JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: ADVANCED DENTAL THERAPIST

FLSA STATUS: EXEMPT

POSITION OBJECTIVE:

Advanced Dental Therapist promotes general dental health, carries out routine treatment that has been prescribed by a registered dentist. These treatments could include simple fillings, applying fluoride and taking x-rays. Advanced Dental Therapist practices under the supervision of a Dentist.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Advanced Dental therapists work as part of a team, providing clinical treatments prescribed by a dentist.

Clinical Responsibilities

An advanced dental therapist certified by the board under may perform the following services and procedures pursuant to the written collaborative management agreement:

- An oral evaluation and assessment of dental disease and the formulation of an individualized treatment plan authorized by the collaborating dentist;
- Nonsurgical extractions of permanent teeth as limited in subdivision 3, paragraph (b).
- Oral health instruction and disease prevention education, including nutritional counseling and dietary analysis
- Preliminary charting of the oral cavity
- Making radiographs
- Mechanical polishing
- Application of topical preventive or prophylactic agents, including fluoride varnishes and pit and fissure sealants
- Pulp vitality testing
- Application of desensitizing medication or resin
- Fabrication of athletic mouth guards
- Placement of temporary restorations
- Fabrication of soft occlusal guards
- Tissue conditioning and soft reline
- Atraumatic restorative therapy
- Dressing changes
- Tooth re-implantation
- Administration of local anesthetic
- Administration of nitrous oxide

A licensed dental therapist may perform the following services under indirect supervision:

- Emergency palliative treatment of dental pain
- The placement and removal of space maintainers
- Cavity preparation
- Restoration of primary and permanent teeth
- Placement of temporary crowns
- Preparation and placement of preformed crowns
- Pulpotomies on primary teeth
- Indirect and direct pulp capping on primary and permanent teeth
- Stabilization of re-implanted teeth
- Extractions of primary teeth
- Suture removal
- Brush biopsies
- Repair of defective prosthetic devices
- Re-cementing of permanent crowns.

Qualifications

- Advanced degree from an accredited University in Advanced Dental Therapy.
- Possess a minimum of 1 year experience in a community health clinic or other clinic setting working with high risk patients.
- Must have a current Minnesota License without any restrictions.
- Provides direct care to high risk patients, carries out education, instruction and assists health providers with Dental procedures consistent with protocols and guidelines.
- Ability to fulfill the requirements of travel between facilities.
- Knowledge of dental disease processes
- Demonstrated clinical competence.
- The capacity to function independently with limited supervision.
- Excellent listening, oral and written English skills in communication with patients, families, health professionals and community agencies.
- Community health knowledge and theory.
- Culturally sensitivity with respect to working with persons and groups of diverse racial, ethnic, economic and social backgrounds.
- Excellent computer skills

Others:

- Working in a collaborative manner with diverse constituencies.
- Working effectively with a diverse and multi-cultural staff population
- Planning, prioritizing, and problem-solving.

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