



Structured Administration and Supply Arrangement (SASA)

TITLE: **Administration of medicines by dental hygienists, dental therapists and oral health therapists**

1. Authority:

Issued by the Chief Executive Officer of Health under Part 6 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016.

2. Scope:

This authorises dental hygienists, dental therapists and oral health therapists to use medicines for dental procedures.

3. Criteria:

This SASA authorises the actions specified in the table below.

Practitioner:	Dental Practitioners registered as dental hygienists, dental therapists and oral health therapists
Practice setting:	Dental and oral health practice
Approved activity:	Administration
Approved medicines:	Medicines listed in Schedule 4 of the Poisons Standard as per Appendix 1
Medical conditions:	Dental procedures requiring Schedule 4 medicines

4. Conditions:

The administration of approved medicines under this SASA is subject to the conditions that:

- The medicines are procured in accordance with a Health Service Permit, issued under the *Medicines and Poisons Act 2014*;
- Storage, packaging, labelling and supply of the approved medicines is in accordance with Part 9 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016; and
- The administration and use are in accordance with Part 12 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016.

5. **References:**

[Medicines and Poisons Act 2014](#)

[Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016](#)

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APPENDIX 1

Approved Medicines

Registered dental hygienists, dental therapists and oral health therapists may only administer medicines in accordance with this SASA as listed in the table below¹:

Dental Practitioner Division	Approved Medicines in Schedule 4
Oral health therapist Dental therapist	Topical local anaesthetic Injectable local anaesthetic Adrenaline combined with local anaesthetic Felypressin combined with local anaesthetic Topical oral application of tranexamic acid
Oral health therapist Dental therapist Dental hygienist	Topical antibiotic combined with topical corticosteroid

1. Fluoride preparations, in Schedule 4, when supplied to dental professionals are exempted from scheduling and therefore not included in this SASA.