


Shining the light on Dental Therapists




What can a Dental Therapist do for me?


EXAMINATION



Examine, screen and diagnose specific oral conditions



Prescribe, take and interpret radiographs



Provide personalised oral hygiene advice



Take clinical photographs




Give smoking cessation advice



Place temporary dressings and temporarily recement crowns




Extract baby teeth




Place preformed silver crowns on baby teeth

PREVENTION



Plan and undertake gum treatment and provide maintenance




Provide care of implants and surrounding tissues



Carry out tooth whitening treatment*




Take impressions




Provide preventative treatments including fissure sealants and fluoride varnish



Give local anaesthesia*



Fill, repair, and improve the appearance of adult and baby teeth



Carry out specific root treatments on baby teeth

Dental Therapists train alongside dental students, learning the same skills

Dental Therapists can carry out most of these treatments without the need to see a dentist first

Dental Therapists can refer you to other members of the dental team or other health care professionals

Dental Therapists are registered with the General Dental Council. There are around 4000 in the UK