required.

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QUESTION 3 SINGLE CHOICE

An RDHAP must refer a patient to a licensed dentist under which of the following circumstances?

A For a routine six-month periodontal maintenance visit

B When a condition requiring treatment beyond the RDHAP's scope is identified during an assessment

C Before providing any oral prophylaxis

D Once every twelve months regardless of patient condition

ANSWER B

WHY An RDHAP must refer a patient to a licensed dentist whenever an examination or assessment reveals a condition that requires diagnosis or treatment beyond the dental hygiene scope of practice. Routine prophylaxis, maintenance, and time-based referrals are not required triggers for referral.

QUESTION 4 SINGLE CHOICE

Which of the following procedures is within the scope of practice of an RDHAP in California?

A Diagnosis of dental caries

B Extraction of primary teeth

C Application of fluoride varnish

D Placement of permanent restorations

ANSWER C

WHY Application of fluoride varnish is a preventive dental hygiene procedure within the RDHAP scope. Diagnosis, extractions, and placement of permanent restorations are within the scope of a licensed dentist and are not authorized duties for an RDHAP.

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QUESTION 5 SINGLE CHOICE

California regulations require that dental instruments classified as semi-critical be processed using which method between patients?

A Surface disinfection with an EPA-registered intermediate-level disinfectant

B Heat sterilization using an autoclave or other approved method

C Ultrasonic cleaning followed by air drying only

D Wiping with a low-level disinfectant

ANSWER B

WHY California's infection control regulations (Cal. Code Regs. Title 16, Section 1005) classify instruments as critical, semi-critical, or non-critical. Semi-critical instruments (those that contact mucous membranes or non-intact skin) must be heat-sterilized between patients. Surface disinfection and low-level wipes are appropriate only for non-critical surfaces.

QUESTION 6 SINGLE CHOICE

Under the Dental Practice Act, which of the following actions by a dental hygienist would constitute unprofessional conduct?

A Maintaining accurate and complete patient records

B Obtaining informed consent prior to treatment

C Failing to report suspected child abuse as required by law

D Providing patient education on oral hygiene

ANSWER C

WHY California law requires mandated reporters, including dental hygienists, to report suspected child abuse. Failure to do so is grounds for unprofessional conduct under Business and Professions Code Section 1926.3 and related provisions. The other options describe required, lawful professional duties.

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QUESTION 7 SINGLE CHOICE

How long must an RDHAP retain a patient's treatment records following the last date of service?

A At least one year

B At least three years

C At least seven years, or for a minor patient until age 21, whichever is longer

D Records may be destroyed at the clinician's discretion once the patient is no longer active

ANSWER C

WHY California regulations require that dental records be retained for at least seven years from the date of service. For minor patients, records must be retained until the patient reaches age 21 or for seven years, whichever is longer. Destruction is not at the clinician's discretion.

QUESTION 8 TRUE FALSE

An RDHAP may provide dental hygiene services to a patient who has not been examined by a dentist within the preceding 24 months without obtaining a referral.

A True

B False

ANSWER B

WHY False. Under Business and Professions Code Section 1926, an RDHAP may not provide services without evidence that the patient has been examined by a licensed dentist within the prior 24 months, or without an appropriate referral. Providing services without meeting this requirement exceeds the RDHAP's authorization.

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QUESTION 9 MULTIPLE CHOICE

Which of the following are required elements of valid informed consent for dental hygiene treatment? (Choose two.)

A **The nature and purpose of the recommended procedure**

B The clinician's annual license renewal status

C **The reasonably foreseeable risks and benefits of the treatment**

D The patient's preferred insurance plan details

ANSWER **A** · **C**

WHY Valid informed consent requires disclosure of the nature and purpose of the proposed treatment and the reasonably foreseeable risks, benefits, and alternatives. A clinician's license renewal status is not a required disclosure element, and the patient's insurance plan is unrelated to the consent process.

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