

Chapter DE 5

DENTAL ASSISTANTS

DE 5.01 Permitted assistants

History: Chapter DE 5 as it existed on April 30, 1972 was repealed and a new chapter DE 5 was created, Register, April, 1972, No. 196, effective May 1, 1972.

DE 5.01 Permitted assistants. Dentists may have assistants other than dental hygienists. The dentist shall be responsible for any act or injury committed by assistants.

(1) Such assistants may perform the following:

(a) Any mechanical work upon inert matter in a dental office or laboratory.

(b) Assist the dentist under his direction, except as to those services prohibited under Wis. Adm. Code section DE 5.01 (2) (a) thru (g).

(2) Such assistants may not initiate or perform:

(a) Procedures allocated by the dental law to certified dental hygienists.

(b) Any services in the oral cavity in the absence of the dentist from the dental facility.

(c) Any duty that could result in an irreversible biologic process.

(d) The diagnosing, prescribing treatment, treatment of any condition to modify normal or pathological conditions of the hard or soft tissues of the oral cavity.

(e) The administration or prescription of anesthetics, general or local, or administration or prescription of narcotic or non-narcotic systemic effect drugs.

(f) Any procedure which requires professional judgment and skill.

(g) Any expanded procedure or service unless he is certified for that function by virtue of his attendance at a school approved by the board.

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