

WAC 246-817-570 Acts that may not be performed by dental hygienists. No dentist shall allow a dental hygienist duly licensed under the provisions of chapter 18.29 RCW who is in his/her employ or is acting under his/her supervision or direction to perform any of the following procedures:

- (1) Any surgical removal of tissue of the oral cavity, except for soft-tissue curettage, as defined in WAC 246-817-510.
- (2) Any prescription of drugs or medications requiring the written order or prescription of a licensed dentist or physician.
- (3) Any diagnosis for treatment or treatment planning.
- (4) The taking of any impression of the teeth or jaw, or the relationship of the teeth or jaw, for the purpose of fabricating any intra-oral restoration, appliances, or prosthesis. Not prohibited are the taking of impressions solely for diagnostic and opposing models or taking wax bites solely for study casts.
- (5) Intra-orally adjust occlusal of inlays, crowns, and bridges.
- (6) Intra-orally finish margins of inlays, crowns, and bridges.
- (7) Cement or recement, permanently, any cast restorations or stainless steel crowns.
- (8) Incise gingiva or other soft tissue.
- (9) Elevate soft tissue flap.
- (10) Luxate teeth.
- (11) Curette to sever epithelial attachment.
- (12) Suture.
- (13) Establish occlusal vertical dimension for dentures.
- (14) Try-in of dentures set in wax.
- (15) Insertion and post-insertion adjustments of dentures.
- (16) Endodontic treatment—Open, extirpate pulp, ream and file canals, establish length of tooth, and fill root canal.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.32.035. WSR 95-21-041, § 246-817-570, filed 10/10/95, effective 11/10/95.]