**20:43:08:10.  Registered dental assistant -- Duties.** If the supervising dentist exercises full responsibility, a registered dental assistant may perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a dentist.

A registered dental assistant may not perform the following procedures:

(1)  Irreversible procedures;

(2)  Cutting of hard or soft tissue;

(3)  Using lasers that are capable of altering, cutting, burning or damaging hard or soft tissue;

(4)  Intraoral placing, finishing, and adjusting of final restorations;

(5)  Supra and subgingival scaling and periodontal probing as it pertains to dental hygiene and those procedures dental hygienists may perform as provided in SDCL 36-6A-40 and in § 20:43:04:04 with the exception of placing sealants and coronal polishing;

(6)  Injecting medication other than as permitted in § 20:43:09:10.01;

(7)  Administering nitrous oxide analgesia other than as permitted in § 20:43:09:06;

(8)  Monitoring patients under general anesthesia, deep sedation, or moderate sedation other than as permitted in § 20:43:09:10;

(9)  Applying X-radiation to human teeth and supporting structures other than as permitted in chapter 20:43:07;

(10)  Establishing a final diagnosis or treatment plan;

(11)  Any procedure that falls outside of the relevant education, training, and experience

of the registered dental assistant; and

(12)  Other procedures prohibited by the board.

**Source:** SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 6 SDR 87, effective March 2, 1980; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; 14 SDR 118, effective March 24, 1988; transferred from § 20:43:04:05, 19 SDR 32, effective September 6, 1992; 42 SDR 19, effective August 17, 2015; 46 SDR 75, effective December 4, 2019.

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