

PRACTICE STANDARD POLICY # 3

3.1 Dental hygienists must collect baseline assessment data* as appropriate for the client (or supplement data collected by another health professional), and update the data as required. In a clinical setting, this should include:

- demographic information
- the client's concerns, if any
- medical and dental history information
- vital signs, if indicated
- head and neck examination data
- intra-oral soft tissue examination data
- periodontal examination data
- dental and occlusal examination data that impacts on health
- diagnostic results/interpretations (e.g. from radiographs, bacterial and enzyme tests, etc)
oral hygiene routines and techniques
- the client's anxiety and pain levels.

* The extent of data collected will vary with the different practice settings and with clients who have specific needs or conditions. Professional judgment must be used to determine the data that is needed to assess each client.