

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 ¹	G/A	A	G/A	G	G	G/A	D	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	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 ¹	G/A	A	G/A	G	G	G/A ⁴	D	D/G	G	G	D/G	G/A	G/A
Pit/ Fissure Sealants	D	G/A	G/A	G/A ¹	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	D	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				D	D		D	G
Study Cast Impressions	D	G	G	G	G/A	A	G/A	G	G	D	D	D/G	D	G	D	G	G
Place Perio Dressings	D	G	D		G/A	G	G/A	G	D	G	D	D/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
DH Diagnosis/ Assessment				G/A ¹	G/A	A	G									G/A	G/A
Treatment Planning					G/A	A	G									G	G/A

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X-Rays	G	D/G	G	G	G/A	G/A	G/A	D	G	G/A	G	G/A	G	D/G	G/A	G	D/G
Local Anesthesia	D	D	D	D	D	D	G		D	D	D	D/G	D	D	D/G	D	
Topical Anesthesia	D	D/G	G/A	G	G/A	G/A	G		G	G/A	G	G/A	G	D	D	G	D/G
Fluoride	G/A	D/G	G/A	G	G/A	G/A	G/A	D/G ⁴	G/A	G/A	G/A	G/A	G/A	D/G	G/A	G	D/G
Pit/ Fissure Sealants	G/A	D/G	G/A	G	G/A	G/A	G/A	D	G/A	G/A	G/A	G/A	G/A	D/G	G	G	
Root Planing	G	D	G/A	G	G/A	G/A	G/A	D	G	G/A	G	G/A	G/A	D/G	G	G	D/G
Soft Tissue Curettage			G/A	G		D	G	D	G	G/A	G	G/A			G		
Administer N2O	D	D ¹				D	G		D			D/G	D	D		D	
Study Cast Impressions	G	D	G/A	G	G/A	G/A	G		G	G	G	G/A	G	D	G	D	D/G
Place Perio Dressings	G	D	D	G	G/A	G/A	G		G	G	G	G/A		D		D	
Remove Perio Dressings	G	D	G/A	G	G/A	G/A	G		D	G	G	G/A	G	D	G	D	D/G
Place Sutures																	
Remove Sutures	G	D	G/A	G	G/A	G/A	G		G	G	G	G/A	G	D		D	D/G
DH Diagnosis/ Assessment	G										G	G/A			G/A		
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Administer N2O		D	D	D				D	D		D		D ³	D			D
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Remove Perio Dressings	G	G	G	G/A		D	D		D	G/A	G	G	G	D	D	D	D
Place Sutures																	
Remove Sutures	G	D	G	G/A	D	D	D		D	G/A	G	G	G	D	D	D	G
DH Diagnosis/ Assessment				A		G											
Treatment Planning	G			A													

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