

Dental Hygienist Job Description

Summary

Dental Hygienists are oral health professionals whose area of expertise focuses on preventative oral health care. Dental hygienists work collaboratively with dentists and other health professionals to provide optimal oral health care to their clients and patients.

Key Responsibilities

- Gather information about the patient's general and oral health
- Perform dental hygiene assessments of the hard and soft tissues of the head, neck and mouth; oral cancer screening, dental charting, periodontal charting, periodontal diagnosis and treatment planning
- Provide oral and general health information, counselling and instructions to patients related to brushing/flossing, risks of dental decay, smoking cessation, and nutrition information
- Scaling and root planing (debridement) to remove plaque and calculus from all tooth surfaces
- Polishing and fluoride treatments
- Take and develop X-rays and intra-oral images
- Determine an appropriate ongoing care schedule according to the Practice Standards of the CDSBC and CDHBC as well as established Perio-Recall Guidelines
- Properly note and chart patient treatment and progress
- Ensure equipment and tools are properly cleaned, sanitized, maintained and stored

Qualifications (Education, Knowledge and Experience)

- Completion of a college program ranging from one to three years, or other approved program in dental hygiene recognized by the College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia
- Valid License to practice in the Province of British Columbia
- CPR Certification and First Aid

Competencies

- Critical Thinking
- Compassionate
- Good interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to assess patients' needs, explain procedures and make patients comfortable.
- Excellent organization skills.
- Precise and detailed in work
- Good trouble shooting skills.
- Enjoy working with people and working as part of a team.