

1 Board of Dentistry

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3 Adopted Rules Relating to Dental Hygienists

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5 Rules as Adopted

6 3100.8400 ASSISTANTS.

7 Subpart 1. Permissible duties. Assistants may: perform
8 all those duties not directly related with performing dental
9 treatment or services on patients; retract a patient's cheek,
10 tongue, or other parts of tissue during a dental operation;
11 assist with the placement or removal of a rubber dam and
12 accessories used for its placement and retention, as directed by
13 an operating dentist during the course of a dental operation;
14 remove such debris as is normally created or accumulated during
15 the course of treatment being rendered by a licensed dentist
16 during or after operative procedures by the dentist by the use
17 of vacuum devices, compressed air, mouthwash, and water; provide
18 any assistance, including the placement of articles and topical
19 medication in a patient's oral cavity, in response to a specific
20 direction to do so by a licensed dentist who is then and there
21 actually engaged in performing a dental operation as defined in
22 the act and who is then actually in a position to give personal
23 supervision to the rendition of this assistance; and aid dental
24 hygienists and registered dental assistants in the performance
25 of their duties as defined in subpart 2 and parts 3100.8600 and
26 3100.8700.

27 Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

28 Subp. 3. [Unchanged.]

29 3100.8500 REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANTS.

30 Subpart 1. Permissible duties. Registered dental
31 assistants in addition to services performed by the assistant
32 may perform the following services under the indirect
33 supervision of a dentist:

34 A. to D. [Unchanged.]

35 E. remove excess cement from inlays, crowns, bridges,

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1 and orthodontic appliances with hand instruments only;

2 F. perform mechanical polishing to clinical crowns
3 not including instrumentation. Removal of calculus by
4 instrumentation must be done by the dentist or dental
5 hygienist prior to performance of mechanical polishing;

6 G. to K. [Unchanged.]

7 Subp. 2. [Unchanged.]

8 Subp. 3. **Limited registration.** A dental assistant, who by
9 virtue of academic achievement which is equal to or greater than
10 that of a registered dental assistant, and is currently
11 qualified in Minnesota in an allied health profession may take
12 dental radiographs under the indirect supervision of a dentist
13 if the person complies with the requirements of this subpart.
14 The person shall file with the board a completed application on
15 a form furnished by the board and the fee prescribed in part
16 3100.2000, subpart 7. In addition, the person shall submit
17 evidence of the successful completion of a course on dental
18 radiographs and of passing an examination. The course must be
19 board-approved. The course shall be equivalent to the dental
20 radiograph courses offered by dental assisting courses approved
21 by the board under part 3100.1300, item B. The examination must
22 be the radiograph part of the examination which is required of
23 registered dental assistant applicants.

24 3100.8700 DENTAL HYGIENISTS.

25 Subpart 1. **Permissible duties.** Dental hygienists may
26 perform the following services under the general supervision of
27 a dentist:

28 A. [Unchanged.]

29 B. complete prophylaxis to include scaling, root
30 planing, soft tissue curettage, polishing of restorations, and
31 temporary replacement of restorations;

32 C. [Unchanged.]

33 D. dietary analysis, salivary analysis, and
34 preparation of smears for dental health purposes; and

35 E. application of pit and fissure sealants.

36 Subp. 2. **Other duties.** Dental hygienists, under the

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1 indirect supervision of a licensed dentist, may remove marginal
2 overhangs.

3 Subp. 3. Other duties prohibited. No dental hygienist may
4 perform any other dental treatment or procedure on patients not
5 authorized by these parts.

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7 RENUMBER. In Minnesota Rules, part 3100.2000, subpart 7
8 renumber part 3100.8400, subpart 2 as part 3100.8500, subpart 3.

9 REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, ~~part~~ parts 3100.8400, subpart
10 2, and 3100.8600 is are repealed.

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