# NORTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

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1. **Definitions of the Levels of Supervision Provided by Dentists** (click here to go back to Table of Contents)

| Level of Supervision | Duty | ND Admin. Code Cite |
|---|---|---|
| **a. Direct** | The dentist is physically present in the dental office or treatment facility, personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, personally authorizes the procedures and remains in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed by the dental hygienist or dental assistant, and before dismissal of the patient, evaluates the performance of the dental hygienist or dental assistant. | 20-01-02-01(18) |
| **b. Indirect** | The dentist is in the dental office or treatment facility, has personally diagnosed the condition to be treated, authorizes the procedures, and remains in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed by the dental hygienist or dental assistant. | 20-01-02-01(26) |
| **c. General** | The dentist has authorized the procedures and they are carried out in accordance with the dentist's diagnosis, if necessary, and treatment plan. The dentist is not required to be in the treatment facility. A new patient who has not been examined by the authorizing dentist may be seen by a dental hygienist authorized to provide duties under general supervision. Limitations are contained in North Dakota Century Code section 43-20-03. | 20-01-02-01(22) |
| **d. Direct Visual** | The dentist is physically present to issue a verbal command and under direct line of sight. | 20-01-02-01(19) |
| **e. Contiguous** | The dentist whose patient is being treated has personally authorized the procedures to be performed. The supervising dentist is continuously onsite and physically present in the treatment facility while the procedures are performed by a trained dental sedation staff member or dental anesthesia assistant, and the dentist is capable of responding immediately in the event of an emergency. The term does not require a supervising dentist to be physically present in the operatory. | 20-01-02-01(15) |

2. **Duties of Registered Dental Hygienists** (click here to go back to Table of Contents)
    a. **RDH: Direct Supervision**

| Duty | ND Admin. Code Cite |
|---|---|
| Apply resin infiltration. | 20-04-01-01(1)(a) |
| Hold impression trays in the mouth (e.g., reversible hydrocolloids, rubber base, etc.). | 20-04-01-01(1)(b) |
| Place and remove matrix bands or wedges. | 20-04-01-01(1)(c) |
| Adjust permanent crowns outside of the mouth. | 20-04-01-01(1)(d) |
| Acid-etch enamel surfaces prior to direct bonding of orthodontic brackets or composite restorations. | 20-04-01-01(1)(e) |
| Take face bow transfers. | 20-04-01-01(1)(f) |
| Administer emergency medications to a patient in order to assist the dentist. | 20-04-01-01(1)(g) |
| Dry root canal with paper points. | 20-04-01-01(1)(h) |
| Remove band and bracket adhesives with a slow-speed handpiece. | 20-03-01-01(4)(a)(6) |

### b. RDH: Indirect Supervision (click here to go back to Table of Contents)

| Duty | ND Admin. Code Cite |
|---|---|
| Administer local anesthesia to an individual under the age of eighteen as authorized by section 20-04-01-03. | 20-04-01-01(2)(a) |
| Place and remove rubber dams. | 20-04-01-01(2)(b) |
| Place retraction cord in the gingival sulcus of a prepared tooth before the dentist taking an impression of the tooth. | 20-04-01-01(2)(c) |
| Monitor a patient who has been inducted by a dentist into nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia. | 20-04-01-01(2)(d) |
| Place orthodontic brackets using an indirect bonding technique by seating the transfer tray loaded with brackets previously positioned in the dental laboratory by a dentist. | 20-04-01-01(2)(e) |

