

Chapter DE 5**DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND DENTAL ASSISTANTS**

DE 5.01 Requirements

DE 5.02 Permitted assistants

History: Chapter DE 5 as it existed on April 30, 1972 was repealed and a new chapter DE 5 was created, Register, April, 1972, No. 196, effective May 1, 1972.

DE 5.01 Requirements. (1) Whoever engages in the practice of dental hygiene shall keep his current registration conspicuously displayed.

(2) A dental hygienist must practice under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, in a dental facility, who shall be responsible for any act or injury committed. A dentist must be in such proximity whereby his presence could be obtained within a reasonable period of time so as to provide care to the patient.

(3) A dental hygienist may not administer or prescribe anesthetics, general or local, and may not administer or prescribe narcotic or nonnarcotic systemic effect drugs.

(4) A dental hygienist may not adjust appliances.

(5) A dental hygienist may not diagnose any condition of the hard or soft tissues of the oral cavity or prescribe treatment to modify normal or pathological conditions of these tissues, but may present findings to the dentist only.

(6) The practice of dental hygiene defined: Without limitation by reason of specific enumeration, any person is deemed to be "practicing dental hygiene" who engages in any of the practices, techniques or procedures included in the curricula of recognized dental hygiene schools or colleges approved by the board, and are not in conflict with these rules.

(7) The examining board may revoke a certificate of registration upon the failure of the holder thereof to pay the annual renewal fee, upon giving said holder 60 days notice in writing of such proposed revocation. Notice shall be sufficient when sent to the last known address of the holder.

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DE 5.02 Permitted assistants. Dentists may have assistants other than dental hygienists. The dentist shall be responsible for any act or injury committed by assistants.

(1) Such assistants may perform the following:

(a) Any mechanical work upon inert matter in a dental office or laboratory.

(b) Assist the dentist under his direction, except as to those services prohibited under Wis. Adm. Code section DE 5.01 (2) (a) thru (g).

(2) Such assistants may not initiate or perform:

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(a) Procedures allocated by the dental law to certified dental hygienists.

(b) Any services in the oral cavity in the absence of the dentist from the dental facility.

(c) Any duty that could result in an irreversible biologic process.

(d) The diagnosing, prescribing treatment, treatment of any condition to modify normal or pathological conditions of the hard or soft tissues of the oral cavity.

(e) The administration or prescription of anesthetics, general or local, or administration or prescription of narcotic or non-narcotic systemic effect drugs.

(f) Any procedure which requires professional judgment and skill.

(g) Any expanded procedure or service unless he is certified for that function by virtue of his attendance at a school approved by the board.

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