

## Chapter DE 3 PRACTICE OF DENTAL HYGIENE

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**Note:** Chapter DE 3 as it existed on February 28, 1982 was repealed and a new chapter DE 3 was created effective March 1, 1982.

**DE 3.01 Supervision.** A dental hygienist shall practice under the supervision of a licensed dentist in a dental facility or a facility specified in s. 447.08 (4), Stats., if applicable.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1982, No. 314, eff. 3-1-82.

### DE 3.02 Practice of dental hygiene defined.

(1) Those practices a dental hygienist may perform while a dentist is present in the dental facility include:

- (a) Performing complete prophylaxis which may include:
  1. Removing calcareous deposits, accretions and stains from the surface of teeth;
  2. Performing deep periodontal scaling, including root planing;
  3. Polishing natural and restored tooth surfaces.
- (b) Placing temporary restorations in teeth in emergency situations.
- (c) Placing in an oral cavity:
  1. Rubber dams; and
  2. Periodontal surgical dressings.
- (d) Removing from an oral cavity:
  1. Rubber dams;
  2. Periodontal surgical dressings; and
  3. Sutures.
- (e) Removing excess cement from teeth, inlays, crowns, bridges and fixed orthodontic appliances.

(2) Those practices a dental hygienist may perform whether or not a dentist is present in the dental facility include:

- (a) Preparing specimens for dietary or salivary analysis;
- (b) Taking impressions for and fabricating study casts and opposing casts;
- (c) Making and processing dental radiograph exposures;
- (d) Conducting a preliminary examination of the oral cavity and surrounding structures which may include preparing case histories and recording clinical findings for the dentist to review;
- (e) Providing prevention measures, including application of fluorides and other topical agents approved by the American dental association for the prevention of oral disease.

(3) A dental hygienist shall report clinical findings made in the practice of dental hygiene to the supervising dentist.

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**DE 3.03 Prohibited practices.** A dental hygienist may not:

- (1) Administer or prescribe, either narcotic or analgesics or systemic-affecting nonnarcotic drugs, or anesthetics.
- (2) Place or adjust dental appliances.
- (3) Diagnose any condition of the hard or soft tissues of the oral cavity or prescribe treatment to modify normal or pathological conditions of the tissues.
- (4) Place and carve restorations, except as specified in s. DE 3.02 (1) (b).

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