### c. RDH: General Supervision (3 pages) (click here to go back to Table of Contents)

| Duty | ND Admin. Code Cite |
|---|---|
| Complete prophylaxis to include removal of accumulated matter, deposits, accretions, or stains from the natural and restored surfaces of exposed teeth. The dental hygienist also may perform root planing and soft tissue curettage upon direct order of the dentist. | 20-04-01-01(4)(a) |
| Polish and smooth existing restorations with a slow-speed handpiece. | 20-04-01-01(4)(b) |
| Apply topical applications of medications and drugs to oral tissues, including topical anesthetic, topical fluoride, fluoride varnish, silver diamine fluoride, hemostatic agents, and desensitizing agents. | 20-04-01-01(4)(c) |
| Take impressions or occlusal bite registrations for study casts on a patient of record. | 20-04-01-01(4)(d) |
| Take and record preliminary medical and dental histories for the interpretation by the dentist. | 20-04-01-01(4)(e) |
| Take and record pulse, blood pressure, and temperature. | 20-04-01-01(4)(f) |
| Provide oral hygiene treatment planning after an oral assessment or dentist's diagnosis. | 20-04-01-01(4)(g) |
| Take dental radiographs. | 20-04-01-01(4)(h) |
| Apply therapeutic agents subgingivally for the treatment of periodontal disease. | 20-04-01-01(4)(i) |
| Remove excess cement from inlays, crowns, bridges, and orthodontic appliances with hand instruments or a slow-speed handpiece. | 20-04-01-01(4)(j) |
| Receive removable dental prosthesis for cleaning and repair. | 20-04-01-01(4)(k) |
| Fabricate, adjust, place, recement, or remove a temporary crown, bridge, onlay, or temporary restorative material. This applies only to dentitions actively under treatment for which a permanent restoration is being fabricated. | 20-04-01-01(4)(l) |

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| Perform nonsurgical clinical and laboratory oral diagnosis tests, including pulp testing for interpretation by the dentist. | 20-04-01-01(4)(m) |
| Apply pit and fissure sealants, including acid etch. Adjust sealants with slow-speed handpiece. | 20-04-01-01(4)(n) |
| Place and remove dry socket medications, and packing. | 20-04-01-01(4)(o) |
| Remove sutures. | 20-04-01-01(4)(p) |
| Take impressions for fixed or removable orthodontic appliances, athletic mouth guards, bleaching trays, bite splints, flippers, and removable prosthetic repairs. | 20-04-01-01(4)(q) |
| Preselect and prefit orthodontic bands. | 20-04-01-01(4)(r) |
| Place, tie, and remove ligature wires and elastic ties, and place orthodontic separators. | 20-04-01-01(4)(s) |
| Place and remove arch wires or appliances that have been activated by a dentist. | 20-04-01-01(4)(t) |
| Cut and remove arch wires or replace loose bands, loose brackets, or other orthodontic appliances for palliative treatment. | 20-04-01-01(4)(u) |
| Provide an oral assessment for interpretation by the dentist. | 20-04-01-01(4)(v) |
| Orally transmit a prescription that has been authorized by the supervising dentist. | 20-04-01-01(4)(w) |
| Provide screenings. "Screening" means an inspection used for the early identification of individuals at potentially high risk for a specific condition or disorder and can indicate a need for further evaluation or preliminary intervention. A screening is neither diagnostic nor a definitive indication of a specific condition and does not involve making diagnoses that lead to treatment plans. | 20-04-01-01(x)<br>20-01-02-01(40) |
| Apply bleaching solution, activate light source, and monitor and remove bleaching materials. | 20-04-01-01(4)(y) |
| Place a temporary filling using the standards and protocols established by an authorizing dentist. | 20-04-01-01(4)(z) |

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| Adjust a temporary denture or partial for dentitions actively under treatment for which permanent dentures or partial dentures are being fabricated. | 20-04-01-01(4)(aa) |
| Adjust dentures or partials that have previously been fitted by the dentist. | 20-03-01-01(7)(u) |
| Produce on a patient of record, a final scan by digital capture for review and inspection by the authorizing dentist for a prescriptive fixed or removable appliance. | 20-04-01-01(4)(bb) |
| Administer local anesthesia to individuals who are eighteen years of age and older as authorized by section. | 20-04-01-03(4)(cc) |
| Provide oral hygiene instructions and education | 20-03-01-01(1)(b) |
| Polish the coronal surfaces of the teeth with a rubber cup or brush or by use of air polishing. | 20-03-01-01(7)(m) |
| Repack dry socket medication and packing for palliative care. | 20-03-01-01(4)(c)(10) |
| Take final impressions for fixed or removable appliances. Impressions must be reviewed and approved by the dentist before being used for fabrication. | 20-03-01-01(7)(p) |
| Hold a curing light for any dental procedure. Curing lights may not include a laser capable of cutting, burning, or damaging hard or soft tissue or for electrosurgery for tissue retraction. | 20-03-01-01(7)(w) |

