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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

[Detail-oriented **Dental Hygienist** with [X] years of experience delivering comprehensive preventive care, patient education, and chairside support in [general/family] and [specialty] practices. Skilled in performing thorough prophylaxis, periodontal charting, and radiographic imaging while maintaining strict infection control and OSHA compliance. Recognized for building strong patient rapport, improving oral health outcomes, and collaborating closely with dentists and multidisciplinary teams to optimize treatment plans.]

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

[Registered Dental Hygienist] | [ABC Family Dental Clinic]

[Month Year] – Present | [City, State]

- [Perform comprehensive prophylaxis, periodontal scaling and root planing, and fluoride treatments for an average of [X–Y] patients per day, contributing to a [Z%] increase in patient retention and preventive visit compliance.]
- [Conduct detailed periodontal assessments, including full-mouth charting, probing, and documentation in [Dentrix/Eaglesoft/Open Dental], supporting accurate diagnosis and evidence-based treatment planning for [general and periodontal] cases.]
- [Deliver individualized oral hygiene instruction and nutritional counseling, using intraoral camera imaging and visual aids to improve patient understanding, resulting in measurable reductions in bleeding indices and plaque scores at follow-up visits.]

[Dental Hygienist] | [Bright Smiles Dental Group]

[Month Year] – [Month Year] | [City, State]

- [Acquired and processed digital radiographs (bitewings, periapicals, panoramic) in accordance with ALARA principles and state regulations, reducing retake rates by [X%] through improved positioning and patient coaching.]
- [Implemented enhanced infection control and sterilization protocols, including instrument tracking and operator turnaround checklists, ensuring 100% compliance with OSHA and CDC guidelines during routine internal audits.]
- [Collaborated with dentists and front office staff to streamline hygiene scheduling, recall, and confirmation workflows, helping to decrease hygiene no-show rates by [X%] and optimize daily production targets.]

EDUCATION

[Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene] | [Name of Community College]

[Month Year] – [Month Year] | [City, State]

- [Completed CODA-accredited dental hygiene program with coursework in periodontology, radiology, pharmacology, oral pathology, and pain management.]
- [Performed supervised clinical rotations in [campus clinic/private practices/community health centers], providing preventive care to diverse patient populations, including pediatric, geriatric, and medically compromised patients.]

[State Dental Hygiene License] | [State Board of Dentistry]

[Issued: Month Year]

- [Current, active license in good standing; completed regional clinical board examination (e.g., NERB/CRDTS/WREB)] and National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE).]

SKILLS

- **Clinical:** [Prophylaxis], [Periodontal scaling and root planing], [Periodontal charting], [Local anesthesia*], [Nitrous oxide monitoring*], [Fluoride and sealant application] (*if licensed).
- **Diagnostics:** [Digital radiography (bitewings, PA, pano)], [Intraoral camera use], [Oral cancer screenings], [Caries risk assessment], [Periodontal risk assessment].
- **Infection Control & Safety:** [Instrument sterilization and packaging], [Operator disinfection], [OSHA/CDC compliance], [Sharps safety], [PPE and exposure control protocols].

- **Patient Care & Education:** [Patient communication], [Motivational interviewing], [Home-care instruction], [Behavior management], [Culturally competent care].
- **Technology:** [Dentrix/Eaglesoft/Open Dental], [Digital imaging software], [Electronic health records], [Appointment scheduling and recall systems].
- **Professional:** [Time management], [Team collaboration], [Attention to detail], [Adaptability in fast-paced settings], [Documentation and charting accuracy].

PROJECTS & CLINICAL HIGHLIGHTS

[Community Oral Health Outreach Initiative] | [Local Health Organization / College Clinic]

[Month Year] – [Month Year]

- [Participated in organizing and delivering free preventive screenings, fluoride varnish applications, and oral hygiene instruction to [X+] underserved children and adults at community events and school-based programs.]
- [Developed simple take-home educational materials on brushing, flossing, and diet, helping increase participant understanding of caries prevention as measured by pre- and post-event surveys.]

[Periodontal Maintenance Case Series] | [Dental Hygiene Program Clinic]

[Month Year] – [Month Year]

- [Managed a series of moderate to advanced periodontal maintenance cases under faculty supervision, documenting probing depths, bleeding indices, and plaque scores across multiple visits.]
- [Presented case findings, treatment outcomes, and patient education strategies to faculty and peers, demonstrating evidence-based decision-making and adherence to current periodontal protocols.]