

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>EEDA General Supervision WAC 246-817-525</i>	<i>EEDA 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>
Oral inspection, with no diagnosis	*			*	*		
Take and record blood pressure and vital signs	*			*	*		
Place, expose, and process radiographs (Take intraoral and extraoral radiographs)	*		*		*		
Take intraoral and extraoral photographs	*			*	*		
Perform coronal polishing. 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 intraorally adjust or finish permanent restorations		*		*	*		
Sterilize equipment and disinfect operatories	*			*	*		
Place retraction cord	*			*	*		
Hold in place and remove impression materials after the dentist has placed them		*		*	*		

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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 a 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 such 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		*		*	*		
Remove fixed orthodontic appliances, orthodontic cement, and orthodontic bonded resin material		*		*	*		

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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 surfaces of the teeth	*						
Perform subgingival and supragingival 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. <b>(Conditions must be met for general supervision)</b>	(see conditions in notes)	*					
Place restorations into the cavity prepared by the dentist, and thereafter could carve, contour, and adjust contacts and occlusion 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						*	
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							*

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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 non-clinical tasks.*

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

[Direct Visual Supervision is defined in WAC 246-817-771](#)

**General supervision conditions for administering local anesthetic:**

- The patient is at least eighteen years of age.
- The patient has been examined by the delegating dentist within the previous twelve months.
- There has been no change in the patient's medical history since the last examination. If there has been a change in the patient's medical history within that time, the dental hygienist must consult with the dentist before administering local anesthetics.
- The delegating dentist who performed the examination has approved the patient for the administration of local anesthetics by a dental hygienist under general supervision and documented this approval in the patient's record.

**If any of these conditions are not met, then close supervision is required.**