

**481—575.4(153) Scope of practice.**

**575.4(1)** In all instances, a dentist assumes responsibility for determining, on the basis of diagnosis, the specific treatment patients will receive and which aspects of treatment may be delegated to qualified personnel as authorized in these rules.

**575.4(2)** A licensed dentist may delegate to a dental assistant those procedures for which the dental assistant has received training. This delegation shall be based on the best interests of the patient and performed under the supervision of a licensed dentist and may include:

- a.* Placement and removal of dry socket medication;
- b.* Placement of periodontal dressings;
- c.* Testing pulp vitality;
- d.* Preliminary charting of existing dental restorations and teeth;
- e.* Glucose testing;
- f.* Phlebotomy;
- g.* Securing orthodontic wire with elastic chains, rubber bands, and ligature wire; and
- h.* Expanded function procedures in accordance with 481—Chapter 577.

**575.4(3)** The dentist will exercise supervision and is fully responsible for all acts performed by a dental assistant. A dentist may not delegate to a dental assistant any of the following, unless allowed pursuant to 481—Chapter 577:

- a.* Diagnosis, examination, treatment planning, or prescription, including prescription for drugs and medicaments or authorization for restorative, prosthodontic or orthodontic appliances.
- b.* Surgical procedures on hard and soft tissues within the oral cavity and any other intraoral procedure that contributes to or results in an irreversible alteration to the oral anatomy.
- c.* Administration of local anesthesia.
- d.* Placement of sealants.
- e.* Removal of any plaque, stain, or hard natural or synthetic material except by toothbrush, floss, or rubber cup coronal polish, or removal of any calculus.
- f.* Dental radiography, unless the assistant is qualified pursuant to this chapter.
- g.* Those procedures that require the professional judgment and skill of a dentist.

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