

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
Oral Prophylaxis	D	G/A/CP	G/A	G/A/CP	G/A	A	G/A	G	G	G/A	D/G	D/G	G	G	D/G/A	G/A	G/A
X-Rays	D	G/A/CP	G/A	G	G/A	A	G/A	G	G	G	D/G	D/G	G	G	D/G/A	G/A	G
Local Anesthesia		G/A/CP	D/G	D	D	G	ID		D	D ³	D ³	D	G	D	D	D	D
Topical Anesthesia	D	G/A/CP	G/A	CP	G/A	A	G/A	G	G	G	D	D/G	G	G	D	G/A	G/A
Fluoride	D	G/A/CP	G/A	G/A/CP	G/A	A	G/A	G	G	G/A	D/G	D/G	G	G	D/G/A	G/A	G/A
Pit/Fissure Sealants	D	G/A/CP	G/A	G/A/CP	G/A	A	G/A	G	G	G/A	D/G	D/G	G	G	D/G/A	G/A	G
Scaling and Root Planing	D	G/A/CP	G	D	G/A	A	G/A	G	G	G	D	D/G	G	G	D/G/A	G/A	G
Soft Tissue Curettage	D	G	G	D	D	A		G	G	D	D	D/G	D/G	G			G
Administer N2O		D	D	D	D	D			D				ID	D	D	D	G
Study Cast Impressions	D	G	G	G	G/A	A	G/A	G	D	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/A/CP		CP		A							G				
Prescriptive Authority		A				A											

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Scaling and Root Planing	G/A	D	G/A	G	G/A	G/A	G/A	D	G	G/A	G	G/A	G/A	D/G	G	G/CP	D/G
Soft Tissue Curettage				G		D	G	D	G	G/A	G	G/A			G		
Administer N2O	D	D	D	D		D	G		D	D	ID	D/G	D		ID	p	
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Treatment Planning	G			A													
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