The American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA) has released a white paper that underscores the importance of dental hygiene diagnosis as an essential part of oral health care. According to the ADHA paper, dental hygiene diagnosis is an essential part of dental hygiene care and scope of practice, yet confusion exists on how to implement it into daily practice.

The ADHA created the white paper to help practicing dental hygienists understand and use dental hygiene diagnoses in their daily practice across a wide variety of care settings. In addition, the organization is providing tools and resources for dental hygiene educators to help them teach dental hygiene diagnosis to students. The ADHA white paper can be downloaded at www.eiseverywhere.com/esurvey/index.php?surveyid=40570.

ADHA defines dental hygiene diagnosis as “the identification of an individual’s health behaviors, attitudes, and oral health care needs for which a dental hygienist is educationally qualified and licensed to provide. The dental hygiene diagnosis requires evidence-based critical analysis and interpretation of assessments to reach conclusions about the patient’s dental hygiene treatment needs.”

“Through dental hygiene diagnoses, dental hygienists educate patients on behaviors that minimize risks of oral infections, help detect risk factors for infectious diseases and cancers of the head and neck,” said ADHA president Betty Kabel, RDH, BS. “This elevates the role of the dental hygienist within the overall health care system, as we seek to expand the access to oral care. It’s important to utilize the dental hygiene diagnoses regularly and consistently to ensure optimal care for our patients.”

While dental hygienists’ rigorous education prepares them to provide preventive and therapeutic oral health services, the profession’s scope of practice varies from state to state. ADHA emphasizes that it is important for dental hygienists to fully utilize their education to provide oral health care services that fall within their scope, especially for populations that lack adequate access to oral health care services. The organization also advocates for using the new white paper as a resource by policymakers involved in decisions about state practice acts.

For more information, you can visit www.adha.org.

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WirelessLess headlight self-contained

Cordless, compact LED headlights can work with all your loupes and frames

Designs for Vision’s new LED Daylite Wireless™ Mini and LED Daylite Wireless™ not only frees you from being tethered to a battery pack, but the simple modular designs also uncouple the headlight from a specific frame or single pair of loupes.

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“Tattooh” is a private practice in Philadelphia. When I asked him why, he responded, “Just once in my life I would love to have a tattoo.”

As technology rapidly changes, the number of technicians who have knowledge of at least eight different digital impression devices. While a series of individual technicians might come in for glitches, but it’s truly a “learn-by-the-seat-of-your-pants” adventure. As technology rapidly changes, the lab technician will be going to perpetual C.E. courses for new and forever-updating software.

Despite all the technical advance-
ments, machines are not able to recreate the intricate and subtle esthetic features of a natural tooth. The lab technician’s artistic expertise is still very important. To my coworkers who were unim-
pressed with my choice of crown “color” (my customization was identified on the invoice as a $500 custom color) all I can say is this: A body tattoo says over time, my paw print will be permanent forever.

I’m thinking that when #31 breaks down, perhaps some little cat ears on the lingual side, with a matching tail on the buccal side?

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