3. **Registered Dental Assistants** (click here to go back to Table of Contents)
    a. **RDA: Direct Supervision**

| Duty | ND Admin. Code Cite |
|---|---|
| Acid-etch enamel surfaces prior to direct bonding of orthodontic brackets or composite restorations. | 20-03-01-01(5)(a) |
| Take face bow transfers. | 20-03-01-01(5)(b) |
| Adjust permanent crowns outside of the mouth. | 20-03-01-01(5)(c) |
| Administer emergency medications to a patient in order to assist the dentist. | 20-03-01-01(5)(d) |
| Hold impression trays in the mouth (e.g., reversible hydrocolloids, rubber base, etc.). | 20-03-01-01(5)(e) |
| Apply resin infiltration. | 20-03-01-01(4)(a)(4) |
| Place and remove matrix bands or wedges. | 20-03-01-01(4)(a)(7) |
| Dry root canal with paper points. | 20-03-01-01(4)(a)(3) |
| Retract patient's cheek, tongue, or other tissue parts during a dental procedure. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(7) |
| Remove such debris as is normally created in the course of treatment during or after dental procedures by vacuum devices, compressed air, mouthwashes, and water. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(8) |
| Remove band and bracket adhesives with a slow-speed handpiece. | 20-03-01-01(4)(a)(6) |

### b. RDA: Indirect Supervision (click here to go back to Table of Contents)

| Duty | ND Admin. Code Cite |
|---|---|
| Place and remove rubber dams. | 20-03-01-01(6)(a) |
| Place retraction cord in the gingival sulcus of a prepared tooth prior to the dentist taking an impression of the tooth. | 20-03-01-01(6)(b) |
| Remove excess cement from inlays, crowns, bridges, and orthodontic appliances with hand instruments or a slow-speed handpiece. | 20-03-01-01(6)(c) |
| Monitor a patient who has been inducted by a dentist into nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia. | 20-03-01-01(6)(d) |
| Apply bleaching solution, activate light source, and monitor and remove bleaching materials. | 20-03-01-01(6)(e) |
| Place orthodontic brackets using an indirect bonding technique by seating the transfer tray loaded with brackets previously positioned in the dental laboratory by a licensed dentist. | 20-03-01-01(6)(f) |

### c. RDA: General Supervision (2 pages) (click here to go back to Table of Contents)

| Duty | ND Admin. Code Cite |
|---|---|
| Take and record pulse, blood pressure, and temperature. | 20-03-01-01(7)(a) |
| Take and record preliminary dental and medical history for the interpretation by the dentist. | 20-03-01-01(7)(b) |
| Apply topical medications and drugs to oral tissues, including topical anesthetic, topical fluoride, fluoride varnish, silver diamine fluoride, hemostatic agents, and desensitizing agents. | 20-03-01-01(7)(c) |
| Receive removable dental prosthesis for cleaning or repair. | 20-03-01-01(7)(d) |
| Take impressions or occlusal bite registrations for study casts. | 20-03-01-01(7)(e) |
| Fabricate, adjust, place, recement, or remove a temporary crown, bridge, or onlay or temporary restorative material. This applies only to dentitions actively under treatment for which a permanent restoration is being fabricated. | 20-03-01-01(7)(f) |
| Remove sutures. | 20-03-01-01(7)(g) |
| Cut and remove arch wires or replace loose bands, loose brackets, or other orthodontic appliances for palliative treatment. | 20-03-01-01(7)(h) |
| Place, tie, and remove ligature wires and elastic ties, and place orthodontic separators. | 20-03-01-01(7)(i) |
| Provide oral hygiene education and instruction. | 20-03-01-01(7)(j) |
| Provide an oral assessment for interpretation by the dentist. | 20-03-01-01(7)(k) |
| Polish the coronal surfaces of the teeth with a rubber cup or brush or by use of air polishing. | 20-03-01-01(7)(m) |
| Polish and smooth existing restorations with a slow-speed handpiece. | 20-03-01-01(7)(n) |
| Take dental radiographs. | 20-03-01-01(7)(o) |

