JULIAN MERCER

DENTAL HYGIENIST

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Registered Dental Hygienist with 8+ years in general and periodontal practice. Delivers prophylaxis, scaling and root planing, and patient education, and keeps schedules full through strong patient relationships and accurate charting.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Registered Dental Hygienist Aug 2021 - Present
Aspen Dental, Sacramento, CA

- Treat 8 to 9 patients a day in a general practice, completing full periodontal charting and radiographs on every new patient.
- Raised scaling and root planing acceptance from 52% to 68% by showing patients their own probing depths and intraoral photos before explaining treatment.
- Reduced hygiene no-shows by about a fifth by confirming recare visits at checkout and booking the next appointment before patients left the chair.
- Mentored two newly licensed hygienists on ergonomics and local anesthesia technique during their first six months.
- Introduced a chairside risk assessment for caries and periodontal disease, which helped the team tailor recare intervals for about 600 active patients.
- Presented monthly case reviews at team meetings, using before-and-after charting to show how home care changed tissue health.

Registered Dental Hygienist Jun 2018 - Jul 2021
Bright Now! Dental, Fresno, CA

- Provided adult and pediatric cleanings, fluoride varnish, and sealants, with a daily schedule that averaged 94% production against goal.
- Placed sealants on 300+ children during school outreach days with the office team, documenting each case for follow-up checks.
- Maintained sterilization and infection control logs that passed two state dental board inspections without findings.
- Coordinated with two dentists on referrals for suspected decay and oral lesions, documenting each handoff in the chart.

Dental Hygienist Jul 2016 - May 2018
Western Dental, Modesto, CA

- Completed new graduate onboarding in four weeks and reached a full patient schedule within three months of hire.
- Taught oral hygiene routines to patients with gum disease, and recorded measurable drops in bleeding on probing at three-month rechecks.

CORE SKILLS

Scaling and root planing | Periodontal assessment | Dental radiography | Local anesthesia administration | Fluoride and sealant application | Oral cancer screening | Patient education | Infection control | Dentrix | Eaglesoft | Intraoral photography | Ultrasonic instrumentation | Motivational interviewing

EDUCATION

Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene, Sacramento City College, Sacramento, CA

CERTIFICATIONS

Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH), California | Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide Permit, California | CPR/BLS for Healthcare Providers