

Guidance for California RDHs Practicing as Orofacial Myofunctional Therapists

California registered dental hygienists who also practice as Orofacial Myofunctional Therapists should clearly distinguish their dental hygiene education from their licensure when marketing their OMT services.

Scope-of-Practice Reference

California Code of Regulations, Title 16, §1088(c)(5)(E), includes **myofunctional evaluation under general supervision** within an RDH's permitted duties. This provision does not authorize ongoing orofacial myofunctional therapy treatment.

What to Include

You may describe your dental hygiene **education**, including degrees earned, institutions attended, and graduation years, in your professional biography or About section.

For example:

“Michael earned an Associate of Science degree in dental hygiene from Santa Rosa Junior College in 2006 and a Bachelor of Science degree in dental hygiene from Foothill College in 2020.”

Identify your OMT training and certifications accurately, using the designation awarded by the certifying organization.

What to Omit

Do not use **“RDH,” “Registered Dental Hygienist,” “licensed dental hygienist,” or other references to dental hygiene licensure** in materials promoting your OMT practice. This includes credentials following your name and statements in your biography or About section.

Apply this guidance consistently across all OMT marketing materials, including:

- Websites and social media profiles
- Business cards and brochures
- Print and digital advertisements
- Promotional biographies and directory listings
- Email signatures used for your OMT practice

Your marketing should describe your educational background and OMT qualifications without implying that your California RDH license authorizes OMT treatment.

Regulatory reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 16, §1088(c)(5)(E), “RDH Duties and Settings.”