

COMPASSION COMMUNITY CLINIC

A FREE CLINIC, PROVIDES FAITH-BASED DENTAL CARE TO THE UNDERSERVED ADULTS IN NORTHERN NEVADA, THROUGH CHRIST JESUS, THE GREAT HEALER

DENTAL HYGIENIST

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Policy Section: JOB
DESCRIPTIONS

SUMMARY OF THE POSITION:

The Dental Hygienist is responsible for providing dental hygiene services to patients as needed. The focus is to improve/maintain periodontal health and provide patient education.

REPORTS TO:

Dentist on duty for issues relating to oral health care and to Executive Director regarding administrative issues.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Creates a friendly, comfortable setting in which the patient can feel supported and cared for.
Conforms to local, state, regional and national regulatory agency policies.
Prior to treatment, takes and record medical and dental histories and vital signs and other information that may affect treatment.
Provides soft tissue examination: Palpates and visually examines intraoral/extraoral tissues for irregularities and signs of disease.
Documents conditions of dental decay and disease for diagnosis and treatment by dentist.
Assesses the oral health of patients through medical and dental histories, radiographs, indices, risk assessments, and intraoral and extra-oral procedures and describes the oral health needs of patients.
Develops and implements a dental hygiene plan of care.
Performs dental hygiene procedures which may include periodontal debridement, (scaling, rootplaning, curettage, and polishing).
Educates patients in healthy life choices and oral hygiene practices for home.
Re-evaluation. Evaluates oral and periodontal health following the implementation of the care plan to identify the subsequent treatment, continued care an referral needs of the patient.
Maintains the operatory.
As authorized by a Nevada license dentist:
Administer local anesthetic agents if licensed to do so.
Place pit and fissure sealants.
Expose and develop radiographs.
Administer local intraoral chemotherapeutic agents as outlined in Nevada Administrative Code
Remove sutures and change dressings
Maintains asepsis during all procedures.
Documents services rendered and related information following each appointment via EHR.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Active Nevada Dental Hygienist license or a current dental hygiene student under appropriate supervision.
Completes the credentialing process of CC Clinic for FTCA coverage.
Current CPR for Healthcare Providers.
Supports the mission of CC Clinic and has the ability to offer encouragement to patients.
Works in a professional manner and performs assigned duties in a manner consistent with standard, mission, and goals of Compassion Community Clinic.
Exhibits willingness to ask for help when situations or problems present which are beyond their ability, knowledge or scope of practice.
Exhibits a willingness to learn new skills.

This position requires a commitment 1 year for an average of 4 hours per month.

Signature

Date