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History of CDA Duties – under the Dentist Act, S 10.17 and CDSBC Bylaws

- 1968 polishing clinical crowns of teeth with rubber cup or brush and polishing pastes;
 - applying topical anti-cariogenic agents;
 - taking study model impressions;
 - performing first aid procedures;
- 1973 applying fissure sealants;
 - evaluating dietary habits and providing nutritional counseling as it pertains to dentistry;
 - providing instruction in the use and maintenance of partial and complete dentures and other appliances;
 - removing sutures
- 1977 placing and removing matrices and wedges
- 1980 applying desensitizing agents;
 - removing periodontal dressings;
 - performing pulp vitality tests using electric pulp tester and thermal pulp tester;
 - taking simple face-bow transfer;
 - acid etching prepared cavities;
 - applying non-invasive identification discs;
 - after completing the orthodontic module to the satisfaction of the general examination committee, performing those duties or procedures set forth in CDSBC Rules, Article 10.19
- 1993 applying treatment liners in teeth without pulpal involvement
- 1995 removing retraction cord
- 2002 a certified dental assistant with a minimum of one year of full-time chairside experience may fabricate single unit provisional restorations intra-orally, including try-in, adjusting occlusion outside the mouth, temporary cementation, removal of provisional cement, and removing provisional restorations
- application of pit and fissure material was amended to include the removal of excess;
 material with an appropriate hand instrument or slow speed handpiece
- obtaining impressions and occlusal records, not restricted to alginate materials;
 - gross removal of supragingival permanent cement using an appropriate hand instrument excluding the use of dental handpieces;
 - provision of coronal polishing, radiographs and fluoride treatment as delegated, dentist does not have to be present when care is provided within 60 days of service being prescribed

Addition to Prosthodontic Module:

- performing non-surgical gingival retraction techniques excluding the use of epinephrine