

Did you know that this week is

# National Dental Assistants Week

March 2-8, 2008

## Do you know what your Dental Assistant does for you?

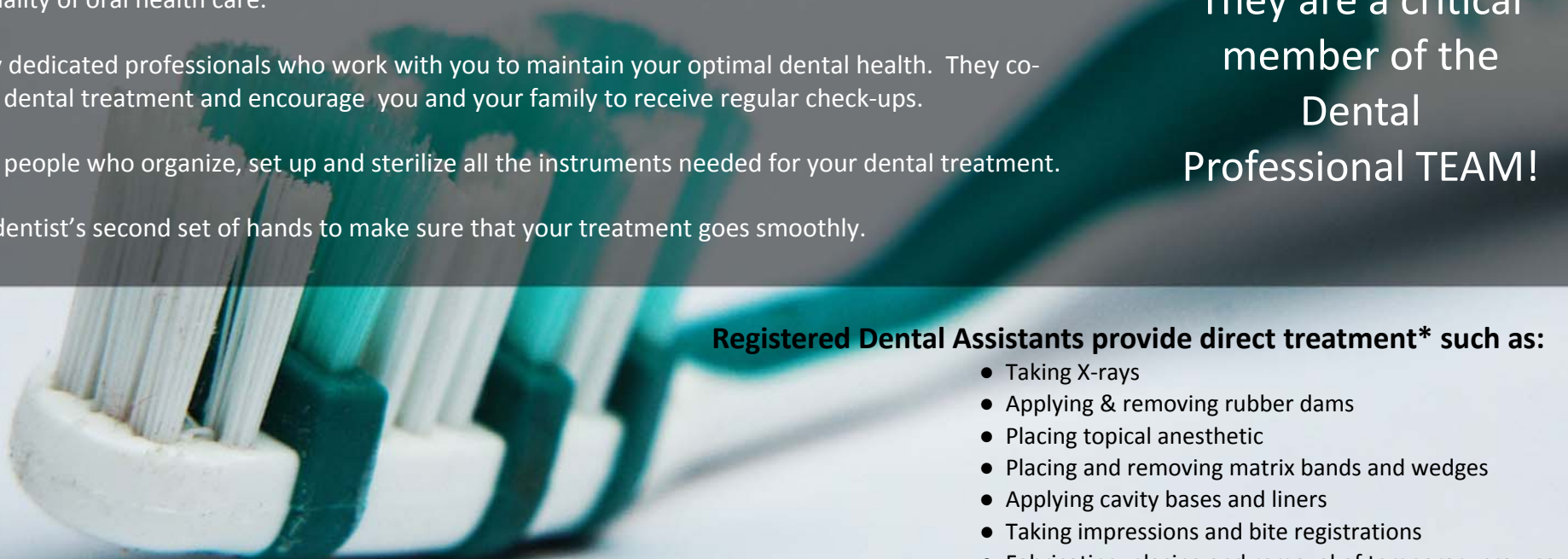
Registered Dental Assistants are licensed professionals that provide direct patient treatment and provide you with a high quality of oral health care.

They are very dedicated professionals who work with you to maintain your optimal dental health. They coordinate your dental treatment and encourage you and your family to receive regular check-ups.

They are the people who organize, set up and sterilize all the instruments needed for your dental treatment.

They are the dentist's second set of hands to make sure that your treatment goes smoothly.

They are a critical member of the Dental Professional TEAM!



### Registered Dental Assistants provide direct treatment\* such as:

- Taking X-rays
- Applying & removing rubber dams
- Placing topical anesthetic
- Placing and removing matrix bands and wedges
- Applying cavity bases and liners
- Taking impressions and bite registrations
- Fabricating, placing and removal of temporary crowns and fillings
- Applying pit and fissure sealants
- Polishing teeth and providing fluoride applications
- Giving oral hygiene instruction and post operative instructions
- Applying desensitizing agents
- Suture removal
- and a variety of other treatments

Dental Assistants are also educators, administrators, clinical technicians, treatment coordinators, receptionists, office managers and sales representatives. They are employed in dental clinics, hospitals, educational institutions, public health, supply companies, insurance companies, laboratories and in the military.

For more info, visit:  
Edmonton Dental Assistants Association  
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\*Scope of practice or duties may differ from province to province