

List of Delegation of Duties by Dentists

| | <i>Dental Hygienist General Supervision WAC 246-817-550</i> | <i>Dental Hygienist Close Supervision WAC 246-817-560</i> | <i>FEEDA General Supervision WAC 246-817-525</i> | <i>FEEDA Close Supervision WAC 246-817-525</i> | <i>Dental Assistant Close Supervision WAC 246-817-520</i> | <i>Dental Anesthesia Assistant Close Supervision WAC 246-817-771</i> | <i>Dental Anesthesia Assistant Direct Visual Supervision WAC 246-817-771</i> |
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| Oral inspection, with no diagnosis | * | | | * | * | | |
| Take and record blood pressure and vital signs | * | | | * | * | | |
| Place, expose, and process radiographs (Take intra-oral and extra-oral radiographs) | * | | * | | * | | |
| Take intra-oral and extra-oral photographs | * | | | * | * | | |
| Perform coronal polish - A licensed dentist shall determine the teeth are free of calculus or other extraneous material prior to dismissing the patient. | (see oral prophylaxis below) | * | * | | * | | |
| Give fluoride treatments | * | | * | | * | | |
| Give patient education in oral hygiene (Give patient oral health instructions) | * | | * | | * | | |
| Give preoperative and postoperative instructions | * | | | * | * | | |
| Deliver an oral sedative drug to patient | | * | | * | * | | |
| Assist in the administration of inhalation minimal sedation (nitrous oxide) analgesia, including starting and stopping the flow as directed by the supervising dentist | | (see administer below) | | * | * | | |
| Place topical anesthetics | (see apply below) | | | * | * | | |
| Place and remove the rubber dam | * | | | * | * | | |
| Apply tooth separators as for placement for Class III gold foil | | * | | * | * | | |
| Apply sealants | * | | * | | * | | |
| Place a matrix and wedge for a direct restorative material after the dentist has prepared the cavity | | * | | * | * | | |
| Place cavity liners and bases | | * | | * | * | | |
| Perform acid etch and apply bonding agents | | * | | * | * | | |
| Polish restorations but may not intra-orally adjust or finish permanent restorations | | * | | * | * | | |
| Sterilize equipment and disinfect operatories | * | | | * | * | | |

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| Place retraction cord | * | | | * | * | | |
| Hold in place and remove impression materials after the dentist has placed them | | * | | * | * | | |
| Take impressions, bite registrations, or digital scans of the teeth and jaws for: | * | | | * | * | | |
| Diagnostic and opposing models | * | | | * | * | | |
| Fixed and removable orthodontic appliances, occlusal guards, bleaching trays, and fluoride trays | * | | | * | * | | |
| Temporary indirect restorations such as temporary crowns | * | | | * | * | | |
| Take digital scans of prepared teeth for fabrication of permanent indirect restorations | | | | * | * | | |
| Take facebow transfer for mounting study casts | * | | | * | * | | |
| Fabricate and deliver bleaching and fluoride trays | * | | | * | * | | |
| Fabricate, cement, and remove temporary crowns or temporary bridges | * | | | * | * | | |
| Remove the excess cement after the dentists has placed a permanent or temporary inlay, crown, bridge or appliance, or around orthodontic bands | * | | | * | * | | |
| Place a temporary filling (as zinc oxide=eugenol (ZOE)) after diagnosis and examination by the dentist | * | | | * | * | | |
| Pack and medicate extraction areas | * | | | * | * | | |
| Place periodontal packs | * | | | * | * | | |
| Remove periodontal packs or sutures | * | | | * | * | | |
| Select denture shade and mold | * | | | * | * | | |
| Place and remove orthodontic separators | * | | | * | * | | |
| Select and fit orthodontic bands, try in fixed or removable orthodontic appliances prior to the dentist cementing or choking the appliance | * | | | * | * | | |
| Prepare teeth for the bonding of orthodontic appliances | | * | | * | * | | |
| Bond attachments for clear removable orthodontic aligners | | * | | * | * | | |
| Remove and replace archwires and orthodontic wires | | * | | * | * | | |
| Fit and adjust headgear | | * | | * | * | | |

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| Remove fixed orthodontic appliances, orthodontic cement, and orthodontic bonded resin material | | * | | * | * | | |
| Take preliminary and final impressions and bite registrations, to include computer assisted design and computer assisted manufacture applications | | | | * | | | |
| Head and neck examination | * | | | | | | |
| Oral inspection and measuring of periodontal pockets, with no diagnosis | * | | | | | | |
| Apply topical preventive or prophylactic agents | * | | | | | | |
| Polish and smooth restorations | * | | | | | | |
| Oral prophylaxis and removal of deposits and stains from the surface of the teeth | * | | | | | | |
| Perform sub-gingival and supra-gingival scaling | * | | | | | | |
| Perform root planing | * | | | | | | |
| Apply topical anesthetic agents | * | | | | | | |
| Deliver oral antibiotic prophylaxis as prescribed by a dentist | * | | | | | | |
| Perform soft-tissue curettage | | * | | | | | |
| Administer local anesthetic agents and adjunctive procedures; adjunctive procedures include local anesthetic reversal agents and buffered anesthetic | * (patient conditions must be met) | * | | | | | |
| Place restorations into cavity prepared by the dentist, and therefor could carve, contour and adjust contacts and occlusions of the restoration (Place, carve, finish, and polish direct restorations) | | * | | * | | | |
| Administer nitrous oxide analgesia | | * | | | | | |
| Place antimicrobials | | * | | | | | |
| Initiate and discontinue an intravenous line for a patient being prepared to receive intravenous medications, sedation, or general anesthesia | | | | | | * | |
| Adjust the rate of intravenous fluids infusion only to maintain or keep the line patent or open | | | | | | * | |

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| Draw up and prepare medications | | | | | | | * |
| Follow instructions to deliver medications into an intravenous line upon verbal command | | | | | | | * |
| Adjust the rate of intravenous fluids infusion beyond a keep open rate | | | | | | | * |
| Adjust an electronic device to provide medications, such as an infusion pump | | | | | | | * |
| Administer emergency medications to a patient in order to assist the oral and maxillofacial surgeon or dental anesthesiologist in an emergency | | | | | | | * |

Notes:

A credential is not necessary for nonclinical tasks, including taking health histories and chart notes

[Close and General Supervision are defined in WAC 246-817-510](#)

[Direct Visual Supervision is defined in WAC 246-817-710](#)