

21 NCAC 16W .0101 is amended with changes as published in 30:08 NCR 899 as follows:

**21 NCAC 16W .0101      DIRECTION DEFINED**

(a) Pursuant to G.S. 90-233(a), a public health hygienist may perform clinical procedures ~~under the direction of a licensed dentist,~~ “under the direction of a licensed dentist,” as defined by 21 NCAC 16Y .0104(c) of this Chapter, who is employed by a State government dental public health program or a local health department as a public health dentist.

(b) The specific clinical procedures delegated to the hygienist ~~must~~ shall be completed, in accordance with a written order from the dentist, within ~~60~~ 120 days of the dentist’s in-person evaluation of the patient.

(c) The dentist’s evaluation of the patient shall include a ~~complete~~ complete comprehensive oral examination, ~~thorough~~ medical and dental health history, history and diagnosis of the patient’s condition.

(d) Direction of a licensed dentist is not required for public health hygienists who provide only educational information, such as instruction in brushing and flossing.

*History Note:      Authority G.S. 90-223; 90-233(a);  
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