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| Take final impressions for fixed or removable appliances. Impressions must be reviewed and approved by the dentist before being used for fabrication. | 20-03-01-01(7)(p) |
| Preselect and prefit orthodontic bands. | 20-03-01-01(7)(q) |
| Perform nonsurgical clinical and laboratory diagnosis tests, including pulp testing, for interpretation by the dentist. | 20-03-01-01(7)(r) |
| Place and remove arch wires or appliances that have been activated by a dentist. | 20-03-01-01(7)(s) |
| Provide screenings. "Screening" means an inspection used for the early identification of individuals at potentially high risk for a specific condition or disorder and can indicate a need for further evaluation or preliminary intervention. A screening is neither diagnostic nor a definitive indication of a specific condition and does not involve making diagnoses that lead to treatment plans. | 20-03-01-01(7)(t)<br>20-01-02-01(40) |
| Adjust dentures or partials that have previously been fitted by the dentist. | 20-03-01-01(7)(u) |
| Place and remove dry socket medications and packing. | 20-03-01-01(7)(v) |
| Hold a curing light for any dental procedure. Curing lights may not include a laser capable of cutting, burning, or damaging hard or soft tissue or for electrosurgery for tissue retraction. | 20-03-01-01(7)(w) |

## 4. Qualified Dental Assistant (click here to go back to Table of Contents)

### a. QDA: Direct Supervision

| Duty | ND Admin. Code Cite |
|---|---|
| Receive removable dental prosthesis for cleaning or repair. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(4) |
| Take impressions for study casts, bleaching trays, or orthodontic retainers. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(5) |
| Hold impression trays in the mouth (e.g., reversible hydrocolloids, rubber base). | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(6) |
| Retract patient's cheek, tongue, or other tissue parts during a dental procedure. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(7) |
| Remove such debris as is normally created in the course of treatment during or after dental procedures by vacuum devices, compressed air, mouthwashes, and water. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(8) |
| Isolate the operative field, not to include rubber dams. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(9) |
| Hold a curing light for any dental procedure. Curing lights may not include a laser capable of cutting, burning, or damaging hard or soft tissue or for electrosurgery for tissue retraction. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(10) |
| Monitor a patient who has been induced into nitrous oxide analgesia if the dentist has provided sufficient training to the dental assistant completed after January 1, 2024. The dentist shall maintain documentation of the training for the duration of the delegation and shall provide documentation of the training to the board upon request. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(11) |
| Acid etch enamel surfaces as directed by the dentist. | 20-03-01-01(4)(a)(2) |
| Dry root canal with paper points. | 20-03-01-01(4)(a)(3) |
| Apply resin infiltration. | 20-03-01-01(4)(a)(4) |
| Orally transmit a prescription that has been authorized by the supervising dentist. | 20-03-01-01(4)(a)(5) |
| Remove band and bracket adhesives with a slow-speed handpiece. | 20-03-01-01(4)(a)(6) |
| Place and remove matrix bands and wedges. | 20-03-01-01(4)(a)(7) |

### b. QDA: Indirect Supervision (click here to go back to Table of Contents)

| Duty | ND Admin. Code Cite |
|---|---|
| Polish coronal surfaces of teeth with a rubber cup or brush after the dentist provides the dental assistant with sufficient training. The dentist shall maintain documentation of the training completion for the duration of the delegation and provide it to the board upon request. | 20-03-01-01(4)(b)(1) |
| Place orthodontic brackets using an indirect bonding technique by seating the transfer tray loaded with brackets previously positioned in the dental laboratory by a licensed dentist. | 20-03-01-01(4)(b)(2) |

