

SUBCHAPTER 16G - DENTAL HYGIENISTS

SECTION .0100 - FUNCTIONS THAT MAY BE DELEGATED

21 NCAC 16G .0101 FUNCTIONS THAT MAY BE DELEGATED

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 the dentist first examined the patient and prescribed the procedure include:

- (1) performing periodontal screening;
- (2) performing periodontal probing;
- (3) performing subgingival exploration for or removal of hard or soft deposits;
- (4) performing sulcular irrigation;
- (5) applying resorbable sulcular antimicrobial or antibiotic agents;
- (6) using ultrasonic scalers for prophylaxis;
- (7) performing scaling and root planning;
- (8) applying oral cancer screening products in preparation for the dentist's examination and diagnosis of oral cancer;
- (9) using laser fluorescence detectors in preparation for the dentist's examination and diagnosis of cavities;
- (10) applying resin infiltration treatment for incipient smooth surface lesions, following the dentist's diagnosis that the lesion is non-penetrable; or
- (11) applying silver diamine fluoride.

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