

SUBCHAPTER 16G - DENTAL HYGIENISTS

SECTION .0100 - FUNCTIONS THAT MAY BE DELEGATED

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A dental hygienist may be delegated functions to be performed under the control and supervision of a dentist who shall be responsible for any and all consequences or results arising from performance of such acts and functions. In addition to the functions set out in G.S. 90-221(a) and 21 NCAC 16H .0203, functions that may be delegated to a dental hygienist, provided that a dentist has examined the patient and prescribed the procedure, include:

- (1) Taking impressions for study models and opposing casts that may be used for the construction of temporary or permanent dental appliances, adjustable orthodontic appliances, nightguards, and the repair of dentures or partials;
- (2) Applying sealants to teeth that do not require mechanical alteration prior to the application of such sealants;
- (3) Inserting matrix bands and wedges;
- (4) Placing cavity bases and liners;
- (5) Placing and removing rubber dams;
- (6) Cementing temporary restorations using temporary cement;
- (7) Applying acid etch materials and rinses;
- (8) Applying bonding agents;
- (9) Removing periodontal dressings;
- (10) Removing sutures;
- (11) Placing and removing gingival retraction cord;
- (12) Removing excess cement;
- (13) Flushing, drying, and temporarily closing root canals;
- (14) Placing and removing temporary restorations;
- (15) Placing and tying in or untying and removing orthodontic arch wires;
- (16) Inserting interdental spacers;
- (17) Fitting (sizing) orthodontic bands or brackets;
- (18) Applying dentin desensitizing solutions;
- (19) Performing periodontal screening;
- (20) Performing periodontal probing;
- (21) Performing subgingival exploration for or removal of hard or soft deposits;
- (22) Performing sulcular irrigation;
- (23) Applying resorbable sulcular antimicrobial or antibiotic agents;
- (24) Performing extra-oral adjustments that affect function, fit, or occlusion of any restoration or appliance; and
- (25) Initially forming and sizing orthodontic arch wires and placing arch wires after final adjustment and approval by the dentist.

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