

A Synopsis of the History of the New Jersey Dental Hygienists' Association

1945 The NJ DHA was started even though it was not legal to practice in NJ !!!

The founding members:

Ruth Leahy - license #1
Jane Kohler
Jane Bulmer
Ruth Werner
Loretta Rummel
Mary Jane Dutton
Esther Laforgia
Hope Reaves

1948 the statutes and regulations enabling dental hygienists to practice in NJ were enacted (but you couldn't scale subgingivally).

1948 The first New Jersey Board examination was taken at University of Pennsylvania (No Dental School in New Jersey yet) 36 licenses granted.

1948/49 *Jane Cooper Koehler* (President is in purple italics)
1949/50 *Ruth Leahy Werner*
1950/51 *Mary Jane Kellog Dutton*
1951/52 *Fran Fluhr*
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1953 Fairleigh Dickinson Dental Hygiene School is accredited

1953 Southern component begins

1954 Seton Hall College of Medicine and Dentistry opens in Jersey City Medical Center the first dental school in New Jersey

1955 First Journal of New Jersey Dental Hygienists' Association published

1955 – Fairleigh Dickenson Dental School Opens

1955/56 *Mary Elizabeth O'Halloran*
1956/57 ?
1957/58 *Louise Gartley (Mrs. Harold Thorpe)*

1960 Law restricted the dh to "removal of calcareous deposits, accretions or stains from the exposed surfaces of the teeth or use of disclosing solution"

1959/60 *MaryAnne Hanlon*
1960/61 *Delores B. Lewis*

1961/62 *Wilma C. Damiano*
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1963/64 *Margaret Buecher*
1964/65 *Margaret Buecher Wilson*

1965 Third North Eastern Regional Junior ADHA conference held at FDU

1965 Seton Hall College of Medicine and Dentistry is taken over by the State of New Jersey and renamed the **New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry**

1965/66 *Marilyn Canis Scavone*
1966/67 *Virginia Regan*
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1968/69 *Barbara Burlew*

1968 Amendment to the Practice of Dental Hygiene

- ❖ **NE REGIONAL BOARD and National Board became necessary to practice in NJ**
- ❖ **Complete prophylaxis now included removal of all hard & soft deposits from all surfaces of human teeth to the epithelial attachment.**

1969 – Annual NJDHA meeting in Atlantic City for two days, Tues and Wednesday since 1949 has been meeting annually in Atlantic City.

1969 Union County College and Camden County College started with first classes graduating in 1971

1969/70 *Maureen Hall*
1970/71 *Bonnie Bertram*
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1970 Middlesex County College opens

1971 There were only **Northern and Southern Components** in NJDHA

1971 **FDU** had a five story building dedicated to the Dental School

June 1971 State meeting in Atlantic city discussed new practice act which would have eleven proposed revisions to the practice act. They were looking for permission to use fluoride, impression materials and expanded functions.

1972 **Bergen Community College** opens

1973 **Central Component** was started with BJ Dolan as its first president

1972/73 *Mary Cosaboom*

1974/75 *Mary Cosaboom*

1975/76 *C. Paula Drew*

1975 **Bergen Component** was started

1976 The College of Medicine and Dentistry moves to the new Newark Facility
Name was officially changed to **UMDNJ** in 1981

1976/77 *Bette Merritt*

1977/78 *Cherie Lieberman*

1977 first **Lobbyist** hired from **Nancy Becker Associates** with B.J. Dolan, RDH as liason.

DH was not authorized to perform any ... operation, or diagnose, treat, or attempt to treat any pathological conditions of the teeth or tissues of the mouth. This prevented utilization of dental sealants or fluoride applications.

1978/79 *Cherie Lieberman*

1979 *Cheryl Westphal*

1979 The Practice Act Bill was passed. Barbara Berlew, RDH participated in the festivities along with President Cheryl Lieberman.

