

I have developed many new skills by being part of the Dental Hygiene Program. Here are some:

- Dental software knowledge (Dentimax): There are many dental software programs, but having knowledge on how to navigate in one type can help me use other software. This is important for dental charting, perio charting, clinical notes, accessing radiographs, etc.
- Pain management (Oraqix, topical, local anesthesia, nitrous oxide): Different patients have different needs and pain tolerance. It is very beneficial to have knowledge of the different types of pain management to help the patient.
- Exposing radiographs (Bitewings, Full Mouth Series, Panorex): It is important to know and understand how to take an acceptable radiograph and how to interpret them!
- Sharpening instruments: In order to be more achievable in removing calculus, instruments must be sharpened to reestablish the fine line of the cutting edge and maintain its original shape. This will increase tactile sensitivity and make the instrument last longer.