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Den 401.01 Assistants' Duties.

(a) A dental assistant shall perform the following duties under general supervision, as defined in Den 101.11 and arranged by degree of supervision in Den 302.02:

(1) Sterilize instruments;

(2) Organize and arrange instruments on bracket tables;

(3) Seat patient, place protective materials or garments including the lubrication of such patient's lips;

(4) Reorganize instruments and equipment after the patient has departed;

(5) Process dental radiographs;

(6) Function as a dental laboratory technician;

(7) Perform tests on saliva; and

(8) Train or instruct groups or individual patients in techniques of oral hygiene and mouth care.

(b) A dental assistant shall perform the following duties under direct supervision, as defined Den 101.10 and arranged by degree of supervision in Den 302.02:

(1) Retract a patient's cheek, tongue or other oral tissues during a dental operation;

(2) Assist with the placement or removal of a rubber dam and accessories used for its placement and retention, as directed by an operating dentist during the course of a dental operation;

(3) Remove such debris as is normally created or accumulated during the course of treatment being rendered by a licensed dentist by the use of vacuum devices, compressed air, mouth washes and water; and

(4) Place cotton rolls and topical anesthesia prior to delivery of local anesthesia by a dentist or dental hygienist.

(c) Before qualifying to perform the duties delineated in Den 401.01 (d), any dental assistant, other than a certified dental assistant or graduate dental assistant, shall qualify in infection control in the dental office as stated in Den 302.05 (ag).

(d) A dental assistant shall perform the following duties under "Public Health Supervision" as set forth in Den 302.02 (d)(2) to assist a CPHDH:

(1) Process and sterilize instruments and perform infection control;

(2) Organize and arrange instruments on bracket tables;

(3) Seat patient, place protective materials or garments including the lubrication of such patient's lips;

(4) Reorganize instruments and equipment after the patient has departed the healthcare facility;

(5) Process dental radiographs;

(6) Train or instruct groups or individual patients in techniques of oral hygiene and mouth care;

(7) Retract a patient's cheek, tongue or other oral tissues during a dental hygiene and remove such debris as is normally created or accumulated during the course of treatment being rendered by a CPHDH by the use of vacuum devices, compressed air, mouthwashes and water; and

(8) Assist with the placement or removal of a rubber dam and accessories used for its placement and retention, as directed by an operating CPHDH during the course of a dental hygiene operation.

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