- ❖ **Apply topical medication and anesthetic agents to the oral mucosa**
- ❖ **Apply topical fluoride to teeth**
- ❖ **Place and remove rubber dams**
- ❖ **Hygienists can practice under supervision in institutions.**
- ❖ **Continuing education required for relicensure, 10 hours every 2 years.**

Still no sealants and Direct supervision for everything

1979 Cheryl Westphal was appointed to be the first Dental Hygienist on the State Board of dentistry served until-**1983**

1979/80 *Alice Burr*

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1980 first class graduates from **School of Health Related Professions--UMDNJ**

1981/82 *Betty Jane Dolan*

1982/3 *Beth Stolar*

1983 Beth Stolar becomes the second Dental Hygienist on the State Board of Dentistry

1983/84 *Phyllis Nespole Cohen*

Melanie Miller

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1984 A dental hygienist who has graduated from an approved dental hygiene program ...shall be qualified to perform certain expanded functions.:

- ❖ **Apply pit and fissure sealants**
- ❖ **Polish amalgam restorations**
- ❖ **Remove excess cement from crown and orthodontic bands**
- ❖ **Fabricate athletic mouth guard appliances**

And a licensed dentist may utilize no more than 2 dental Hygienists in one office.

1986 *Cynthia Fong*

1987 *JoAnn Gurenlian*

1987 Cynthia Fong becomes the third Dental Hygienist on the State Board of Dentistry

1987 10 hours of continuing education every two years mandated slight changes to practice act concerning active/inactive licenses

1988 *Jane Forrest*

1989 *Terri Brisbin*

1990 *Cathy Triverio*

1990 Fairleigh Dickinson University's dental programs are closed and the Dental Hygiene program re-opens at New York University

1991 *Sandy Sangster*

1991 Teri Brisbin appointed to the State Board of Dentistry

1992 *Susan Callahan Barnard*

1992 Bill introduced to allow preceptorship "on the job" training for NJ hygienists (went nowhere).

- 1993 *Christine Hovilaras*
- 1993- SHRP Dental Hygiene moves to Scotch Plains Campus and Union County College Dental Hygiene Program closes.
- 1994 *Becky Pugh*
- 1995 *Deborah Myers*
- 1995 South Shore component started – Linda Leslie is first President
- 1995 **Patricia Delaney appointed to the State Board of Dentistry**
- 1996 *Dawn Walters*
- 1997 *Vicky Fedor*
- 1998 *Carole Johnson*
- 1999 *Jeanette Crofts*
- 2000 *Linda Leslie*
- 2001 *BJ Dolan*
- 2002 *Susan Singer*
- 2003 *Becky Pugh*

2003 a licensed dental hygienist practicing under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist may monitor a patient to whom the supervising dentist has administered nitrous oxide/oxygen inhalation analgesia with proof of additional education.

- 2004 *Liz Nies*
- 2005 **Burlington County College opens**

2005
Sunset Review- continuing education requirements were amended requiring that every licensed hygienist complete at least 20 (twenty) hours of continuing education for every biennial renewal period.

- 2005 *Tracy Marsh*
- 2006 *Claire Denshuick*
- 2007 *Lauren Jaccodine*
- 2008 *Winnie Furnari*

2008 Local Anesthesia Passed the State Board.

- 2009/10 *Kathy Sinatra*
- 2009 **Shirley Birenz, RDH appointed to State Board of Dentistry**
- 2011 *Sandra Berger*
- 2012/13 *Vicki Fedor*

2012

Practice act amended to allow Dental Hygienists to work under “supervision” rather than direct supervision. There are guidelines which need to be following including a current certificate in basic or advanced cardiac life support.

2013 Eastern International College opens

2013 UMDNJ Dental Programs are moved to Rutgers University School of Health Related Professions

2014 Jodie Heimbach

2015 Gail Woller

2015 Linda Hecker, RDH appointed to State Board of Dentistry

2016 NJDHA, and all five components are re-chartered & trademarked by **ADHA**

2016 Tina Modi

2016

Dental Hygiene Regulations amended to provide for school sealant programs, and allowing RDHs to see children in schools who are NOT patients of record

2017 Linda Knudsen

2018 Rutgers School of Health Professions graduates last dental hygiene class