

OREGON DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

POSITION STATEMENT

ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS OF AN EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL ASSISTANT

CERTIFIED ANESTHESIA DENTAL ASSISTANT

Within the Code of Ethics for member dentists of the Oregon Dental Association is the section on objectives of service to the public. This section establishes the obligation of the dentist to deliver care competently and timely. Quality of care is to be a primary consideration of the dental practitioner. Also included within the Code of Ethics, is the privilege of dentists to be accorded professional status by virtue of the knowledge, skill, and experience with which they serve their patients and society. The 2014 Oregon Board of Dentistry Dental Practice Act, section 679.140 describes this requirement.

Sharing the same principal, the Oregon Dental Assistants Association objective for its members and all dental assistants is to support and encourage continued education, and to maintain the highest standards of performance.

The Oregon Dental Assistants, believes all patients must receive this commitment of the highest standard of performance and reaffirms it's position that all expanded functions tasks delegated to dental assistants must be granted only to those assistants who possess anesthesia certification as defined by the Oregon Board of Dentistry. Such expanded functions should be performed under direct visual supervision of the dentist.

The Oregon Dental Assistants Association further believes that the needs of the public are best met by dental assistants who have demonstrated their knowledge and competency by holding the required credential and successfully passing an Oregon Board of Dentistry approved course.

OAR 818-042-0015, 818-42-0016 and OAR 818-42-0017 includes the following:

OAR 818-042-0115: Expanded Functions – Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant

- 1) A dentist holding the appropriate anesthesia permit may verbally authorize a Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant to:
 - a) Administer medications into an existing intravenous (IV) line of a patient under sedation or anesthesia under direct visual supervision.
 - b) Administer emergency medications to a patient in order to assist the licensee in an emergent situation under direct visual supervision.
- 2) A dentist holding the appropriate anesthesia permit may verbally authorize a Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant to dispense to a patient oral medications that have been prepared by the dentist and given to the anesthesia dental assistant by the supervising dentist for oral administration to a patient under indirect supervision.

OAR 818-042-0116 Certification – Anesthesia Dental Assistant

The Board may certify a person as an Anesthesia Dental Assistant if the applicant submits a completed application, pays the certification fee and shows satisfactory evidence of:

- 1) Successful completion of:
 - a) The “Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Anesthesia Assistants Program” or successor program, conducted by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons; or
 - b) The “Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistants Course” or successor course, conducted by the California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (CALAOMA), or successor entity; or
 - c) The “Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant” examination or successor examination conducted by the Dental Assisting National Board or other Board approved course; and
- 2) Holding valid and current documentation showing successful completion of a Health Care Provider BLS/CPR course, or its equivalent.

OAR 818-042-0117 Initiation of IV Line

Upon successful completion of a course in intravenous access or phlebotomy approved by the Board, a Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant may initiate and intravenous (IV) infusion line for a patient being prepared for IV medications, sedation, or general anesthesia under the indirect supervision of a dentist holding the appropriate anesthesia permit.

The Oregon Board of Dentistry Dental Practice Act dated January 1, 2014, Division 42 OAR 818-042-0115, 818-42-0116 and 818-42-0117 are the basis for this position statement.

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