

## **Licensed Dental Practitioner Procedures: A breakdown of reversible and irreversible procedures**

There are 34 procedures listed in S. 35 under the proposed scope of practice for an LDP. Of these, 20 are current dental hygiene procedures, 6 are reversible procedures that could be added to hygiene scope of practice and the dental hygiene curriculum, and 8 are procedures that would be limited to the LDP scope of practice.

### **Current Dental Hygiene Procedures:**

1. Oral health instruction and disease prevention education, including nutritional counseling and dietary analysis (VT)
2. Periodontal charting, including periodontal screening exam (VT)
3. Exposing radiographs (VT)
4. Dental prophylaxis (VT)
5. Applying topical preventive or prophylactic agents, including fluoride varnishes, antimicrobial agents, and pit and fissure sealants (VT)
6. Pulp vitality testing (VT)
7. Applying desensitizing medication or resin (VT)
8. Fabricating athletic mouthguards (VT)
9. Placement of temporary restorations (VT)
10. Fabricating soft occlusal guards (VT)
11. Interim therapeutic restorations (VT)
12. Changing periodontal dressings (VT)
13. Administering local anesthetic (VT)
14. Administering nitrous oxide (legal in many states. In VT, DH allowed to monitor but not administer)
15. Oral evaluation and assessment of dental disease (VT)
16. Formulating an individualized treatment plan (VT)
17. Placement of temporary crowns (VT)
18. Suture removal (VT)
19. Brush biopsies (VT)
20. Mechanical polishing (VT)

### **Reversible Procedures not in dental hygiene scope of practice at this time in Vermont, but could legally be added to VT dental hygiene scope of practice and VTC's Dental Hygiene curriculum:**

1. Tissue conditioning and soft reline
2. Emergency palliative treatment of dental pain
3. Placement and removal of space maintainers
4. Restoring (filling) primary and permanent teeth, not including permanent tooth crowns, bridges, or denture fabrication
5. Preparation and placement of preformed crowns
6. Prescribing, dispensing, and administering analgesics, anti-inflammatories, and antibiotics

\*All procedures listed above are reversible

**Irreversible procedures not in scope of practice for dental hygienist but in proposed scope of practice for LDP:**

1. Tooth reimplantation
2. Extractions of primary teeth
3. Non-surgical extractions of periodontally diseased permanent teeth
4. Cavity prep (drilling)
5. Pulpotomies on primary teeth
6. Indirect and direct pulp capping on primary and permanent teeth
7. Repairing defective prosthetic devices
8. Recementing permanent crowns