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Abbreviated Question (as it will appear on search results page)

**Mackenzie Health Hospital is working on implementing a practice standard for oral care. Frontline nurses have identified barriers in providing oral care for patients exhibiting behaviours such as unintentionalbiting on oral hygiene aids (i.e. toothbrush swabs, or oral suctioning yankeur).**

**Does your organization use a Bite Block or other products for the purpose of supporting oral care?**

**Can you please share any practices and resources you use for oral care?**

[x]  Policy/Procedure [x]  Practice [ ]  Program Info [ ]  Committee Structure info [ ]  Role [ ]  Students

[ ]  Model/Structure [ ]  Care Delivery [ ]  Collaboration [ ]  Regulation/Legislation [ ]  Pt. Safety

[ ]  Quality/Outcome/Indicator [ ]  PP Culture/Leadership [ ]  Other:

Responses:

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| Nursing Practice Leader, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences CenterGeorge Fieber RNNursing Practice LeaderThunder Bay Regional Health Sciences CentreOffice: (807) 684-6691 / (807) 629-0889 | We have recently implemented the RNAO BPG on Oral Hygiene (our main resource) at our ALC Unit. Bite Blocks have not been used or been suggested but I can see the potential for this to come up. | From RNAO BPG: Conditional Recommendation 3.0: The expert panel suggests that health providers use person-centred approaches to provide oral care to persons who are behaviourally complex, including: ν environmental adaptations; ν verbal and/or non-verbal communication strategies; and ν selection and modification of oral care tools and supplies. Conditional Recommendation 4.0: The expert panel suggests that health providers document specific successful strategies and techniques in an individualized oral care plan that can be used when providing oral care to persons who are behaviourally complex. |
| RNAO Best Practice GuidelineSupporting Adults who Require Assistance | https://rnao.ca/bpg/guidelines/oral-health-supporting-adults-who-require-assistance-second-edition | [**https://rnao.ca/bpg/resources/toolkit-implementation-best-practice-guidelines-second-edition**](https://rnao.ca/bpg/resources/toolkit-implementation-best-practice-guidelines-second-edition)https://rnao.ca/sites/rnao-ca/files/Comparing\_First\_Ed.\_[https://rnao.ca/sites/rnao-ca/files/https://rnao.ca/sites/rnao-ca/files/](https://rnao.ca/sites/rnao-ca/files/Guideline_Search_oral_health.pdf)

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| Quinte Health CareSusan Murphy RN BScN CPMHN (c)Practice SpecialistMental Health ProgramBehavioural Supports Transition UnitQuinte Health CareBelleville, OntarioOffice: 613 969 7400 ext. 2111Email: smurphy@qhc.on.ca  | No such practice here at QHC, but look forward to the summary |  |
| Grey Bruce Health Services**Stephanie Hargrave**, Speech Language Pathologist**Grey Bruce Health Services** Owen Sound T 519.376.2121 x2206 | F 519.372.3939[www.gbhs.on.ca](http://www.gbhs.on.ca/) | Greetings from Grey Bruce Health Services. At our organization, nurses use a toothbrush/toothpaste and a yankeur for patients who are dependent for oral care. If it is easier to complete oral care with one tool, then the nurse can access suction toothbrushes. We do not have access to bite blocks |  |
| **Melissa Monardo OT Reg. (Ont.)**Health Disciplines Professional Practice Leader Interprofessional PracticeT. 905.576.8711 ext.33867C. 905-242-6617mmonardo@lh.ca | We don’t have an official practice standard for oral care. In these instances staff would follow the direction in Potter and Perry. I heard back from one of our clinical educators who advised that she hasn’t seen a bite block used in any of the post-acute care areas and doesn’t really see staff using a yankeur either.  Often patients bring in their own products or we have access to some donated items. Mouth swabs are most often used.  At one of our sites they have an oral care kit with a suction type of swab included in it. Probably from Sage.  |  |
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