

Dental Hygiene Practice Act Overview: Permitted Functions and Supervision Levels by State

| Function | AL | AK | AZ | AR | CA | CO | CT | DE | DC | FL | GA | HI | ID | IL | IN | IA | KS |
|---------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|----|----|----------------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Prophylaxis | D | G/A | G/A | G/A | G/A | A | G/A | G | G | G/A | D/G | D/G | G | G | D/G | G/A | G/A |
| X-Rays | D | G/A | G/A | G | G/A | A | G/A | G | G | G | | D/G | G | G | D/G | G/A | G |
| Local Anesthesia | | G/A | D | D | D | G | D | | D | D ³ | | D | G | D | D | D | D |
| Topical Anesthesia | D | G/A | G/A | | G/A | A | G/A | G | G | G | D | D/G | G | G | D | G/A | G/A |
| Fluoride | D | G/A | G/A | G/A | G/A | A | G/A | G | G | G/A | D | D/G | G | G | D/G | G/A | G/A |
| Pit/Fissure Sealants | D | G/A | G/A | G/A | G/A | A | G/A | G | G | G/A | D | D/G | G | G | D | G/A | G |
| Root Planing | D | G/A | G | D | G/A | G | G/A | G | G | ID | D | D/G | G | G | D | G/A | G |
| Soft Tissue Curettage | D | G | G | D | D | G | | G | G | D | D | D/G | | G | | | G |
| Administer N2O | | D | D | D | D | D | | | D | | | | ID | D | | D | G |
| Study Cast Impressions | D | G | G | G | G/A | A | G/A | G | G | ID | D | D/G | G | G | D | G | G |
| Place Perio Dressings | D | G | D | | G/A | G | G/A | G | D | G | D | D/G | G | | D | G | G |
| Remove Perio Dressings | D | G | D | | G/A | G | G/A | G | D | G | D | D/G | G | G | D | G | G |
| Place Sutures | | | D | | | | | | | | | D/G | | | | | |
| Remove Sutures | D | G | G | | G/A | G | G/A | G | D | G | D | D/G | G | G | D | G | G |
| Dental Hygiene Diagnosis | | | | | | A | G | | | | | | | | | | |
| Treatment Planning | | | | | G/A | A | | | | | | | | | | G | G/A |
| Dental Hygiene Assessment | | | | | | | | | | | | | G | | | | |
| Prescriptive Authority | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Administer N2O | D | D | | | | D | G | D | D | | | D/G | D | D | | p | |
| Study Cast Impressions | G | D | G/A | G | G/A | G/A | G | | G | G | G | G/A | G | D | G | G/CP | D/G |
| Place Perio Dressings | G | D | D | G | G/A | G/A | G | | G | G | G | G/A | | D | | p | |
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| Dental Hygiene Diagnosis | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Treatment Planning | | | | | | | | | | | | G/A | | | | G/CP | |
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