

~~Tooth~~ State Whitening Laws Differ from State

1. There are different perceptions as to why some of these laws are in place, some believing dental professionals are aiming to capture a greater share of the whitening market by banning anyone else from offering these services. Others feeling strongly that limiting this service offering to licensed dental professionals eliminate potential issues that can occur when non-dental parties perform these procedures. **Should teeth whitening services be provided by licensed dental professionals only?** Should teeth whitening be considered a form of practicing dentistry and therefore be restricted to those with the proper oral health training? Or, should non-dental cosmetic business owners be able to use the same OTC whitening products on clients that consumers can buy and use freely without a dentist's supervision anyway?
2. **ToothShower offers three types of teeth cleaning while you're in the shower** - Want a new way to skip traditional flossing and brush your teeth while in the shower? ToothShower installs in your shower and uses water to clean teeth surfaces. ToothShower has a base that attaches to the shower wall and three different attachments for oral care: a dual-headed toothbrush, an irrigating tip, and a gum massager.

The dual-headed toothbrush hits all tooth surfaces. The irrigating tip flushes water between teeth like a water flosser, but without a mess to clean up. The gum massager works with seven jets of water to stimulate blood flow in the gums in order to prevent and heal gum disease. ToothShower is not only extremely effective at cleaning teeth and gums, it's right in the shower so there's no mess, no batteries and no refilling. Users can even add in mouthwash or tooth whitener for an even fresher feeling. ToothShower has a one-time installation. Users attach the wall plate with a waterproof adhesive, lock the console onto the plate, attach the valve to the showerhead, and connect the ToothShower to the valve. The user can control both the water pressure and the temperature to their comfort.

To learn more, visit [ToothShower on Kickstarter](#).

3. **StellaLife Inc. launches Vega Oral Care system of homeopathic oral healing products** - New homeopathic oral healing products have been designed to help manage postsurgical oral pain, accelerate healing, reduce the need for narcotics, and promote long-term oral health. StellaLife, a manufacturer of biotechnology products, has announced the launch of a new line of products for oral pain management, accelerated healing, and long-term oral health care. [Vega Oral Care system](#) is formulated to improve dental postsurgical recovery and optimize oral-systemic health. It is the first line of products from StellaLife. The Vega Oral Care system consists of three natural products: a gel, a rinse, and a recovery kit that contains a spray in addition to the gel and rinse. The Vega products accelerate healing and reduce pain, swelling, and bruising. They also contain anxiolytic properties to help reduce anxiety associated with dental procedures. The spray is for sublingual application, the gel is a topical application, and the rinse is an antimicrobial mouthwash that enhances wound healing.

StellaLife Vega Oral Care products contain sixteen active ingredients that are part of the Homeopathic Pharmacopeia of the United States (HPUS). The products can be used after all dental surgical procedures, including bone and tissue grafting, extractions, implant placements, osseous surgery, biopsies, and dental nonsurgical procedures, such as scaling and root planing, and quadrant dentistry. StellaLife products are manufactured in the United States, registered with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and follow the Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) guidelines. StellaLife's mission is to improve people's lives by helping to relieve pain, accelerate healing, and significantly reduce the need for opioids and steroids after dental procedures. The products provide

a safe, effective, and natural alternative to help deal with pain, accelerate healing, and promote optimum oral health. For more information, visit stellalifehealing.com or call (800) 828-7265.

4. **Paradise Dental Technologies (PDT) introduces Scalpel Handle with Ejectable Blade** - The new Scalpel Handle with Ejectable Blade from Paradise Dental Technologies (PDT) eliminates the need to touch the blade, helping to prevent sharps injuries. Paradise Dental Technologies (PDT) Inc. has introduced the new Scalpel Handle with Ejectable Blade to its line of handcrafted surgical instruments. A single-motion sliding action ejects the blade, eliminating the need to touch the blade and protecting against sharps injuries. Handcrafted in Germany with surgical steel, the handle features an ergonomic grip and easily disassembles for cleaning and sterilization. For more information about the Scalpel Handle with Ejectable Blade, visit pddental.com.
 5. **Vista Dental Products offers Quick-Stat Free clear hemostatic agent** - Vista Dental Products offers Quick-Stat Free, a viscous, clear hemostatic agent that quickly controls bleeding without staining and contains no epinephrine. Quick-Stat Free is a viscous, clear hemostatic agent that stops bleeding fast during procedures. Quick-Stat Free allows ultimate visibility at the targeted area without blackening surrounding tissue. Quick-Stat Free contains proprietary surface modifiers that allow for better penetration in the affected area, more efficient coagulation of red blood cells, and better dispersion of active agents within the wound. At the same time, the viscous nature of Quick-Stat Free allows it to stay in place so it does not flow onto surrounding tissue. To learn more, visit vista-dental.com.
 6. **Botox Relieves Muscle Pain in the Jaw** - Botox therapy can provide significant relief with only a mild risk for negative effects to patients with stubborn pain in the muscles involved in chewing, according to a team of researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital Boston. Chemically known as botulinum toxin A, Botox is a protein made from bacteria that, when injected, stops nerve signals that command muscles to contract, resulting in a months-long decrease in muscle activity. To determine the therapy's safety and effectiveness in treating jaw pain, the researchers conducted a retrospective review of 116 patients. Nearly a third of the participants (30.6%) reported significant pain relief, defined as 75% or greater, for an average of 10.1 weeks. Also, 39.8% had moderate relief for 8.7 weeks on average, and 29.6% had no or minimal relief for 1.3 weeks on average. The researchers called these results significant for these patients, as 72.9% of them had been in pain for at least five years, with 60% or more receiving two or more concurrent therapies. However, 16.4% had at least one negative effect during the two injection cycles. Those who had significant pain relief had the largest number of adverse effects at 30.3%. The most common side effect was a decrease in the size of the masticatory muscle, possibly due to blocked release of a chemical that activates muscles, the researchers suggested. All of the negative effects were minor and brief, though, with full recovery within 16 weeks.
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