



Dental Hygienist

Job Description:

Dental Hygienist conduct initial patient screenings, cleaning teeth (e.g., removing plaque) and advising patients on oral health and preventative care. You will also help dentists decide treatments for teeth or gum diseases and handle dental emergencies. Helping dentist chair side as they perform skilled dental procedures. Duties include but are not limited to:

- Assists in the oral health management of all clinic patients.
- Obtains baseline oral hygiene assessment data based upon accepted principles of oral hygiene and periodontal care.
- Provides oral health education and appropriate individual counseling for all center dental patients.
- Integration of appropriate patient dental hygiene care with other health care professionals involved in the patient's health care management.
- Organizes and performs preventive oral health presentations at on-site and off-site locations.
- Assists in the provision of technical assistance and health education in the community as requested.
- Performs independent procedures as delegated and directed by a dentist in accordance with state regulations and law as well as Dental Department protocol and directive.
- Assists in the maintenance of all Dental Department areas in compliance with
- Dental Department directive and policies as well as center policies and procedures relative to infection control, exposure control and safety issues.
- Receives and places necessary telephone calls consistent with professional matters, clinic business and patient care of the Dental Department.
- Assists with various clinical and administrative functions of the center as appropriate and time permits.
- Insures the proper disposal of all contaminated or potentially contaminated materials in accordance with Dental Department directive and center policy as well as state federal regulations(s).
- Complies in full with the center's Exposure Control Plan.

Qualifications:

- High School Diploma or GED.
- Graduate of an accredited Dental Hygiene program