

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

DENTAL AUXILIARIES PERMISSIBLE PROCEDURES CHART- MARCH 17, 2020

DA = DENTAL ASSISTANT (No formal classroom or certification required)

DAQO = DENTAL ASSISTANT QUALIFIED IN ORTHODONTICS

DAQGD = DENTAL ASSISTANT QUALIFIED IN GENERAL DENTISTRY

RDH = REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST

See last page for further explanation of permissible duties

PROCEDURE	DA	DAQO	DAQGD	RDH
Adjust occlusion of natural tooth, restoration or appliance - intraorally	NO	NO	NO	NO
Anesthesia, Local* – administration (by infiltration and by inferior alveolar nerve block)	NO	NO	NO	YES*
Anesthesia Topical - application	YES	YES	YES	YES
Apply Silver Diamine Fluoride	NO	NO	NO	YES
Arch wire adjustment	NO	NO	NO	NO
Arch wire placement and removal	NO	YES	NO	YES
Athletic Mouthguards, bleaching trays, fluoride trays, impression trays, nightguards – fabricate on models	NO	YES	YES	YES
Bite registration	NO	YES	YES	YES
Bleaching - tray	NO	YES	YES	YES
Bleaching – Internal or Laser	NO	NO	NO	NO
Bleaching – High Intensity light (ie: zoom / bright smile etc.)	NO	NO	NO	YES
Bonding agents - apply	NO	YES	YES	YES
Vital signs (blood pressure /pulse readings – take and record)	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cement excess - removal	NO	YES	YES	YES

PROCEDURE	DA	DAQO	DAQGD	RDH
Cement permanent crown or restorations	NO	NO	NO	NO
Cement temporary crown or restoration	NO	NO	YES	YES
Cementing of Orthodontic bands, placement of Bonded attachments or the removal of Cemented or bonded orthodontic bands and attachments	NO	YES	NO	YES
Cotton rolls – place and remove	YES	YES	YES	YES
Crown – stainless steel prepare and fit	NO	NO	YES	YES
Crown – temporary – fabricate and or remove	NO	NO	YES	YES
Curettage – (Manual)	NO	NO	NO	YES
Delivery of restorative material with dentist at chairside	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dental examination - preliminary	NO	NO	NO	YES
Desensitizing agents - application	NO	YES	YES	YES
Elastics and ligatures - placement	NO	YES	NO	YES
Etch teeth	NO	YES	YES	YES
Expose film, by pushing x-ray button	NO**	NO**	NO**	YES
Fabricate indirect restorations in a lab	NO	NO	YES	YES
Fluoride application - rinse or foam tray Fluoride varnish	YES	YES	YES	YES
Fluoride application – silver diamine fluoride	NO	NO	NO	YES
Light curing	YES	YES	YES	YES
Glucose Monitoring***	NO	NO	NO	YES***

PROCEDURE	DA	RDH	DAQGD	RDH	D
Handpiece – use of high speed - intraorally	NO	NO	NO	NO	
Headgear selection	NO	YES	NO	YES	
Impressions – alginate for intraoral appliances	NO	YES	YES	YES	
Impressions alginate for study models / diagnostic casts	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Loose bands – check for	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Matrix bands – place and remove	NO	NO	YES	YES	
Nitrous Oxide – monitor ONLY*	NO	NO	NO	YES*	
Nitrous Oxide – administer*	NO	NO	NO	YES*	
Oral Hygiene instructions	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Oral Cancer Screenings – Luminescent Technologies ie: Velscope / Vizilite / Microlux-DL / Orascoptic DK	NO	NO	NO	YES	
Oral Cancer Screenings – visual and palpation	NO	NO	NO	YES	
Oral Cancer - Tissue /cell removal – biopsy procedures Brush biopsy (oral cdx)	NO	NO	NO	YES	
Oral Cancer - Tissue /cell removal – biopsy procedures Scalpel / dental laser	NO	NO	NO	NO	
Ortho bands prepare and fit	NO	YES	NO	YES	
Perio Dressing - removal	NO	NO	YES	YES	
Perio Dressing – original placement	NO	NO	NO	YES	
Perio Dressing – subsequent placement	NO	NO	YES	YES	

