

WAC 246-817-778 Nondentist anesthesia providers. (1) A licensed dentist shall have a contract in place when working with a nondentist anesthesia provider. The contract must include:

(a) That all facility, equipment, monitoring, and training requirements, for all personnel required in WAC 246-817-701 through 246-817-790 have been met.

(b) That the anesthesia provider is responsible for the pre, intra, postoperative, and discharge anesthetic management of the patient.

(c) Delineation of responsibilities. The dentist and the anesthesia provider shall agree upon and arrange for the provision of items such as facility, equipment, monitoring, and training requirements to be met by either party. The dentist and the anesthesia provider shall establish written emergency protocols, as required in WAC 246-817-724, and all clinical staff must be trained.

(2) A nondentist anesthesia provider may be a certified registered nurse anesthetist or licensed physician anesthesiologist.

(3) Sedation or general anesthesia must be provided by a competent and qualified certified registered nurse anesthetist, licensed physician anesthesiologist, or a licensed dentist with an appropriate sedation or general anesthesia permit.

(4) A licensed dentist must ensure compliance with WAC 246-817-701 through 246-817-790 whenever sedation or general anesthesia is administered in their dental facility.

(5) A licensed dentist with a moderate sedation, moderate sedation with parenteral agents, or general anesthesia permit must ensure compliance with WAC 246-817-701 through 246-817-790 everywhere they administer sedation or general anesthesia.

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