

Kentucky Board of Dentistry



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DELEGATED DUTIES LIST

NOTE: Pursuant to KRS Chapter 313 only licensed dentists are permitted to make final impressions by any method including analog and digital methods, to construct dental restorations.

Dental Hygienists

Dental Hygienists are permitted to perform all duties within the following definition of dental hygiene:

KRS 313.010(5): "Dental hygiene" means the treatment of the oral cavity, including but not limited to dental hygiene assessment or screening, scaling and root planing, nonsurgical therapy, removing calcareous deposits, removing accumulated accretion from beneath the free gingival margin, cavity preventive procedures, periodontal procedures that require administering antimicrobial agents along with other general dentistry activities outlined in the treatment care plan and not prohibited by this chapter or by administrative regulation promulgated by the board.

Dental Hygienists are permitted to perform the following expanded duties with the requisite training, and experience:

- Local Anesthesia: See requirements listed at 201 KAR 8:562, Section 11
- General Supervision: See requirements listed at 201 KAR 8:562, Section 12
- Starting Intravenous Access Lines: See requirements listed at 201 KAR 8:562, Section 13
- Laser Debridement: See requirements listed at 201 KAR 8:562, Section 14
- Public Health Dental Hygiene: See the requirements listed at 201 KAR 8:562, Section 15

Dental Assistants

Pursuant to KRS 313.045(5), dental assistants are permitted to perform only those procedures that do not require the professional competence of a licensed dentist or a licensed dental hygienist.

Pursuant to KRS 313.045(8), dental assistants are permitted to take radiographs with the requisite education, training, and experience.

Pursuant to KRS 313.045(6), dental assistants are only permitted to perform coronal polishing with the requisite education, training, and experience.

Pursuant to 201 KAR 8:571, Section 6, dental assistants only are permitted to start intravenous access lines with the requisite education, training, and experience.

Pursuant to KRS 313.045(7), registered dental assistant and dental auxiliary services shall not include:

- The practice of dental hygiene or the performance of dental hygiene duties that require the use of instrumentation which may elicit the removal of calcareous deposits or accretions on the crowns and roots of teeth;
- Diagnosis;
- Treatment planning, prescribing, or authorization for restorative, prosthodontic, or orthodontic appliances;
- Surgical procedures on tissues of the oral cavity or any other intraoral procedure that contributes to or results in an irreversible alteration of the oral anatomy; and
- Making final impressions from which casts are made to construct any dental restoration.

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Dental Auxiliaries

Pursuant to KRS 313.050(1), dental auxiliaries are permitted to perform only those procedures that do not require the professional competence of a licensed dentist or a licensed dental hygienist.

Pursuant to KRS 313.050(2), dental auxiliaries are permitted to take radiographs only with the requisite education, training, and experience.

Pursuant to KRS 313.050(1), a licensed dentist may delegate to dental auxiliary personnel those procedures for which the dentist exercises direct supervision and full responsibility as long as the delegated powers do not include:

- Procedures which require professional judgment and skill, such as diagnosis and treatment planning and the cutting of hard or soft tissues or any intraoral procedure which will be used directly in the fabrication of an appliance which, when worn by the patient, would come in direct contact with hard or soft tissue;
- Procedures allocated by this chapter to licensed dental hygienists or registered dental assistants; and
- No injectable medication or anesthesia shall be administered by auxiliary personnel unless otherwise authorized by law.