



CONSENT FOR DIRECT ACCESS DENTAL HYGIENE TREATMENT

Dental hygienists are registered dental professionals who prevent and treat periodontal (gum) disease and support patients in maintaining good oral health. You may access dental hygiene care directly without first seeing a dentist.

Nova Edgcombe is registered with the Dental Council of New Zealand and holds professional indemnity cover.

SCOPE OF CARE

As a registered dental hygienist, Nova may, within her professional scope:

- Review your medical and dental history and assess your oral and periodontal health.
- Examine, diagnose and treatment-plan periodontal disease.
- Carry out periodontal charting and oral soft-tissue assessment.
- Take dental radiographs where clinically indicated.
- Provide preventive and periodontal treatment, including scaling and root surface debridement using powered and hand instruments.
- Use appropriate antimicrobial therapies and provide local anaesthetic where indicated.
- Provide preventive treatments and oral-health advice.
- Assess and maintain dental implants and peri-implant tissues.
- Refer or liaise with dentists, specialists or other healthcare professionals when appropriate.

Dental hygienists do not provide restorative treatment such as fillings or crowns, perform root canal treatment, extract teeth, or diagnose and manage conditions outside their professional scope.

Regular dental examinations with a dentist are still recommended. If further assessment or referral is advised, it is your responsibility to arrange and attend this unless otherwise agreed.

In some circumstances, treatment may need to be postponed or discontinued until you have been assessed by a dentist, specialist or other healthcare professional.

CONSENT AND CLINICAL RECORDS

I consent to appropriate dental hygiene assessment and treatment by Nova Edgcombe within her professional scope. Treatment, relevant risks, alternatives and costs will be discussed where appropriate.

Clinical records may include clinical notes, periodontal measurements, radiographs and photographs. De-identified clinical information or images may be used for legitimate professional purposes such as clinical consultation, education, peer review, marketing, social media or promotional purposes.

PRIVACY

Information is handled in accordance with applicable New Zealand privacy requirements and may be shared with healthcare providers or other organisations where authorised by you, necessary for your care, or otherwise permitted or required by law.

FEES AND APPOINTMENTS

- Fees are payable at the time treatment or services are provided unless otherwise agreed.
- If you choose to stop treatment or leave before your appointment is completed, you remain responsible for treatment and services already provided and any applicable agreed fees.
- Overdue accounts may be referred for recovery. Reasonable recovery costs may be added where lawfully recoverable
- Cancellations, late cancellations and missed appointments are subject to Mint Dental Hygiene's current Terms and Conditions and cancellation policy.

PATIENT AGREEMENT

By signing this form, I confirm that:

- The health, medication and dental information I have provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I will advise Mint Dental Hygiene of relevant changes.
- I understand the scope and limitations of direct-access dental hygiene care.
- I understand that treatment outside the dental hygienist's scope may require assessment or treatment by a dentist, specialist or other healthcare professional.
- I consent to dental hygiene assessment and treatment, subject to ongoing informed consent.
- I understand that regular dental examinations with a dentist are still recommended.
- I understand and accept Mint Dental Hygiene's privacy, payment, cancellation and appointment terms.

Signature:

Date:

Name in capitals: I am/am not
registered with a dentist.