

DELEGATED PROCEDURES LIST - DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND LICENSED DENTAL ASSISTANTS

(Revised September 2024)

From Minnesota Rules 3100.8500 and 3100.8700; Minnesota Statutes section 150A.10

General Supervision		Indirect Supervision		Direct Supervision		Personal Supervision		PROCEDURES
								ADJUNCTIVE PROCEDURES
DH	LDA							Fabricate and deliver custom fitted trays.
DH			LDA					Place and remove devices or materials for isolation purposes.
DH								Apply topical medications, including topical fluoride, bleaching agents, cavity varnishes, and desensitizing agents.
			LDA					Apply topical medications, including bleaching agents, desensitizing agents, and cavity varnishes as prescribed by a dentist.
DH	LDA							Apply topical fluoride, including foam, gel, or varnish.
DH			LDA					Remove sutures.
								ANESTHESIA PROCEDURES
DH								Administer local anesthesia (infiltration, supraperiosteal/field block, and nerve block).
					LDA			Administer local anesthesia (infiltration and supraperiosteal/field block).
DH					LDA			Administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia pursuant to the rule provisions.
DH			LDA					Monitor a patient who has been induced by a dentist into nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia.
								CHARTING/INFORMED CONSENT PROCEDURES
DH								Perform preliminary charting of the oral cavity & surrounding structures, including case histories; perform initial & periodic examinations and assessments to determine periodontal status; and create a dental hygiene treatment plan in coordination with a dentist's treatment plan.
	LDA							Complete preliminary charting of the oral cavity and surrounding structures with the exception of periodontal structures.
DH	LDA							Obtain informed consent within scope of practice.

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								DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES
DH								Make referrals to dentists, physicians, and other practitioners in consultation with a dentist.
DH	LDA							Take vital signs such as pulse rate and blood pressure (as directed by a dentist).
DH	LDA							Take photographs extraorally or intraorally.
DH	LDA							Take radiographs.
DH	LDA							Take impressions and a bite registration.
DH								Perform salivary analysis.
								ENDODONTIC PROCEDURES
			LDA					Dry root canals with paper points.
			LDA					Place cotton pellets and temporary restorative materials into endodontic access openings.
								ORTHODONTIC PROCEDURES
DH	LDA							Place and remove elastic orthodontic separators.
DH			LDA					Preselect orthodontic bands.
				DH	LDA			Etch appropriate enamel surfaces before bonding of orthodontic appliances by a dentist.
				DH	LDA			Attach prefrit and preadjusted orthodontic appliances.
DH					LDA			Remove excess bond material from orthodontic appliances.
DH	LDA							Cut arch wires, remove loose bands, or remove loose brackets on orthodontic appliances.
		DH	LDA					Place initial arch wires on orthodontic appliances. A dentist must select and, if necessary, adjust arch wires prior to placement.

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								ORTHODONTIC PROCEDURES (Cont'd)
DH	LDA							Remove and place ligature ties and remove and replace existing arch wires on orthodontic appliances.
				DH	LDA			Remove fixed orthodontic bands and brackets.
				DH	LDA			Remove bond material from teeth with rotary instruments after removal of orthodontic appliances.
								PERIODONTAL PROCEDURES
DH								Complete debridement, prophylaxis, and nonsurgical periodontal therapy.
DH								Place subgingival medicaments.
DH			LDA					Place and remove periodontal dressings.
								PREVENTIVE PROCEDURES
			LDA					Perform mechanical polishing to clinical crowns, not including the removal of calculus by instrumentation.
DH			LDA					Etch appropriate enamel surfaces and apply and adjust pit and fissure sealants.
DH	LDA							Apply topical fluoride, including foam, gel, or varnish.
DH								Provide nutritional counseling.
								RESTORATIVE PROCEDURES
DH					LDA			Place and remove matrix systems and wedges.
DH					LDA			Fabricate, place, replace, cement, and adjust temporary crowns or restorations.
	LDA							Place temporary fillings (not including temporization of inlays, onlays, crowns, and bridges).
	LDA							Recement intact temporary crowns or restorations.

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								RESTORATIVE PROCEDURES (Cont'd)
DH					LDA			Remove temporary crowns or restorations with hand instruments only.
DH			LDA					Remove excess cement from inlays, crowns, bridges, or orthodontic appliances (with hand instruments only – LDA).
DH					LDA			Place nonsurgical retraction material for gingival displacement.
DH								Remove marginal overhangs.
DH								Polish restorations.
		DH	LDA					Perform restorative procedures pursuant to statute provisions: including place, contour, and adjust amalgam restorations and glass ionomers; adapt and cement stainless steel crowns; and place, contour, and adjust composite restorations on primary and permanent teeth.
								SEDATION PROCEDURES
		DH	LDA					Maintain and remove intravenous lines under supervision of dentist holding a valid general anesthesia or moderate sedation certificate.
		DH	LDA					Monitor a patient during each phase of general anesthesia or moderate sedation using noninvasive instrumentation under supervision of dentist holding a valid general anesthesia or moderate sedation certificate.
				DH	LDA			Initiate and place an intravenous line in preparation for intravenous medications and sedation under supervision of dentist holding a valid general anesthesia or moderate sedation certificate.
						DH	LDA	Concurrently perform supportive services if the dentist holds a valid general anesthesia or moderate sedation certificate, is personally treating a patient, and authorizes the allied dental personnel to aid in the physical management of medications, including the preparation and administration of medications into an existing intravenous line.

DH = Dental Hygienists
LDA = Licensed Dental Assistants

LEVELS OF SUPERVISION – DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND LICENSED DENTAL ASSISTANTS
(Per Minnesota Rules 3100.0100, subpart 21):

GENERAL - The dentist has prior knowledge and has given consent for the procedures being performed during which the dentist is not required to be present in the dental office or on the premises.

INDIRECT - The dentist is in the office, authorizes the procedures, and remains in the office while the procedures are being performed by the allied dental personnel.

DIRECT - The dentist is in the dental office, personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, personally authorizes the procedure, and before dismissal of the patient, evaluates the performance of the allied dental personnel.

PERSONAL– The dentist is personally operating on a patient and authorizes the allied dental personnel to aid in treatment by concurrently performing supportive procedures.

NOTES

1. Read the entire text of the rules for any coursework requirements at Minnesota Rules 3100.8500 for a Licensed Dental Assistant and Minnesota Rules 3100.8700 for a Dental Hygienist.
2. If any delegated procedure specifically indicates a requirement to complete additional coursework, the Licensed Dental Assistant or Dental Hygienist must complete the coursework to perform the procedure.
3. If no additional coursework is indicated, the delegated procedures listed for a Licensed Dental Assistant are within the scope of practice for a Licensed Dental Assistant with, if necessary, some required in-office training by the supervising dentist.

Note: This guide is an accurate summary as of the date of this printing. It is not intended to be a substitute for Minnesota dental professionals' responsibility for fully knowing current laws and rules, which can be accessed via the Board's website at mn.gov/boards/dentistry