**Comparing *Oral Health: Nursing Assessment and Interventions First Edition* (2008) Best Practice Guideline (BPG) to *Oral Health: Supporting Adults Who Require Assistance Second Edition* (2020) BPG**

This table summarizes how the recommendations in the Second Edition BPG compare to the First Edition BPG practice recommendations.

| Recommendation from First Edition BPG (2008) | Relevant Information in Second Edition BPG (2020) |
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| 1. Nurses should be aware of their personal oral hygiene beliefs and practices, as these may influence the care they provide to their clients. | • Good Practice Statement in Practice Notes |
| 2. As part of their client admission assessment, nurses obtain an oral health history that includes oral hygiene beliefs, practices and current state of oral health. | • Good Practice Statement<br>• Appendix G for two examples of admission oral health history forms that can be implemented within health-service organizations. |
| 3. Nurses use a standardized, valid and reliable oral assessment tool to perform their initial and ongoing oral assessment. | • Recommendation 1.0<br>• Appendix I for a list of oral health assessment tools and Appendix J for a sample of the OHAT and The Holistic and Reliable Oral Health Assessment Tool (THROAT). |
| 4. Oral health status information is regularly reviewed with all members of the health care team to monitor client progress and facilitate the development of an individualized plan of care. | • Recommendation 1.0<br>• Appendix K for two examples of oral care plans<br>• Recommendation 8.0 in Practice Notes |
| 5. Nurses provide, supervise, remind or cue oral care for clients at least twice daily, on a routine basis. This includes clients who:<br>■ have diminished health status;<br>■ have a decreased level of consciousness; and<br>■ who have teeth (dentate) or do not have teeth (edentate). | • Recommendation 1.0 in Practice Notes |
| 6. Nurses provide or supervise the provision of oral care for clients at risk for aspiration. | • Recommendation 1.0 in Caution Box |
| 7. Nurses provide ongoing education to the client and/or family members regarding oral care. | • Recommendation 2.0 |

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| 8. Nurses are knowledgeable of oral hygiene products and their applications as they pertain to their specific client populations. | • Appendix N provides an overview of selected oral care products and tools<br>• Note: The Appendix does not provide an overview of how to apply the tools within specific populations. |
| 9. Nurses are aware of treatments and medications that impact on the oral health of clients. | • This BPG does not include an overview of medications that can cause dry mouth or other oral health adverse outcomes. Practice Note (Recommendation 8.0) informed by expert panel emphasizes that pharmacists can conduct a review for medications that cause dry mouth. They can also educate health providers about these drugs and provide information about products to relieve dry mouth. |
| 10. Nurses use appropriate techniques when providing oral care to clients. | • Recommendation 6.0<br>• Appendix L for instructions on toothbrushing techniques<br>• Appendix M for instructions on denture care techniques |
| 11. Nurses advocate for referral for those clients who require consultation with an oral health professional (e.g. dental hygienist, denturist, dentist). | • Recommendation 8.0 in Practice Note |
| 12. Nurses ensure that all oral health-related history, assessment and care be documented. | • Appendix F – Algorithm<br>• College of Nurses of Ontario. Professional practice: documentation [Internet]. College of Nurses of Ontario; 2008. Available from here: https://www.cno.org/globalassets/docs/prac/41001_documentation.pdf |