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**Maine Board of Dental Practice  
Dental Hygienist Jurisprudence Examination (Updated December 7, 2023)**

To successfully complete this examination, 9 of the 10 questions must be answered correctly by the applicant. It is an open book examination. The answers may be obtained by going to our website [www.maine.gov/dental](http://www.maine.gov/dental), and click on "Statutes and Rules" on the home page. Please circle the letter identifying the correct answer.

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1. 32 M.R.S. § 18321(1) identifies the Board's sole purpose, which is to protect one of the following:
  - a. Board members.
  - b. Dental professionals.
  - c. Public health and welfare.
  - d. Educational institutions.
  
2. Which list reflects board membership and terms pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 18322?
  - a. 9 dentists; 10-year term.
  - b. 6 dentists, 3 hygienists, 1 denturist; 5-year term.
  - c. 5 dentists, 2 hygienists, 1 denturist, 1 public member; 5-year term.
  - d. 5 dentists, 2 hygienists, 1 denturist, 1 public member; 10-year term.
  
3. Which statutory provision outlines the Board's authority to take disciplinary action?
  - a. 32 M.R.S. § 18323.
  - b. 32 M.R.S. § 18305.
  - c. 32 M.R.S. § 18325.
  - d. 32 M.R.S. § 18324.
  
4. 32 M.R.S. § 18325(1) identifies grounds for disciplinary action that the board may take. Which most accurately reflects the Board's statutory authority:
  - a. Obtaining a license by fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation; incompetent practice, unprofessional conduct.
  - b. Aiding and abetting unlicensed practice; any violation of board rule; failure to provide supervision as required.
  - c. Misuse of alcohol, drugs or other substances that has resulted or may result in endangering the health or safety of patients.
  - d. All of the above.
  
5. Which Board Rule identifies failure to adhere to the practice standards, including failure to utilize the CDC Guidelines for Infection Control set forth in Board Rule Chapter 12, as unprofessional conduct?
  - a. Board Rule, Chapter 1.
  - b. Board Rule, Chapter 2.
  - c. Board Rule, Chapter 9.
  - d. Board Rule, Chapter 14.

6. Pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003-G(2), licensees and applicants are required to report into the Board within 10 days after any of the following changes or events:
  - a. Change of name or address.
  - b. Criminal convictions.
  - c. Disciplinary action taken in Maine or any other jurisdiction.
  - d. All of the above.
  
7. A dental hygienist's authorized scope of practice is found in the following statutory provisions:
  - a. 32 M.R.S. § 18345.
  - b. 32 M.R.S. § 18347.
  - c. 32 M.R.S. § 18374.
  - d. 32 M.R.S. § 18378.
  
8. A dental hygienist, who qualifies, can obtain additional authorities to practice pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 18345(2) in which of the following areas:
  - a. Public health dental hygiene and independent practice dental hygiene.
  - b. Dental therapy and provisional dental therapy.
  - c. Nitrous oxide analgesia and local anesthesia.
  - d. All of the above.
  
9. The statutory definitions of direct supervision and general supervision are found in which of the following provisions:
  - a. 32 M.R.S. § 18302(18) and § 18302(22).
  - b. 32 M.R.S. § 18371(3) and 32 M.R.S. § 18371(4).
  - c. 32 M.R.S. § 18374(1) and § 18374(2).
  - d. None of the above.
  
10. Board Rule, Chapter 13 requires that dental hygienists obtain the following continuing education hours in order to qualify for re-licensure as follows:
  - a. 30 hours per biennium; 20 hours in category 1 and 10 hours in category 2.
  - b. 30 hours annually; 20 hours in category 1 and 10 hours in category 2.
  - c. 30 hours per biennium.
  - d. 30 hours annually; 10 hours in category 1 and 20 hours in category 2.