

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

DENTAL AUXILIARIES PERMISSIBLE PROCEDURES CHART- March 20, 2019

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 |
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| 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 |

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| Cement excess - removal | NO | YES | YES | YES |
| 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 |
| Handpiece – use of high speed - intraorally | NO | NO | NO | NO |

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| Headgear selection | NO | YES | NO | YES |
| Impressions – alginate for intraoral appliances | NO | YES | YES | YES |
| Impressions alginate/digital 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 / Orasoptic 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 |
| Photography (not conventional or digital x-ray) | YES | YES | YES | YES |
| Place film in mouth | NO** | NO** | NO** | YES |

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| 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 |
| Vitality Tests | NO | NO | YES | YES |
| Wedges – place and remove | NO | NO | YES | YES |

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| X-rays – exposure after prescribed by a dentist | NO** | NO** | NO** | YES |
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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 by all dental auxiliaries** 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.**