### c. QDA: General Supervision (click here to go back to Table of Contents)

| Duty | ND Admin. Code Cite |
|---|---|
| Produce on a patient of record, a final scan by digital capture for review and inspection by the authorizing dentist for a prescriptive fixed or removable appliance. | 20-03-01-01(4)(c)(1) |
| Take and record pulse, blood pressure, and temperature. | 20-03-01-01(4)(c)(2) |
| Take and record preliminary dental and medical history for the interpretation by the dentist. | 20-03-01-01(4)(c)(3) |
| Apply topical medications and drugs to oral tissues, including topical anesthetic and anticariogenic agents, and desensitizing agents. | 20-03-01-01(4)(c)(4) |
| Place and remove arch wires or appliances that have been activated by the dentist. | 20-03-01-01(4)(c)(5) |
| Cut and remove arch wires or replace loose bands, loose brackets, or other orthodontic appliances for palliative care. | 20-03-01-01(4)(c)(6) |
| Remove sutures. | 20-03-01-01(4)(c)(7) |
| Place, tie, and remove ligature wires and elastic ties, and select and place orthodontic separators. | 20-03-01-01(4)(c)(8) |
| Preselect and prefit orthodontic bands. | 20-03-01-01(4)(c)(9) |
| Repack dry socket medication and packing for palliative care. | 20-03-01-01(4)(c)(10) |
| Take dental radiographs. | 20-03-01-01(4)(c)(11) |
| Provide oral hygiene instructions and education under general supervision | 20-03-01-01(1)(b) |

## 5. Qualified Dental Assistant-Limited Radiology Registrant (click here to go back to Table of Contents)

### a. QDA-LRR: Direct Supervision

| Duty | ND Admin. Code Cite |
|---|---|
| Take and record pulse, blood pressure, and temperature. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(1) |
| Take and record preliminary dental and medical history for the interpretation by the dentist. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(2) |
| Apply topical medications and drugs to oral tissues, including topical anesthetic, topical fluoride, fluoride varnish, and desensitizing agents, but not including caustic agents. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(3) |
| Receive removable dental prosthesis for cleaning or repair. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(4) |
| Take impressions for study casts, bleaching trays, or orthodontic retainers. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(5) |
| Hold impression trays in the mouth (e.g., reversible hydrocolloids, rubber base). | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(6) |
| Retract patient's cheek, tongue, or other tissue parts during a dental procedure. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(7) |
| Remove such debris as is normally created in the course of treatment during or after dental procedures by vacuum devices, compressed air, mouthwashes, and water. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(8) |
| Isolate the operative field, not to include rubber dams. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(9) |
| Hold a curing light for any dental procedure. Curing lights may not include a laser capable of cutting, burning, or damaging hard or soft tissue or for electrosurgery for tissue retraction. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(10) |
| Produce on a patient of record, a final scan by digital capture for review and inspection by the authorizing dentist for a prescriptive fixed or removable appliance. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(11) |
| Monitor a patient who has been induced into nitrous oxide analgesia if the dentist has provided sufficient training to the dental assistant completed after January 1, 2024. The dentist shall maintain documentation of the training for the duration of the delegation and shall provide documentation of the training to the board upon request. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(12) |
| If enrolled in a Board-approved qualified dental assistant program and working under the direct supervision of a dentist the qualified dental assistant-limited radiology registrant may perform the duties of a qualified dental assistant. | 20-03-01-01(1)(b) |

### b. QDA-LRR: General Supervision (click here to go back to Table of Contents)

| Duty | ND Admin. Code Cite |
|---|---|
| Take dental radiographs | 20-03-01-01(3) |
| Provide oral hygiene instructions and education under general supervision | 20-03-01-01(1)(b) |

