

Dental hygienists are health care professionals who detect, prevent and treat diseases of the mouth.

The dental hygienist works as a team member with dentists and dental assistants as well as work in public health settings.

Dental hygienists are in great demand and the salaries are excellent.

Workplace Settings

Most dental hygienists work as clinicians in a dental practice, but there are many opportunities to work in other settings such as: administrator or manager, educator, researcher, consumer advocate, and public health.

Dental Hygienists may work in a variety of settings including:

- Private Dental Office
- Military Base
- School System
- Dental Supply Company
- University or Research Center
- Veterinary Dentistry
- HMO
- Long-term Health Care Facility
- Government Agency
- Another Country

For more information on dental hygiene careers, licensure, and accredited Dental Hygiene Programs, consult the [American Dental Hygienists' Association](http://www.adha.org)(link to <http://www.adha.org>)