

Scope of Practice for Connecticut Dental Professions

Procedures*	Dental Assistant ⁱ	Expanded Function Dental Assistant ⁱⁱ	Dental Hygienist ⁱⁱⁱ	Dental Therapist ^{iv}	Dentist
Take X-Rays	X	X	X	X	X
Oral health instruction & education		X	X	X	X
Scaling			X	X	X
Polishing		X	X	X	X
Root Planing			X		X
Topical Anesthesia		X	X	X	X
Local Anesthesia			X	X	X
Nitrous oxide					X
Topical Fluoride	X	X	X	X	X
Sealants		X	X	X	X
Taking impressions	X ^v	X	X		X
Assessment (within scope of practice)			X	X	X
Examination (within scope of practice)			X	X	X
Treatment Planning (within scope of practice)			X	X	X
Diagnosis (within scope of practice)				X	X
Refer patient to other providers			X	X	X
Dispense & administer non-narcotic analgesics, anti-inflammatory and antibiotic medications				X	X
Prescriptive Authority					X
Interim Therapeutic Restorations (ITR)		?		X	X
Place filling materials		X		X	X
Prepare restorations				X	X
Prepare and place preformed and temporary crowns				X	X
Indirect and direct pulp capping on permanent teeth				X	X
Indirect pulp capping on primary teeth				X	X
Simple extraction of erupted primary teeth ^{vi}				X	X
Simple extraction of highly mobile permanent teeth ^{vii}				X	X
All tooth extractions					X
Root canals					X
Crowns					X
Bridges					X
Implants					X

Bone grafts					X
Dentures					X

*This is not a comprehensive list of all dental procedures (there are over 500 dental procedures codes) but captures the significant and/or frequent procedures for each provider type

ⁱ Sources: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Dental-Assistant/Dental-Assistant-Requirements-Effective-10012016>;
<https://www.danb.org/~media/Files/State-CLT/Connecticut.ashx>

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ⁱⁱⁱ Sources: https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_379a.htm#sec_20-126; https://www.adha.org/resources-docs/7511_Permitted_Services_Supervision_Levels_by_State.pdf

^{iv} Sources: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/ACT/pa/pdf/2019PA-00056-R00SB-00807-PA.pdf>; https://www.ada.org/~media/CODA/Files/dental_therapy_standards.pdf?la=en;

^v For study models only

^{vi} Statute allows “simple extraction of erupted primary teeth”

^{vii} Statute allows “nonsurgical extraction of periodontally diseased permanent teeth with tooth mobility of three or greater, except a tooth that is unerupted, impacted, fractured or needs to be sectioned for removal”