

**Policy for Dental Procedures Students Can Perform at SHAC - MOM and other Volunteer
Community Service Clinics**
UNC School of Dentistry (SOD)

All faculty (full-time and adjunct)*, staff and students must be aware of the dental procedures that students are allowed to provide during Volunteer Community Service Clinics, as outlined below. This document has been created in order to remove any ambiguity or questions concerning which procedures can be performed by Dental, Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting students in the SHAC, MOM, or other volunteer community service clinics. In keeping with the appropriate standard of care for all patients and policies of the school, the policy of the Volunteer Community Service Clinics will be the same as that of the UNC School of Dentistry (SOD). Students will be allowed to provide only clinical treatment for which they have successfully completed the corresponding coursework within the dental school curriculum (including didactic, preclinical and clinical courses). Students will be allowed to perform only those procedures in the Volunteer Community Service Clinics that they are permitted to perform at the school. At the time of participation in the Volunteer Community Service Clinics, students must be enrolled as full-time students in the regularly scheduled SOD curriculum.

Allowable patient care activities are as follows:

DENTAL STUDENTS

- **Simple Extractions: Only after 3rd year students have successfully completed the coursework and clinical experiences in DENT – 306 Exodontia course.**
- **Restorative procedures: Only after successful completion of 75 operative points in SOD clinics, or attainment of third year status in the DDS program.**

DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS

- **Scaling and prophylaxis: Only after successful completion of second semester, first year.**
- **Application of preventive therapies: (i.e. fluoride treatment) after completion of related coursework.**

Radiographs: (intraoral projections) after completion of related coursework.

DENTAL ASSISTING STUDENTS

- **Chair-side assisting duties: (four-handed dentistry) after completion of related coursework.**
- **Application of preventive therapies: (i.e. fluoride treatment) after completion of related coursework.**
- **Radiographs: (intraoral projections) after completion of related coursework.**

All students **will have and wear their UNC-SOD name badge**, or a DS 1, 2, 3, or 4 - a DH 1, or 2, - or a DA-Student name badge, in order to identify their clinical level. If uncertain about a procedure, a faculty or an adjunct faculty will ask the student if he/she would be performing the procedure at the UNC School of Dentistry. If the answer is no, then he/she will not be permitted to do so in the Volunteer Community Service Clinics. All faculties shall provide appropriate guidance to the students including stepwise or “check-step” evaluations dependent upon a student’s experience. For restorative procedures, caries removal should always be evaluated before a restoration is placed. The final restoration should also be evaluated.

Quality dentistry and good clinical judgment should always be the hallmark of our students and faculty, whether at the SOD or in a volunteer setting.

**Attending faculty must be full-time, adjunct faculty who have attended in SOD clinics, or properly licensed dental residents with program director’s approval*

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