

POLICY FOR NON-DENTIST LICENSED HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ASSISTING A LICENSED DENTIST

Preamble: The purpose of this policy is to set forth the Ohio State Dental Board's (Board) position regarding a dentist using non-dentist licensed healthcare providers (RN, LPN, etc) to assist in the performance of patient treatment within the scope of the practice of dentistry while in a dental office.

The Ohio Revised and/or Administrative Codes delineate procedures/tasks/duties a licensed healthcare practitioner can perform. Non-dentist, licensed healthcare practitioners may perform those procedures/tasks/duties in a dental office only when all of the following conditions are met:

1. Non-dentist, licensed healthcare practitioners may perform procedures/tasks/duties, only within the scope of THEIR LICENSE.
2. Non-dentist, licensed healthcare practitioners may perform procedures/tasks/duties, only under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist.¹
3. Non-dentist, licensed healthcare practitioners may perform procedures/tasks/duties, only during the performance of dental procedures.

¹ This does not apply to a licensed physician anesthesiologist providing anesthesia in a dental office. See Ohio Administrative Code 4715-5-05(H)

4. Non-dentist, licensed healthcare practitioners may only perform procedures within the scope of practice of dentistry, which the dentist him/herself have been properly trained to perform.²

5. Non-dentist licensed healthcare practitioners are properly and actively licensed/certified/permitted according to the Ohio Revised and/or Administrative Codes.

6. It is the dentist's responsibility to insure the non-dentist licensed healthcare practitioner is properly and actively licensed/certified/permitted according to the Ohio Revised and Administrative Codes.

7. It is the dentist's responsibility to insure the non-dental licensed healthcare practitioner complies with Board rules and regulations, including, but not limited to, Hepatitis vaccines, infection control, ACLS, etc.

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