

Chapter DE 12
DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS TO UNLICENSED PERSONS

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DE 12.01 Nondelegated functions. A dentist may not delegate any dental procedure of any description to an unlicensed person if the procedure or function to be delegated is any of the following:

(1) Of a character which may cause damage to the patient’s teeth or oral cavity which cannot be remedied without professional intervention.

(2) Of a character which may cause adverse or unintended general systemic reaction.

(3) Intended, interpreted, or represented to be preliminary assessments, dental hygiene treatment planning, oral screenings, supragingival, or subgingival calculus removal.

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DE 12.02 Training. A dentist who delegates any remedia-

ble dental procedure or function to an unlicensed person shall first provide training to or verify competency of the person in the performance of the procedure or function.

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DE 12.03 Reporting violations. (1) A licensee shall report to the board any dentist who is improperly delegating the performance of any dental procedure or function to an unlicensed person, or is delegating to a person performing any dental procedure or function in a manner which is less than minimally competent.

(2) A licensee who fails to report the circumstances as specified in sub. (1) constitutes aiding and abetting the violation of a law substantially related to the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene, and shall be in violation of s. DE 5.02 (20), (21), or (22).

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