



DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

Division: CENTRAL WEST TEXAS
DHP Classification: DENTAL HYGIENIST
Name of Dependent Healthcare Professional (DHP):

<p>Dental Hygienist: The Dental Hygienist must have equivalent qualifications, competence and function in the same role as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility, as defined by facility job description.</p>
<p>Definition of Care or Service: The Dental Hygienist functions as a member of the surgical team and may perform various duties to facilitate surgical cases. The Score of Service may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in moving and positional the patient for surgery and immediately after surgery • Full mouth or quadrant scaling and root plaining • Full mouth or quadrant debridement • Function as an assistant • Provides suction, irrigation and/or sponging of tissues as needed • Removal of excess bonding agent • Receives items after use and puts them where they will not contaminate clean items or surface • Ensures that the surgical field remains as clean as possible during a procedure • Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians
<p>Setting(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating Room
<p>Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct supervision by the physician/dentist • Indirect supervision by surgery department director, OR manager or designee
<p>Evaluator: Surgical department director in conjunction with supervising physician or designee</p>
<p>Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of a Associates degree in dental hygiene (preferred)
<p>State Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One year experience as a dental hygentist
<p>Competencies: The Dental Hygienist will demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a safe environment for patients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uses at least two ways to identify patients before treating or performing a procedure ○ Labels all medications and solutions on surgical field in procedural settings ○ Participates in the pre-procedure process to verify the correct procedure, for the correct patient, at the correct site and involves the patient in the verification process when possible ○ Participates in a time-out immediately before starting an invasive procedure or making the incision • Basic aseptic technique <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applies surgical attire including scrubbing, gowning and gloving ○ Receives sterile equipment via circulating nurse using sterile technique • Effective communication and interpersonal skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coordinates case preparation ○ Lays out instrumentation and supplies to surgeon accurately



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- Anticipates surgeon needs
- Assist with care of instruments at end of case
- Infection Prevention
 - Practices consistent hand hygiene
 - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Required immunizations per DHP Division requirements
 - Complies with Isolation precautions

References:

DHP Printed Name: _____ **DHP Signature:** _____

Company/Vendor: _____ **Date:** _____