

## **21 NCAC 16G .0103 PROCEDURES PROHIBITED**

Those procedures that require the professional education and skill of a dentist and may not be delegated to a dental hygienist shall include:

- (1) Comprehensive examination, diagnosis, and treatment planning;
- (2) Surgical or cutting procedures on hard or soft tissues, including laser, air abrasion, or micro-abrasion procedures;
- (3) Placement or removal of therapeutic sulcular nonresorbable agents;
- (4) The issuance of prescription drugs, medications, or work authorizations;
- (5) Final placement or intraoral adjustment of a fixed or removable appliance;
- (6) Intraoral occlusal adjustments which affect function, fit, or occlusion of any temporary or permanent restoration or appliance;
- (7) Extra-oral occlusal adjustments which affect function, fit, or occlusion of any permanent restoration or appliance;
- (8) Performance of direct pulp capping or pulpotomy;
- (9) Placement of sutures;
- (10) Final placement or cementation of orthodontic bands or brackets;
- (11) Placement or cementation of final restorations;
- (12) Administration of any anesthetic by any route except the administration of topically-applied agents intended to anesthetize only cutaneous tissue; and
- (13) Intraoral use of a high-speed handpiece.

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