

VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY DELEGATION TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS

<u>DUTIES THAT MAY BE DELEGATED TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS I AND II UNDER INDIRECT SUPERVISION OF A DENTIST</u>	
<u>GENERAL SERVICES</u>	
Prepare patients for treatment/seating/positioning chair/placing napkin	
Perform health assessment	
Preventive education and oral hygiene instruction	
Perform mouth mirror inspection of the oral cavity	
Chart existing restorations and conditions as instructed by the dentist	
Take, record and monitor vital signs	
Transfer dental instruments	
Prepare procedural trays/armamentaria set-ups	
Maintain emergency kit	
Sterilization and disinfection procedures	
Compliance with OSHA Regulations and Centers for Disease Control Guidelines	
Prep lab forms for signature by the dentist	
Maintenance of dental equipment	
Select and manipulate gypsums and waxes	
<u>RADIOLOGY and IMAGING</u>	
Mount and label images	
Place x-ray film and expose radiographs <u>ONLY WITH REQUIRED TRAINING</u>	
Use intraoral camera or scanner to take images for tooth preparation and CAD CAM restorations	
<u>RESTORATIVE SERVICES</u>	
Provide pre- and post operative instructions	
Place and remove dental dam	
Maintain field of operation through use of retraction, suction, irrigation, drying	
Acid Etch - Apply/wash/dry remove only when reversible	
Amalgam: Place only	
Amalgam: Polish only with slow-speed handpiece and prophy cup	
Apply pit and fissure sealants	
Apply and cure primer and bonding agents	
Fabricate, cement, and remove temporary crowns/restorations	
Make impressions and pour and trim study/diagnostic models and opposing models	
Make impressions for athletic/night/occlusal/snore mouthguards and fluoride/bleaching trays	
Matrices - place and remove	
Measure instrument length	
Remove excess cement from coronal surfaces of teeth	
Remove sutures	
Dry canals with paper points	
Mix dental materials	
Place and remove post-extraction dressings/monitor bleeding	
Rubber Dams: Place and remove	
Sterilization and disinfection procedures	
Take bite and occlusal registrations	
<u>HYGIENE</u>	
Apply dentin desensitizing solutions	
Apply fluoride varnish, gels, foams and agents	
Apply pit and fissure sealant	
Address risks of tobacco use	
Give oral hygiene instruction	
Polish coronal portion of teeth with rotary hand piece and rubber prophy cup or brush	
Place and remove periodontal dressings	
Clean and polish removable appliances and prostheses	

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<u>DUTIES THAT MAY BE DELEGATED TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS I AND II UNDER INDIRECT SUPERVISION OF A DENTIST CONTINUED</u>	
<u>ORTHODONTICS</u>	
	Place and remove elastic separators
	Check for loose bands and brackets
	Remove arch wires and ligature ties
	Place ligatures to tie in archwire
	Select and fit bands and brackets for cementation by dentist
	Instruct patients in placement and removal of retainers and appliances after dentist has fitted and made adjustments in the mouth
	Take impressions and make study models for orthodontic treatment and retainers
<u>BLEACHING</u>	
	Take impressions and fabricate bleaching trays
	Apply bleach/whitener
	Bleach with light but not laser
	Instruct pt on bleaching procedures
<u>SEDATION AND ANESTHESIA SERVICES</u>	
	Apply topical Schedule VI anesthetic
	Monitor patient under nitrous oxide
	Monitor patient under minimal sedation/anxiolysis
	Monitor patient under moderate/conscious sedation <u>ONLY WITH REQUIRED TRAINING</u>
	Monitor patient under deep sedation/general anesthesia <u>ONLY WITH REQUIRED TRAINING</u>
	Take blood pressure, pulse and temperature
<u>DUTIES THAT MAY BE DELEGATED TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS I AND II UNDER INDIRECT SUPERVISION OF A DENTAL HYGIENIST</u>	
	Prepare patients for treatment/seating/positioning chair/placing napkin
	Perform health assessment
	Preventive education and oral hygiene instruction
	Transfer dental instruments
	Prepare procedural trays/armamentaria set-ups
	Maintain emergency kit
	Sterilization and disinfection procedures
	Compliance with OSHA Regulations and Centers for Disease Control Guidelines
	Maintenance of dental equipment
	Polish coronal portion of teeth with rotary hand piece and rubber prophy cup or brush
	Place and remove periodontal dressings
	Clean and polish removable appliances and prostheses
	Mount and label images
	Place x-ray film and expose radiographs <u>ONLY WITH REQUIRED TRAINING</u>
<u>DUTIES THAT MAY ONLY BE DELEGATED TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS II UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A DENTIST</u>	
	Condense/pack and carve amalgam
	Place, cure and finish composite resin restorations only with slow-speed handpiece
	Apply base and cavity liners/perform pulp capping procedures
	Final cementation of crowns and bridges after adjustment and fitting by the dentist
	Make final impressions and fabricate master casts
	Place and remove non-epinephrine retraction cord