Welcome to Dental Hygiene
Congratulations

Welcome to the Dental Hygiene Profession

The Indiana Dental Hygienists’ Association would like to support you, offer assistance, and guide you to the beginning of your career.

We look forward to meeting you, and are glad you are with us.
Your professional organization

- You are automatically part of a world-wide group of dental hygienists.
- The national organization for dental hygienist’s is called the American Dental Hygienists’ Association.
- Welcome to the ADHA!
Overview

The American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA) was formed in 1923 to develop communication and mutual cooperation among dental hygienists. Today, ADHA is the largest national organization representing the professional interests of the more than 120,000 registered dental hygienists (RDHs) in the United States.
The ADHA has divisions.....

**National** – Headquarters is located at 444 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL.

**District** – There are 12 ADHA districts in the US. Indiana is in District V. Other states in District V are Ohio, Kentucky, and Michigan. Our District V Trustee is from Owensboro, Kentucky and her name is Beth Nicely, RDH.
**Divisions, continued**

- The next level is the STATE, or constituent level. Our **constituent is Indiana**.
- Finally, we have the local level which is called a **component**. Your **component is called Isaac Knapp**.
  - Indiana has 14 components.
- The Local level is where you will feel the most plugged into the ADHA.
Indiana Components

(1) CENTRAL
(2) OHIO VALLEY
(3) ISAAC KNAPP
(4) SOUTH BEND
(5) EAST CENTRAL
(6) NORTHWEST
(7) ELKHART/GOSHEN
(8) HOOSIER HILLS
(9) SOUTHEASTERN
(10) WESTERN
(11) WABASH SHORES
(12) DRIFTWOOD VALLEY
(13) DUNELAND
(14) NORTH CENTRAL
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American Dental Hygienists’ Association
To improve the public’s total health, the mission of the American Dental Hygienists’ Association is to advance the art and science of dental hygiene by ensuring access to quality oral health care, increasing awareness of the cost-effective benefits of prevention, promoting the highest standards of dental hygiene education, licensure, and practice, and representing and promoting the interests of dental hygienists.
GOALS OF THE INDIANA DENTAL HYGIENISTS’ ASSOCIATION

- Promote membership and participation in the Indiana Dental Hygienists’ Association while providing for a viable financial base.
- Promote self-regulation of dental hygiene licensure.
- Promote the dental hygienist as a primary care provider of preventive and therapeutic services.
- Promote consumer advocacy in oral health care as a part of total health.
- Promote research relevant to dental hygiene.
- Serve as the authoritative resource for the profession of dental hygiene.
ADHA has a Student Chapter, the student group of the ADHA.

The Student Chapter American Dental Hygienists' Association is your first link to the dental hygiene profession.

Membership links you with an organization of dental hygiene students dedicated to building the ethical and educational future of your profession.
Student Membership provides you with the invaluable opportunity of previewing your career as a dental hygienist.

It demonstrates the role ADHA plays in the dental hygiene profession, and it's only $65 a year.

When you graduate, you can convert your membership to full active status. In the meantime, you can join ADHA and receive all the benefits of a full active member:
Benefits of Membership

Access Magazine is ADHA's professional magazine. It focuses on current issues in oral health care, dental hygiene practice, and legislation.

The *Journal of Dental Hygiene* brings you the latest scientific and technical information affecting clinical practice, education, and research.

Malpractice Insurance offers special student coverage for school. In many states malpractice insurance is needed to enable you to qualify for the state board licensure exam.
State Meeting Photo....
We do crazy things
And have a good time!
And so will you,
What you can do now.....

- Fill out a membership application
- Turn it in first week of school with $65. student fee
- Know we are glad you are here
- ADHA Student Relations
  Phone: 312-440-8906 or 312-440-7386
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Join Us!