

**SECTION .0200 – PERMITTED FUNCTIONS OF DENTAL ASSISTANT**

**21 NCAC 16H .0201 GENERAL PERMITTED FUNCTIONS OF DENTAL ASSISTANT I**

(a) A Dental Assistant I may assist a dentist as a chairside assistant provided that the acts and functions of the Dental Assistant I do not constitute the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene as set out in G.S. 90-29(b) and G.S. 90-221(a).

(b) A Dental Assistant I may perform only routine dental assisting procedures such as oral hygiene instruction, chairside assisting, application of topical fluorides or topical anesthetics, and exposure of radiographs, provided that the assistant can show compliance with radiography training consistent with G.S. 90-29(c)(12).

(c) Functions of a Dental Assistant II also may be delegated to a Dental Assistant I in accordance with 21 NCAC 16H .0104(b).

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-29(c)(9); 90-48;  
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