

DENTIST

KIND OF WORK

Professional dental work.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

An employee in this class examines and diagnosis dental conditions and maintains the dental wellbeing of the patient. This employee makes dental histories, diagnosis, dental malfunctions, prescribes drugs and performs any other dental procedures necessary. Supervision is provided relative to dental problems or procedures to all personnel in contact with the patient. Responsibilities extend to the complete ordinary dental care of the patient. Supervision is received from the Medical Director in the form of reports and conferences.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (A position may not include all the work examples given, nor does the list include all that may be assigned.)

Takes dental histories of all patients upon admission in order to determine extent of care needed.

Examines patients and administers tests so that dental malfunctions are discovered.

Performs oral surgery as required in order to remedy dental malfunctions.

Collaborates with a physician in order to discuss suspected systemic conditions.

Instructs nurses and technicians so that oral care can be provided to the patient.

Orders laboratory examinations and analysis, x-rays, and specific medication so that complete dental care is provided.

Keep records and makes reports in order to document patients' dental progress.

Attends staff conferences and participates on committees in order to communicate with professional staff of the institution.

Maintains a qualified dental staff in order to deliver efficient service to all residents.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

Considerable knowledge of the principles and practices of general dentistry.

Considerable knowledge of the techniques involved and the skill in diagnosing and treating a wide variety of dental diseases and injuries.

Considerable knowledge of recent developments in the field of general dentistry and the characteristics and usages of modern drugs.

Ability to:

Establish and maintain a therapeutic office and/or hospital atmosphere.

Provide leadership in work with patients and employees.

NECESSARY SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Eligibility to practice dentistry in the State of Minnesota.

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