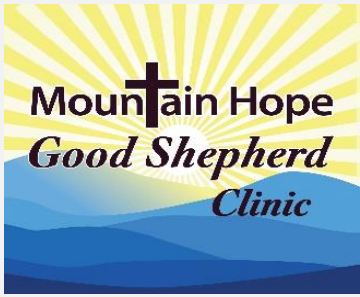


<b>Job Title:</b>	Dental Hygienist	
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**Summary**

The dental hygienist prepares a patient for examination, diagnosis and treatment by a dentist. The Dental Hygienist is responsible for the cleaning of teeth, and provides fluoride treatments. They can administer anesthetics, take and develop x-rays, polish patients’ teeth, remove stains, or apply sealants to prevent decay. This work is done under the direction of a Dentist.

**ROLES AND RESPONSILITIES**

**TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Promote the mission, vision, and values of the organization
- Perform Dental Screenings
  - Prepare Patients for Treatment
  - Perform Cleanings
  - Teach Patients
  - Provide General Assistance
  - Education and Licensing Requirements
  - Participates in Quality Improvement (QI), Quality Assurance(QA) and Continuous Quality Improvement Activities (CQI) as appropriate
  - Assists Dentist when directed
  - Other duties as assigned

**QUALIFICATIONS**

**Education and Experience:**

Licensed in the state of Tennessee as a Dental Hygienist, associates or bachelor’s degree in Dental Hygiene.

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

Knowledge:

- Knowledge of dental terminology, anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology. Familiarity with health care systems, regulations, policies, and functions. Understanding of documentation standards.
- Knowledge of equipment, supplies, and materials needed for dental treatment.
- Knowledge of infectious disease management and control and safety standards

Skills:

- Skills in reading and following written and oral dental orders
- Skill in initiating appropriate emergency procedures
- Skill in handling a number of tasks simultaneously
- Skill in making the patients feel comfortable

Abilities:

- Ability to use manual dexterity to perform dental treatments
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with coworkers and diverse patient populations

- Ability to educate patients on nutrition, dental hygiene and dental procedures.

**Computer Skills:**

To perform this job successfully, an individual should have knowledge of Word Processing software, electronic Dental Records software, and use of computer and email.

**Certificates and Licenses:**

- Certification in CPR and successful completion of the Title VI, HIPPA, and OSHA trainings.
- Licensed as a Dental Hygienist in the state of Tennessee. Maintain professional certification

**Physical Demands:**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions while performing the job of this job:

- Stand and sit for extended periods of time; push, pull and reach; occasionally bend, stoop and stretch
- Have full range of body motion, including handling and lifting of patients
- Have the hand-eye coordination and manual dexterity needed to operate a keyboard, photocopier, telephone, calculator and dental equipment
- Have a normal range of hearing and eyesight to record, prepare and communicate appropriate reports, specific vision requirements, close vision, distance vision, color vision, depth perception and the ability to focus
- Occasionally lift and carry up to 20 pounds