## 6. Unregistered Dental Assistants (click here to go back to Table of Contents)

### a. UDA: Direct Supervision

| Duty | ND Admin. Code Cite |
|---|---|
| Take and record pulse, blood pressure, and temperature. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(1) |
| Take and record preliminary dental and medical history for the interpretation by the dentist. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(2) |
| Apply topical medications and drugs to oral tissues, including topical anesthetic, topical fluoride, fluoride varnish, and desensitizing agents, but not including caustic agents. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(3) |
| Receive removable dental prosthesis for cleaning or repair. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(4) |
| Take impressions for study casts, bleaching trays, or orthodontic retainers. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(5) |
| Hold impression trays in the mouth (e.g., reversible hydrocolloids, rubber base). | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(6) |
| Retract patient's cheek, tongue, or other tissue parts during a dental procedure. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(7) |
| Remove such debris as is normally created in the course of treatment during or after dental procedures by vacuum devices, compressed air, mouthwashes, and water. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(8) |
| Isolate the operative field, not to include rubber dams. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(9) |
| Hold a curing light for any dental procedure. Curing lights may not include a laser capable of cutting, burning, or damaging hard or soft tissue or for electrosurgery for tissue retraction. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(10) |
| Produce on a patient of record, a final scan by digital capture for review and inspection by the authorizing dentist for a prescriptive fixed or removable appliance. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(11) |
| Monitor a patient who has been induced into nitrous oxide analgesia if the dentist has provided sufficient training to the dental assistant completed after January 1, 2024. The dentist shall maintain documentation of the training for the duration of the delegation and shall provide documentation of the training to the board upon request. | 20-03-01-01(1)(a)(12) |
| If enrolled in a Board-approved qualified dental assistant program and working under the direct supervision of a dentist an unregistered dental assistant may perform the duties of a qualified dental assistant. | 20-03-01-01(1)(b) |

### b. UDA: General Supervision (click here to go back to Table of Contents)

| Duty | ND Admin. Code Cite |
|---|---|
| Provide oral hygiene instructions and education under general supervision | 20-03-01-01(1)(b) |

## 7. Duties Requiring a Permit or Endorsement (click here to go back to Table of Contents)

### a. Pit and Fissure Sealant Endorsement

| Regulated Aspect | Explanation | ND Admin. Code Cite |
|---|---|---|
| Description | Apply pit and fissure sealants, including acid etch, if the registered dental assistant has provided documentation of a board-approved sealant course or training that includes hand skills, and has received an endorsement from the board. Adjust sealants with slow-speed handpiece. | 20-03-01-01(7)(l) |
| Level of Registrant | Must be a Registered Dental Assistant to apply for this endorsement.<br>Registered Dental Hygienists may carry out the duty without an endorsement. | 20-03-01-01(7)(l) |
| Level of Supervision | General Supervision | 20-03-01-01(7)(l) |

### b. Nitrous Oxide Analgesia Administration Permit (click here to go back to Table of Contents)

| Regulated Aspect | Explanation | ND Admin. Code Cite |
|---|---|---|
| Description | A permit holder may administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia. | 20-04-01-01(2)(d)<br>20-03-01-01.1(4) |
| Level of Registrant | Must be a Registered Dental Hygienist or Registered Dental Assistant to apply | 20-03-01-01.1(4)<br>20-04-01-01(2)(d) |
| Level of Supervision | Indirect Supervision | 20-04-01-01(2)(d)<br>20-03-01-01.1(4) |
| Sedative Medications | A dentist may not delegate monitoring of nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia once the patient has ingested an enteral drug for the purpose of minimal sedation.<br>A permitholder may not administer nitrous oxide inhalation anesthesia to a patient who has taken sedative medications before treatment. | 20-02-01-05(1)(c)<br>20-04-01-01(4)(g)<br>20-03-01-01.1(4) |
| Equipment | Inhalation equipment must have a fail-safe system that is appropriately checked and calibrated. The equipment also must have either a functioning device that prohibits the delivery of less than thirty percent oxygen or an appropriately calibrated and functioning in-line oxygen analyzer with audible alarm. A scavenging system must be available if gases other than oxygen or air are used. | 20-01-01-05(1)(a) |
| Records | Patient dental records must include the concentration administered and duration of administration. | 20-01-01-05(1)(b) |
| Familiarity with Operations | Before a dentist may authorize a dental hygienist or registered dental assistant who holds a nitrous oxide administration permit to administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia to a patient, the dentist shall provide the permitholder with training on the safe operation of the office's nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia equipment. The dentist shall retain documentation of the training and provide it to the board upon request. | 20-01-01-05(1)(d) |
| Patient Monitoring | A patient receiving nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia must be monitored continually by dental staff as set forth in articles 20-03 and 20-04. A dental hygienist or a registered dental assistant may terminate or reduce the amount of nitrous oxide previously administered by the authorized nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia provider. | 20-01-01-05(1)(e) |

