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Certified dental assistant; functions.

- (A) A licensed dentist may assign to certified dental assistants under his direct supervision and full responsibility those basic remediable intra-oral dental tasks and/or procedures as defined in rule 4715-11-01.
- (B) Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 4715.39(B), a dentist may delegate the task of polishing the clinical crowns of teeth to dental assistants certified to perform coronal polishing provided that the following criteria are met:
- (1) The coronal polishing activities are performed under the direct supervision of the employer dentist; and
 - (2) The polishing is performed only after a dentist has evaluated the patient and any calculus detected on the teeth to be polished has been removed by the dentist or dental hygienist; and
 - (3) The dental assistant's polishing activities are limited to the enamel and restorations on the anatomical crown of human teeth by utilizing only a combination of a polishing agent, a slow speed hand piece, a prophy angle, and a rubber cup to remove the soft deposits that build up over time on the crowns of teeth; and
 - (4) The dentist supervising the assistant supervises not more than two dental assistants engaging in coronal polishing activities at any given time.
- (C) "Coronal polishing" - Upon receipt of a certificate from the board authorizing the certified dental assistant to engage in coronal polishing activities, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code section 4715.39, the certified dental assistant may perform polishing of the enamel and restorations on the anatomical crown of human teeth by utilizing only a combination of a polishing agent, a slow speed hand piece, a prophy angle and a rubber cup only. This in no way authorizes the mechanical removal of calculus nor is it to be considered a complete oral prophylaxis. This technique (coronal polishing) would be applicable only after examination by a dentist and removal of calculus by a licensed dentist or dental hygienist.

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