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At its meeting No.4 held on 28/2/2012, the Permanent Licensing Committee (PLC) approved the following Guidelines for Dentists, General & specialist Scope of practice.

General Remarks

1) The Proposed guidelines are divided into two parts:

- a. Core privileges (for General Scope Dentist).
- b. Non-core privileges (for certified specialists).

2) Certified Specialists are automatically entitled to all core privileges.

3) Certified Specialists can only apply for non-core privileges outside of their specialty if they provide evidence of advanced training and/or experience in the individual procedure (an interview may be required).

4) General dentists can only apply for non-core privileges if they provide evidence of advanced training and/or experience in the requested procedure (an interview may be required).

Core privileges (for General Scope Dentist)

Diagnostic Procedures

- 1- Oral examination
- 2- Dental radiograph fabrication/diagnostic image interpretation
- 3- Pulp vitality testing
- 4- Plaster cast fabrication for diagnosis
- 5- Adjunctive medical laboratory evaluation

Preventive Procedures

- 1- Oral hygiene instruction procurement
- 2- General dental prophylaxis administration



- 3- Topical fluoride treatment
- 4- Fissure sealant application
- 5- Custom (fluoride) tray/mouth guard fabrication/ insertion

Restorative Procedures

- 1- Direct restoration (amalgam/composite/glass ionomer) fabrication
- 2- post and core fabrication
- 3- Vital bleaching

Endodontic Procedures (permanent teeth)

- 1- Pulpotomy
- 2- Pulp extirpation
- 3- Direct and indirect pulp capping
- 4- Conventional root canal therapy (single rooted teeth)
- 5- Non-Surgical retreatment (single rooted teeth)
- 5- Non-vital bleaching

Periodontal Procedures

- 1- Scaling and root planning
- 2- Gingivoplasty/gingivectomy localized single tooth only
- 3- Application of local medication delivery system
- 4- Maintenance recalls
- 5- Single crown lengthening (not involving bone removal)
- 6- Incision and drainage of periodontal abscesses
- 7- Provisional splinting of teeth

Prosthodontic Procedures

- 1- Inlay and onlay preparation/fabrication
- 2- Ceramic veneer preparation/fabrication
- 3- Partial coverage crown preparation/fabrication
- 4- Full crown preparation/fabrication (maximum one Quadrant at a time)
- 5- Bridge preparation/fabrication (maximum one quadrant at a time)
- 6- Maryland bridge preparation/fabrication
- 7- Partial Denture fabrication
- 8- Complete Denture fabrication
- 9- Denture relining
- 10- Repair of removable prosthodontic restorations
- 11- Repair of fixed prosthodontic restorations

Oral Surgery Procedures

- 1- Extraction of Erupted teeth
- 2- Incision and drainage of Intraoral abscesses
- 3- Suturing of Intraoral wounds



- 4- closed reduction of TMJ dislocation
- 5- Excision of hyperplastic tissues

Orthodontic Procedures

- 1- Emergency treatment of fixed appliances
- 2- Repair or replacement of removable appliances

Pediatrics Procedures

- 1- Pulpotomy (primary teeth)
- 2- Passive space maintainer fabrication/insertion
- 3- Stainless Steel crown fabrication/insertion

Other Procedures

- 1- Prescription of medication
- 2- Administration of Local anesthesia
- 3- Desensitization procedure administration

Non-core privileges (for certified specialists) Only.

Endodontic Procedures (permanent teeth)

- a. Apexification /apexogenesis
- b. Conventional root canal therapy (multi rooted teeth)
- c. Non-surgical retreatment (multi rooted teeth)
- d. Root amputation/hemisection
- e. Periradicular Surgery
- f. Intentional reimplantation
- g. Treatment of obstructed canals
- h. Removal of broken instruments
- i. Repair of internal perforations

Periodontic Procedures

- a. Periodontal flap surgery
- b. Mucogingival Surgery (gingivoplasty, gingivectomy, frenectomy, free gingival/mucosal grafting, root coverage)
- c. Osseous surgery/crown lengthening
- d. Guided tissue regeneration
- e. Guided bone augmentation

