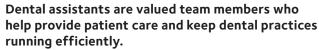
Choosing a Career in the Dental Profession

Service to Others · Professional Growth Potential · Variety and Responsibility







Dental hygienists work with the dentist to meet patients' oral health needs.

Duties

- · Assisting the dentist during procedures
- Taking X-rays and/or impressions of patients' teeth
- · Sterilizing equipment and instruments
- Teaching patients to brush and floss correctly
- Scheduling appointments, maintaining inventories and ordering supplies

Duties

- Screening patients, reviewing health histories, performing oral cancer screenings
- · Cleaning teeth
- Applying sealants and fluoride to protect tooth surfaces
- Educating patients about proper oral hygiene and how their diets affect their oral health
- Charting treatment performed on each patient

Work Settings

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