# Dental Therapy Facts

ONE evidenced-based SOLUTION proving HOPE can win over fear

## Dental Therapists: Dentistry’s Mid-Level Provider

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## Important Comparisons

- **Dental Hygienist** - learn about 50 procedures in 2 years
- **Dental Therapist** - learn about 80 procedures in 3 years
- **Dentist** - learn about 434 procedures in 4 years
- **Dental Specialist** - learn about 657 procedures in 6 years

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EDUCATION FACTS

Graduation from a dental therapy (DT) program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).
CODA is the only accrediting agency for dental, advanced dental and allied dental education programs recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE).

Accreditation Requirements
- Three academic college-level years (plus admission RQMTS)
- Advanced standing for dental hygienists (additional 14-16 mos.)
- Competency in a defined and limited scope of practice

LICENSURE FACTS

Same licensure requirements for dental therapists as dentists and dental hygienists.
- Graduation from a program accredited by CODA.
- Pass Regional Clinical Examination dental therapy and dental candidates take the same exam (side by side) with the same examiners for the procedures they have in common
- Pass written law and rules examination for Florida.
- Apply for a license complying with s. 456.0635, F.S. cannot have certain felony and drug abuse convictions
- Regulated by the Florida Board of Dentistry
- Continuing education for license renewal.

PRACTICE FACTS

Dental therapist will practice as a member of the dental team.

Required Collaborative Management Agreement defines Who-What-Where-How

Dentist can voluntarily expand their practice to include dental therapists (or not).

General Supervision
- Supervising dentist authorizes procedures.
- Not required to be at the same location.
- Collaborative management agreement can require indirect (on premises) or direct (on premises and check procedure) supervision.