

21 NCAC 16H .0205 SPECIFIC PROHIBITED FUNCTIONS OF DENTAL ASSISTANTS I AND II

The specific functions that shall not be delegated to either a Dental Assistant I or a Dental Assistant II include procedures prohibited in 21 NCAC 16G .0103 for dental hygienists. In addition, those procedures that require the professional education and skill of a dentist or dental hygienist and shall not be delegated to a Dental Assistant I or Dental Assistant II include:

- (1) performing prophylaxis;
- (2) performing periodontal screening;
- (3) performing periodontal probing;
- (4) performing exploration for or removal of hard or soft deposits, except as provided by Rule .0203 of this Section;
- (5) performing sulcular irrigation;
- (6) using ultrasonic scalers;
- (7) applying antibiotic-coated materials;
- (8) applying resorbable antimicrobial agents;
- (9) performing root planing;
- (10) applying oral cancer screening products; or
- (11) using laser fluorescence detectors in preparation for the dentist's examination and diagnosis of cavities.

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