

## COUNTY OF SOLANO

### DENTIST

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#### DEFINITION

Under direction, to provide professional dental services in the County-wide Dental Clinics or correctional facilities; performs related duties as required.

#### DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This class is characterized by the responsibility to provide dental services to patients at various County clinics or detention facilities. This class is distinguished from the class of Dentist Manager in that the latter manages the County-wide dental health program.

#### EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Depending on assignment, duties may include but are not limited to the following:

1. Performs oral examinations at various County clinics and detention facilities; interprets x-rays; treats diseases of the oral cavity; performs prophylactic procedures, restorations, and other dental treatment as needed; takes impressions, orders dentures and fits and adjusts dentures; instructs patients in oral hygiene and dental care.
2. Performs emergency procedures on Sheriff's prisoners in order to reduce or eliminate immediate pain; refers prisoners for needed dental care to the regularly scheduled dental provider.
3. Refers patients for difficult or complex oral surgery; refers patients that require medical attention to the appropriate staff physician; obtains consultative services of an orthodontist when required.

#### QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

##### EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE

Considerable experience in dentistry coupled with additional experience and education or training in public health services which demonstrates possession of requisite knowledge, competency, and ability. Typical qualifying experience would be:

One year experience in the practice of dentistry in a public agency or private practice.

Considerable knowledge of the principles and practices of modern dentistry, pharmacology, principles of general medicine, oral surgery, oral medicine and oral pathology, preventative dentistry and public health; understanding of socio-economic and

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psycho-social factors affecting the wellness and treatment of public health and institutionalized patients, and other high risk populations, including women, infants, children and adolescents.

Thorough knowledge and understanding of laws affecting the delivery of dental services in outpatient and institutional environment.

Working knowledge of local County government organization.

Ability to assess, diagnose and treat dental and oral pathology/disease; act fairly as a client protagonist in making and reviewing dental/medical decisions; determine appropriate course of action in emergency or stressful situations; demonstrate tact, diplomacy, patience and compassion; administer and evaluate the effectiveness of dental services; communicate effectively both verbally and in writing; establish and maintain cooperative working relationships; secure cooperation and teamwork among professional and/or support staff; maintain confidentiality of information.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a valid and unrestricted license to practice dentistry in the State of California issued by the Board of Dental Examiners.

Possession of or ability to obtain a valid Class C California Driver's License may be required.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Independent travel will be required.

Selectees for employment must as a condition of employment sign a statement agreeing to comply with Section 11166 of the California Penal Code relating to child abuse reporting.

Incumbent must be able to work in a clinical environment which may include exposure to communicable disease.