PROCEDURE	DA	DAQO	DAQGD	RDH
Photography (not conventional or digital x-ray)	YES	YES	YES	YES
Place film in mouth	NO**	NO**	NO**	YES
Placement and removal of materials for the isolation of the dentition, provided that the material is not retained by the dentition	YES	YES	YES	YES
Placement and removal of rubber dam	NO	NO	YES	YES
Placement of Liquid dam	NO	NO	NO	YES
Polish teeth or restorations	NO	NO	NO	YES
Restorative Materials – condense /carve /finish	NO	NO	NO	NO
Retraction cord – place and remove	NO	NO	YES	YES
Retraction of lips/ cheek/ tongue and flaps	YES	YES	YES	YES
Rinsing and aspiration	YES	YES	YES	YES
Root canals - dry	NO	NO	YES	YES
Scale and root plane	NO	NO	NO	YES
Sealants – pit and fissure	NO	NO	NO	YES
Socket dressing – apply and remove	NO	NO	NO	YES
Subgingival medicaments - placement	NO	NO	NO	YES
Suture placement	NO	NO	NO	NO
Suture removal	NO	NO	YES	YES
Temporary restoration – intracoronal - removal	NO	NO	NO	NO
Temporary restoration placement	NO	NO	YES	YES
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	NO	NO	YES	YES

Vitality Tests

Wedges – place and remove	NO	NO	YES	YES
X-rays – exposure after prescribed by a dentist	NO**	NO**	NO**	YES

IMPORTANT NOTES

DAQO and **DAQGD** are Maryland certifications awarded by the Dental Assisting National Board after completion of required classroom hours and passing the appropriate DANB examination. The Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners will issue certificates after notice from the DANB that the candidate has passed the examinations. No renewal of the certifications are presently required.

DA: No formal classroom or certification required. On the job training permissible.

DAQO: In addition to duties of DAQO, may perform duties of DA.

DAQGD: In addition to duties of DAQGD, may perform duties of DA.

Certified Dental Assistant (CDA): Certified by the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) as a certified Dental Assistant. Required classroom hours and passage of DANB examination. May perform duties of DA and DAQGD. Although a CDA has passed the DANB Radiation Health and Safety Examination, a CDA may not place or expose dental radiographs until the CDA has been certified by the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners as a Dental Radiation Technologist. See paragraph below.

NOTICE REGARDING PLACEMENT AND EXPOSURE OF DENTAL RADIOGRAPHS: a **DA**, a **DAQO**, a **DAQGD**, and a **CDA** may **NOT** place or expose dental radiographs in Maryland without separate certification issued by the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners as a Dental Radiation Technologist. Candidate must complete the required number of classroom hours, pass the DANB examination, apply to the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners, pay the required fee, and receive certification by the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners as a Dental Radiation Technologist. The Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners issues a biennial certification that must be renewed. **ONLY DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS MAY PLACE OR EXPOSE DENTAL RADIOGRAPHS WITHOUT CERTIFICATION BY THE MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS AS A DENTAL RADIATION TECHNOLOGIST.** Note that conventional digital camera photography may be taken without the need of certification by the DANB or the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners.

***With appropriate permit issued by the Dental Board.**

****Only with a Dental Radiation Technology Certificate issued by the Board.**

*****Glucose Monitoring:** May be performed by a dental hygienist in a private dental office under the general supervision of a dentist once the dental hygienist has been properly trained. Results must be provided to the supervising dentist who must make the final diagnosis.

Preliminary Requirements for Glucose Monitoring by Dental Hygienists

A Maryland State Compliance Application and a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Application for Certification must first be submitted to the Maryland Office of Health Care Quality by the owner/director of the dental office, and approved before testing is performed by either a dentist or a dental hygienist. There is a fee associated with the CLIA application.

Waived testing, such as glucose monitoring by glucometer, is testing that employs specific test methods designated under the CLIA of the Food and Drug Administration as “Waived.” Sites performing only waived testing must have a CLIA certificate of waiver and follow the manufacturer’s instructions; other CLIA requirements do not apply to these testing sites.

Access the applications by visiting www.health.maryland.gov/ohcq>Programs>Laboratories>Licensure> where you will see the subcategory “Initial Laboratory License.”

After reviewing the applications any questions should be directed to:

Office of Health Care Quality
Laboratories
7120 Samuel Morse Drive
Second Floor
Columbia, Maryland 21046
410-402-8025