



UNDERSTANDING AND OPTIMIZING THE ROLE OF AN EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL AUXILIARY



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INTRODUCTION

(EFDA)



WHO IS AN EFDA?

An Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary or Assistant (EFDA) is a dental assistant who has received additional training and certification to perform advanced duties beyond the standard scope of a traditional dental assistant. In most states you must be a CDA (certified dental assistant) or RDH (registered dental hygienist) to be accepted to an EFDA program. EFDAs have specialized skills that allow them to complete reversible restorative tasks that help streamline dental procedures, support dentists, and enhance patient care.



THE VALUE OF EFDAS IN A DENTAL PRACTICE



EFDAs play a crucial role in increasing the efficiency and productivity of a dental practice. By performing more complex duties, they free up the dentist's time, allowing for more focus on advanced treatments and patient care. Practices that leverage the full potential of their EFDAs can see increased patient satisfaction and more efficient appointment scheduling.



BENEFITS OF EFDA COLLABORATION

1 ENHANCED WORKFLOW EFFICIENCY

- Delegating advanced restorative duties to EFDAs reduces bottlenecks in the schedule.
- The dentist can focus on high-complexity cases, while EFDAs manage routine restorative tasks.



2 IMPROVED PATIENT CARE

- Patients benefit from faster treatment with a seamless handoff between team members.
- Collaboration ensures all aspects of the patient's oral health are addressed comprehensively.

3 HIGHER TEAM MORALE

- Clearly defined roles reduce confusion and overlapping responsibilities.
- Team members feel valued when their specific contributions are acknowledged and utilized.

4 PRACTICE GROWTH

- Efficient task delegation increases the number of patients seen per day.
- Enhanced productivity translates into higher revenue and improved patient satisfaction.

