# ADA Dental Practice Parameters

## Restorations Needing Replacement or Modification

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**Explanation of IAOMT position:** This is one time when the IAOMT agrees with the ADA. If the ADA and State Societies were to follow their own guidelines, we would find our work is applauded. Must reading. This is definitely beyond Scientific Review.

**Name of Scientific Review:** ADA Dental Practice Parameters - Restorations Needing Replacement or Modification

*Special note: This is only part of from the full document, attainable from the ADA, see publisher below.

**Alternative name(s) of Scientific Review:**

**This Scientific Review is related to** Dentistry

**This Scientific Review is a** Publication

**Purpose of the Scientific Review:** The purpose of the ADA Parameters is to explicitly present the profession’s statement on appropriate oral health care.

**Scientific Review History:** none

**A brief description of the Scientific Review:** The parameters, “Restorations…”, describe the full range of clinical considerations in the diagnosis and treatment for oral health conditions. To preserve the profession’s commitment to the quality of health care and the best interest of every individual patient, the parameters emphasize the importance of the dentist’s professional judgment, and the patient’s values and preferences in making treatment decisions.

**A specific description of this Scientific Review:** (both the preamble and parameters are incomplete but representative the most important and relevant ones. Complete list may be obtained from the ADA, address below.

### Preamble

- Parameters are
  - For voluntary use.
  - To use as an aid in clinical considerations of diagnosis & treatment planning
  - To assist profession by providing the basis to high quality care.
  - Condition based, rather than procedure based, to be most useful because this approach recognizes the need for integrated treatments rather than emphasizing isolated treatment procedures.
  - Unique clinical circumstances, and individual patient preferences, must be factored into clinical decisions.
  - Requires careful professional judgment, balancing individual patient needs with scientific soundness as a necessary step in providing care.
  - Treatment may deviate from the parameters, in individual cases, depending on clinical circumstances presented by the patient. This should be documented and explained to the patient.

### Parameters

- The key element in the design of this set of parameters for restoration(s) needing replacement or modification is the professional judgment of the attending dentist, for a specific patient, at a specific time.
- The patient’s chief complaint, concerns and expectations should be considered by the dentist.
- Dental & medical histories should be considered to identify medications & predisposing conditions that may affect the management of restorations needing replacement or modification.
- The behavioral, psychological, anatomical, developmental and physiologic limitations of the patient should be considered by the dentist in developing the treatment plan.
- The dentist may counsel the patient concerning potential effects of the patient’s health condition, medication use, and behaviors &/or habits on his or her oral health.
• The dentist should recommend treatment; present treatment options, if any; and discuss the probable benefits, prognosis, limitations and risks associated with treatment and the probable consequences of no treatment.
• The dentist should consider the characteristics and requirements of each patient in selecting the material(s) and treatment to be utilized.
• Transitional or provisional restorations may be utilized to facilitate treatment.

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Scientific Literature: None The parameters are dynamic documents, which will continually be developed and revised to accommodate the advances in dental science and the changing informational needs of the practitioner.

Legal Aspects of this Scientific Review: Although developed and published by the ADA, individual state dental boards are under no obligation to refer to or use the information in their judgements.

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