

JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: Registered Dental Assistant

DEPARTMENT: Dental

REPORTS TO: Dentist

POSITION OVERVIEW: Registered Dental Assistant performs duties such as: prepare the patient for the treatment, assist the dentist in performing treatment for the patient in restorative dentistry or oral surgery, prepare materials and equipment for treatment and have them ready for the dentist's use, take x-rays and assist the dentist in laboratory work. May perform other related work to include, but not limited to, making appointments, answer the phone, ordering supplies and doing the dental billing.

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Greets patients in waiting area and escorts patients to vitalling area to record patient's vital signs.
2. Assists the dentist in the administration of treatment at the chair side as required or directed by the dentist.
3. Promotes an atmosphere supportive of good dental and general health by demonstrating good oral hygiene, questioning patients to ascertain home care status, instructing patients in techniques of flossing and brushing in accordance with protocol.
4. Maintain a sterile and neat working environment according to current infection control procedures.
5. Review the health history, make chart entries under the direction of the operator and assure completion of forms and signatures.
6. Assume the responsibility associated with any expanded duties that may be delegated by the dentist.
7. Familiar the patient with the aspects of their dental visit and provide support and compassion to that patient when it is needed.
8. Stock operatories and maintain clinical supply inventory.
9. Review daily schedule to set up appropriate trays and instruments.
10. Assist in front office procedures if time allows or need is determined by the Associate Dental Director or Dentist.
11. Supervise preventive maintenance of dental equipment.
12. Serves as supply liaison. Communicates with purchasing department and vendors to assure prompt receipt of all orders.
13. May perform the following procedures:
 - a. Obtain endodontic cultures.
 - b. Dry canals, previously opened by the supervising dentist, with absorbent points.
 - c. Test pulp vitality.

- d. Place bases and liners on sound dentin.
 - e. Remove excess cement from supragingival surfaces of teeth with hand instrument or floss.
 - f. Size stainless steel crowns, temporary crowns and bands.
 - g. Temporary cementation and removal of temporary crowns and removal of orthodontic bands.
 - h. Placement of orthodontic separators.
 - i. Placement and ligation of arch wires.
 - j. Placement of post-extraction and periodontal dressings.
 - k. Take bite registrations for diagnostic models for case study only.
 - l. Coronal polishing.
- 14. Promotes and believes in NHSI mission statement "Health for All".
 - 15. Ability to relate to the public regardless of ethnic, religion and economic status.
 - 16. All other job duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1. High school graduate (or GED).
- 2. Fluent in spoken and written Spanish.
- 3. Proof of completing radiation safety course.
- 4. One-year experience as a registered dental assistant.
- 5. Certification as a Registered Dental Assistant required.
- 6. Certificate for coronal polishing recommended.
- 7. Demonstrate knowledge of dental health education subjects.
- 8. Ability to complete forms in an orderly and accurate fashion.
- 9. Able to use sound judgment. Possess a calm disposition and the ability to work easily with people.
- 10. Familiar with computer based dental recording and charting.
- 11. Proficient at digital radiographs.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY QUALIFICATIONS:

See above requirements.