



## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	January 17, 2024
<b>TO</b>	All Licensed California Registered Dental Hygienists, Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice, and Registered Dental Hygienist in Extended Function
<b>FROM</b>	Dental Hygiene Board of California
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Continuing Education (CE) Course in Radiographic Decision Making (RDM) and Interim Therapeutic Restoration (ITR) Provided by Dental Specialties Institute, Inc.</b>

**ATTENTION** all California dental hygiene licensees.

The Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC) has been informed of a continuing education (CE) course in Radiographic Decision Making (RDM) and Interim Therapeutic Restoration (ITR) administered by the Dental Specialties Institute, Inc., located in San Jose, CA. This RDM/ITR certification CE course has not been reviewed or approved by the DHBC and the DHBC will not recognize any RDM/ITR certification issued by Dental Specialties Institute, Inc., thereby prohibiting licensees from providing these services to the public.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 1109(c), all RDM/ITR courses must be approved by the DHBC before being offered by the CE provider. Dental Specialties Institute, Inc., has not received approval from the DHBC, therefore, the RDM/ITR certifications issued by Dental Specialties Institute, Inc. will not be recognized or placed on the dental hygiene licenses (which indicate the **extra** services licensees may provide) when certificates are submitted to us. The DHBC is reaching out to Dental Specialties Institute, Inc., with information to request DHBC approval. As of the date of this Memorandum, they **are not** DHBC-approved and have never requested DHBC approval. However, as a Dental Board of California-approved CE provider, Dental Specialties Institute, Inc., may administer CE coursework on other topics. Licensees need to research the chosen CE courses to ensure the content and providers are appropriately approved for their intended purpose (e.g., certification or license renewal).

If you have any questions on this issue, please contact us. Thank you.

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Dental Hygiene Board of California