

DRAFT OF CADHS PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

PR#1:

Be it resolved the Arizona State Dental Hygienists' Association supports a curriculum at the Masters and Doctoral levels for an "advanced dental hygiene practitioner" that includes specialty tracks in oral disease prevention.

Justification:

The ADHA adopted resolutions in 2008 creating the Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner (ADHP). The focus of the proposed ADHP concept and Masters degree-level curriculum is to create a primary care provider of restorative therapeutic services. ADHA has existing policy advocating the baccalaureate degree as the entry level for dental hygiene. We recommend development of dental hygiene specialty tracks in oral disease prevention coupled with curricula at the Masters and Doctoral levels. Physical Therapy and Nursing have created Doctorates in Clinical fields.

PR#2:

Be it resolved the Arizona State Dental Hygienists' Association advocates ADHA consider additional areas of advanced clinical dental hygiene oral disease prevention specialties that should be included as optional major tracks in the ADHP curriculum.

Justification:

The primary focus for dental hygiene has been in prevention of oral disease. The Arizona State Dental Hygienists' Association supports the restorative/therapeutic ADHP concept which addresses one area of unmet need in the US population. We recommend prevention of oral disease be included in the creation of additional dental hygiene specialties. Precedent has been set as the nursing profession has evolved with the creation of advanced specialties such as certified nurse midwife, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist and certified registered nurse anesthetist.

(such as periodontics, pediatrics, geriatrics, public school DH (K-12), public health DH, and DH hospital specialists)