

**MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
GUIDELINES FOR PERFORMING AS A
DENTAL ASSISTANT**

I. DEFINITION

The Dental Assistant assists the dentist and practices **under his/her supervision**.

II. QUALIFICATIONS

A Dental Assistant must meet the following qualifications to be considered for appointment to the Allied Health Professional staff:

- High school diploma or equivalency.
- Able to apply principles of asepsis and infection control.
- Professional liability/malpractice insurance coverage issued by a recognized company and a type and in an amount equal to or greater than the limits established by the governing board.
- Current TB screening (required upon initial application and at reappointment), and if applicable, one-time mask fit-testing.
- Basic Cardiac Life Support (minimum).

III. DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

The following are duties the Dental Assistant may perform under the direction of the sponsoring dentist:

- Set up dental equipment in the OR prior to surgery, to include:
 - Turning on operatory equipment and pre-surgical tests to ensure proper working order
 - Set up Mayo carts
 - Operatory tray set-ups with specific dental instruments.
- Assist the dentist, to include:
 - Two assistants: 1 chair-side, 1 rover
 - Record start and finish times
 - Utilize four-handed dentistry protocols
 - Chart examination findings
 - Assist with placement of throat pack
 - Adjust lighting and room temperature as needed
 - Maintain dental cart with tubs, trays and dental supplies
 - Order dental supplies as needed

IV. ORIENTATION

These Allied Health Professionals must be oriented to Midland Memorial Hospital's Operating Room Policies and Procedures and must have their sterile technique assessed by the Surgical Educator.

Practitioner's Printed Name

Sponsor/Supervisor Physician's Printed Name

Practitioner's Signature

Sponsor/Supervisor Physician's Signature

Section Chief / Department Chair

Date