Prosthodontic Procedures

- a. Denture rebasing
- b. Immediate denture fabrication/insertion



- c. Over denture fabrication/insertion
- d. Multiple unit fixed prosthesis construction (more than one quadrant at a time)
- e. Implant supported restoration (single)
- f. Implant supported restoration (Multiple)
- g. Precision Attachment denture fabrication / insertion
- h. Full-mouth reconstruction with alteration of vertical dimension
- i. Complete occlusal adjustment

Oral Surgery Procedures

- a. Surgical exposure of un-erupted teeth
- b. Removal of impacted teeth
- c. Removal of remaining roots
- d. Removal of oral cavity cysts
- e. Transplantations of teeth
- f. Removal of palatal/alveolar exostoses
- g. Removal of foreign bodies in soft tissue and hard tissue
- h. Vestibuloplasty prosthetic surgery (e.g. alveoplasty, alveolar bone augmentation, sinus lifting etc.
- i. Closure of oroantral fistulas
- j. Intraoral hard tissue biopsy sampling
- k. Frenectomy
- l. Palatal tissue hyperplasia reduction

Orthodontic Procedures

- a. Interceptive orthodontic treatment
- b. Orthodontic treatment (including bonding bracket on surgically exposed teeth and applying traction on impacted teeth)
- c. Insertion of removable and fixed functional appliances.
- d. Orthodontics treatment in orthognathic surgery patients
- e. Orthodontic treatment for cleft and syndrome patients.
- f. Insertion of orthodontics mini screws.

Pedodontic Procedures

- a. Preventive dental care (including oral hygiene, injury prevention, dietary, and habit counseling)
- b. Behavior management techniques for apprehensive children (including voice control, non-verbal communication, tell-show-do, positive reinforcement, distraction, parental presence/absence, hand over mouth and Physical restraint)
- c. Aversive behavioral management (including digital and non-nutritive sucking behavior, tongue and swallowing habits)
- d. Management of bruxism



- e. Interceptive orthodontic treatment (correction of anterior and posterior cross bite, space regainers, maxillary expansion with removable appliances)
- f. Serial extraction.
- g. Prosthodontic procedures (including fabrication / insertion of stainless steel crowns)
- h. Uncomplicated extraction of primary and permanent teeth, full management of all types of tooth injuries (traumas)
- i. Treatment of medically compromised physically and mentally disabled children under local or general anesthesia in operating room
- j. Full mouth rehabilitation for healthy apprehensive children under general anesthesia in operating room
- k. Management and treatment of children receiving chemotherapy and / or radiation

Implant Procedures

- a. Surgical placement of endosseous implants

Other Procedures (Procedures that need Special approvals)

- a. Treatment under general anesthesia
- b. Construction / insertion of obstructive sleep apnea appliances
- c. Intraoral use of lasers.

Notes and definitions

- 1) All dentists must follow standard recognized procedures in all the fields of dentistry for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up of their patients.
- 2) All dentists must take necessary impressions and radiographic images whenever required for treatment or documentation. For example: Orthodontist should take initial impressions of both arches, a panoramic radiograph, and a lateral cephalogram.
- 3) Any other procedure that is not listed in this guideline can be requested by the practitioner and evaluated by the registration department.
- 4) Please kindly refer to the Website for updates on a regular basis.

5) DENTAL SCOPES OF PRACTICE:

1) Orthodontics

Is the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of all forms of malocclusion of the teeth (improper bite).



2) Oral & maxillofacial surgery

Is the diagnosis, surgical, and nonsurgical treatment of diseases, injuries and defects of the mouth, face, skull, jaw, and associated structures.

3) Periodontics

Is the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases or abnormalities of the periodontium, or supporting tissues of the teeth, including the gums, cementum and periodontal ligament.

4) Pediatric dentistry

Is the branch of dentistry that is concerned with oral health care for children and adolescents.

5) Endodontics

Is the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of diseases and injuries to the dental pulp (the soft tissues inside the tooth) and the tissues surrounding the root of the tooth.

6) Restorative dentistry

Is the treatment of patients with the partial or complete loss of teeth, including surgical, endodontic, periodontic, orthodontic and prosthodontic procedures.

7) Prosthodontics

Is the restoration of oral function by creating prostheses and restorations (i.e. complete dentures, crowns, implant retained/supported restorations) for patients with a range of clinical conditions involving missing or deficient teeth and/or craniofacial tissues.

8) Oral surgery

Is the diagnosis, surgical treatment and ongoing management of conditions affecting the teeth and the bone immediately surrounding teeth.

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