

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
 DELEGATION TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS**

<u>DUTIES THAT MAY BE DELEGATED TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS I AND II UNDER INDIRECT SUPERVISION OF A DENTIST</u>
<u>GENERAL SERVICES</u>
Prepare patients for treatment/seating/positioning chair/placing napkin
Perform health assessment
Preventive education and oral hygiene instruction
Perform mouth mirror inspection of the oral cavity
Chart existing restorations and conditions as instructed by the dentist
Take, record and monitor vital signs
Transfer dental instruments
Prepare procedural trays/armamentaria set-ups
Maintain emergency kit
Sterilization and disinfection procedures
Compliance with OSHA Regulations and Centers for Disease Control Guidelines
Prep lab forms for signature by the dentist
Maintenance of dental equipment
Select and manipulate gypsums and waxes
<u>RADIOLOGY and IMAGING</u>
Mount and label images
Place x-ray film and expose radiographs ONLY WITH REQUIRED TRAINING
Use intraoral camera or scanner to take images for tooth preparation and CAD CAM restorations
<u>RESTORATIVE SERVICES</u>
Provide pre- and post operative instructions
Maintain field of operation through use of retraction, suction, irrigation, drying
Acid Etch - Apply/wash/dry remove only when reversible
Amalgam: Place only
Amalgam: Polish only with slow-speed handpiece and prophy cup
Apply pit and fissure sealants
Apply and cure primer and bonding agents
Fabricate, cement, and remove temporary crowns/restorations
Make impressions and pour and trim study/diagnostic models and opposing models
Make impressions for athletic/night/occlusal/snore mouthguards and fluoride/bleaching trays
Matrices - place and remove
Measure instrument length
Remove excess cement from coronal surfaces of teeth, using a non-cutting instrument
Remove sutures
Dry canals with paper points
Mix dental materials
Place and remove post-extraction dressings/monitor bleeding
Rubber Dams: Place and remove
Sterilization and disinfection procedures
Take bite and occlusal registrations
<u>HYGIENE</u>
Apply dentin desensitizing solutions
Apply fluoride varnish, gels, foams and agents
Address risks of tobacco use
Give oral hygiene instruction
Polish coronal portion of teeth with slow-speed hand piece and rubber prophy cup or brush
Place and remove periodontal dressings
Clean and polish removable appliances and prostheses

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ORTHODONTICS
Place and remove elastic separators
Check for loose bands and brackets
Remove arch wires and ligature ties
Place ligatures to tie in archwire
Select and fit bands and brackets for cementation by dentist
Instruct patients in placement and removal of retainers and appliances after dentist has fitted and made adjustments in the mouth
Take impressions and make study models for orthodontic treatment and retainers
BLEACHING
Take impressions and fabricate bleaching trays
Apply bleach/whitener
Bleach with light but not laser
Instruct pt on bleaching procedures
SEDATION AND ANESTHESIA SERVICES
Apply topical Schedule VI anesthetic
Monitor patient under nitrous oxide
Monitor patient under minimal sedation/anxiolysis
Monitor patient under moderate/conscious sedation ONLY WITH REQUIRED TRAINING
Monitor patient under deep sedation/general anesthesia ONLY WITH REQUIRED TRAINING
Take blood pressure, pulse and temperature
DUTIES THAT MAY BE DELEGATED TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS I AND II UNDER INDIRECT SUPERVISION OF A DENTAL HYGIENIST
Prepare patients for treatment/seating/positioning chair/placing napkin
Perform health assessment
Preventive education and oral hygiene instruction
Transfer dental instruments
Prepare procedural trays/armamentaria set-ups
Maintain emergency kit
Sterilization and disinfection procedures
Compliance with OSHA Regulations and Centers for Disease Control Guidelines
Maintenance of dental equipment
Polish coronal portion of teeth with slow-speed hand piece and rubber prophy cup or brush
Place and remove periodontal dressings
Clean and polish removable appliances and prostheses
Mount and label images
Place x-ray film and expose radiographs ONLY WITH REQUIRED TRAINING
DUTIES THAT MAY ONLY BE DELEGATED TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS II UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A DENTIST
Condense/pack and carve amalgam
Place, cure and finish composite resin restorations only with slow-speed handpiece
Apply base and cavity liners/perform indirect pulp capping procedures
Final cementation of crowns and bridges after adjustment and fitting by the dentist
Make final impressions and fabricate master casts
Place and remove non-epinephrine retraction cord