

JOB DESCRIPTION

The overall purpose of the Dental Hygienist position is to assist the Dentist in the preparation and care of patients by reviewing health histories and medications, examining teeth, the tongue and gums for disease, decay, inflammation, and other issues. Take, process, and mount x-rays for the Dentist's exam and give the patient general information on care and prevention of disease. To perform dental prophylaxis, scaling/root planning, and full month debridement on patients.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Record and review health histories and current medications.
- Examine patients' teeth, the tongue and gums, and report evidence of disease, decay, inflammation, or abnormalities and report findings to the Dentist.
- Perform initial exams, prophylaxis, sealants, scaling/root planning, debridement, and fluoride treatments.
- Record each type of treatment administered.
- Maintain dental instruments and equipment in clean and operative condition.
- Take, process, and mount X-rays in preparation for the Doctor's exam.
- Escort and dismiss the patient between the waiting room and the operatory.
- Instruct patients at chair side about brushing and flossing techniques, care of dental prosthodontic appliances, and common causes of tooth decay.
- Stock, organize, and set up dental operatories.
- Other duties as assigned by the dentist and/or Manager of Dentistry.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Associate's Degree from an accredited College of Dental Hygiene required. Current state of Tennessee Dental Hygienist license.
- 3 to 5 years' experience in clinical services and dental health education preferred.

SPECIAL SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

- Knowledgeable of basic dental hygiene sciences, related clinical techniques and procedures, standard dental instruments and materials, and dental radiology,
- Ability to organize and work on multiple tasks simultaneously.
- Knowledge of Microsoft Applications i.e., Excel, Word, and Power Point are strongly preferred.