c. **Restorative Functions Permit** (click here to go back to Table of Contents)

| Regulated Aspect | Explanation | ND Admin. Code Cite |
|---|---|---|
| Description | A permit holder may carry out restorative function duties. | 20-03-01-01.1(1) |
| Level of Registrant | Must be a Registered Dental Hygienist or Registered Dental Assistant to apply | 20-04-01-03.1<br>20-03-01-01.1(1)(a) |
| Preliminary Consent by Patient | The restorative functions only may be performed after the patient has given informed consent for the placement of the restoration by a restorative care permitholder. | 20-03-01-01.1(1) |
| Level of Supervision | Direct Supervision | 20-03-01-01.1(1) |
| Post-Procedure Review by Dentist | Before the patient is released, the final restorations must be checked and documented by the supervising dentist. | 20-03-01-01.1(1) |
| Direct Restorative Dental Materials | Place, contour, carve, adjust, and finish direct restorative dental materials including amalgam, glass ionomer, alloy, or composite restorations. All margins must be entirely within the enamel. Permitholders may use hand instruments or a slow-speed or highspeed handpiece. | 20-03-01-01.1(1)(a) |
| Crowns | Adapt and cement stainless steel crowns | 20-03-01-01.1(1)(b) |
| Sedative Fillings | Place a temporary sedative filling | 20-03-01-01.1(1)(c) |

### d. Dental Anesthesia Assistant—Class I Permit (click here to go back to Table of Contents)

| Regulated Aspect | Explanation | ND Admin. Code Cite |
|---|---|---|
| Description | A permit holder may carry out limited anesthesia-related duties with a Class I permit. | 20-03-01-01.1(1) |
| Level of Registrant | Any individual, whether registered with the Board as a dental assistant or dental hygienist or not, may apply. | 20-03-01-01.2(1) |
| Level of Supervision | Contiguous Supervision | 20-03-01-01.1(2) |
| Intravenous Duties | Initiate and discontinue an intravenous line for a patient being prepared to receive intravenous medications, sedation or general anesthesia<br>Adjust the rate of intravenous fluids infusion only to maintain or keep the line patent or open. | 20-03-01-01.1(1)(a)(b) |
| Equipment Monitoring | Prepare and monitor anesthesia equipment | 20-03-01-01.1(1)(c) |
| Patient Monitoring | Perform patient monitoring including vital signs, adverse events, and patient positioning | 20-03-01-01.1(1)(d) |
| Emergencies | Assist with emergency treatment and protocols, including the use of suction, automated defibrillators, and crash cart equipment | 20-03-01-01.1(1)(e) |

### e. Dental Anesthesia Assistant—Class II Permit (click here to go back to Table of Contents)

| Regulated Aspect | Explanation | ND Admin. Code Cite |
|---|---|---|
| Description | A Class II permit holder may carry out all duties under all regulations set forth above for a Class I permit holder.<br>In addition, a Class II permit holder may carry out the following additional anesthesia-related duties. | 20-03-01-01.1(3) |
| Level of Registrant | Any individual, whether registered with the Board as a dental assistant or dental hygienist or not, may apply. | 20-03-01-01.2(2) |
| Level of Supervision | Direct Visual Supervision | 20-03-01-01.1(3) |
| Intravenous Duties | Follow instructions to deliver medication into an intravenous line upon verbal command of the supervising dentist<br>Adjust the rate of intravenous fluids infusion beyond a keep-open rate upon verbal command of the supervising dentist; | 20-03-01-01.1(3)(b)(c) |
| Medications | Draw up, label, prepare, and waste medications | 20-03-01-01.1(3)(a) |
| Electronic Devices | Adjust an electronic device to provide medications, such as an infusion pump upon verbal command of the supervising dentist | 20-03-01-01.1(3)(d) |