

AUTHORIZED BASIC AND PARENTHETICAL TITLES FOR 0680 DENTIST

BASIC TITLES

The title of *Dentist* will be utilized as the official title for positions in the 0680 job series. This title is the authorized basic title for NSPS positions and is also the title utilized by the Veteran's Administration for both qualification and pay purposes.

As part of DoD's authority to utilize title 38, the Department of Defense Instruction 1400.25, Volume 543, Pay Plan for DoD Civilian Physicians and Dentists (PDPP) was approved effective August 18, 2010. These titling practices are consistent with the Physician and Dentist titles adapted in the PDPP, to include the subject matter specializations identified below.

PARENTHETICAL TITLES – (Definitions of Dentist Specializations)

(ENDODONTICS) -

Endodontics is the branch of dentistry which is concerned with the morphology, physiology and pathology of the human dental pulp and periradicular tissues. Its study and practice encompass the basic and clinical sciences including biology of the normal pulp, the etiology, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases and injuries of the pulp and associated periradicular conditions. This specialty examines, diagnoses treats and/or prevents diseases of the tooth root, dental pulp, and surrounding tissue, and the related practice of root canal therapy. The most common procedure is root-canal therapy.

An Endodontist is a dentist with two or more years of advanced training in the scope of endodontics who has received a certificate from an advanced education program accredited by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation and who limits his or her practice to endodontics. They may be board-certified by the American Board of Endodontics, board-eligible, or educational qualified. May mentor or train less experienced dentists and ancillaries, consult with other specialists, and/or teach postgraduate residents.

(GENERAL PRACTICE) -

General practice is a non-specialized dental practice concerned with providing primary and continuing dental care. It identifies comprehensive medical care regardless of age of the patient or presence of a condition that may temporarily require the services of a specialist. It also includes diagnoses and treatment of dental problems, understanding treatment options and patient behavioral and management techniques. May mentor or train less experienced dentists and ancillaries.

A general practice dentist is a healthcare professional qualified to practice dentistry after graduating with a degree of either Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS), Doctor of Dental Medicine

(DMD), Bachelor of Dentistry (BDent), Bachelor of Dental Science (BDSc), or Bachelor of Dental Surgery/Chirurgiae (BDS) or (BChD) or equivalent.

(ORAL SURGERY) -

Oral and maxillofacial surgery is the specialty of Dentistry which includes the diagnosis, surgical and adjunctive treatment of diseases, injuries and defects involving both the functional and esthetic aspects of the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial region (head, mouth, teeth, gums, jaws and neck). It involves, but is not limited to: wisdom teeth removal, apicoectomy, TMJ disorder, facial trauma, corrective jaw surgery, oral pathology, dental implants, anesthesia and bone grafts. An Oral Surgeon treats accident victims suffering facial injuries, offer reconstructive and dental implant surgery; cares for patients with tumors and cysts of the jaws and functional and esthetic conditions of the maxillofacial areas. May mentor or trains less experienced dentists and ancillaries, consult with other specialists, and/or teach postgraduate residents.

Oral Surgeons are generally certified by the American Boards of Dentistry and General Surgery and requires at least 4-6 years of training.

(PERIODONTICS) -

Periodontics is that specialty of dentistry which encompasses the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the supporting and surrounding tissues of the teeth, or their substitutes, and the maintenance of the health, function and esthetics of these structures and tissues. Common procedures include gum surgery, dental implants and cosmetic procedures. Duties include but are not limited to: treatment planning, diagnosis and treatment of periodontal disease and peri-implantitis, by both non-surgical and surgical means, treatment procedures for restorative purposes (crown lengthening), guided tissue and guided bone regeneration treatments, mucogingival procedures, and all surgical aspects of endosseous dental implants: diagnosis, treatment planning, placement and site preparation.

A Periodontist is certified as a dentist, including basic college education and completion of dental school to earn the D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree and is certified as a periodontist after postdoctoral study in an ADA approved program. May mentor or train less experienced dentists and ancillaries, consult with other specialists, and/or teach postgraduate residents.

(PROSTHODONTICS) -

A Prosthodontist is responsible for the diagnosis, treatment planning, rehabilitation, and maintenance of oral function, comfort, appearance, and health of patients with clinical conditions associated with missing or deficient teeth and/or maxillofacial tissues using biocompatible substitutes. Rehabilitative modalities can include, but are not limited to, restoration with crowns, fixed dental prostheses, complete dentures, removable dental prostheses, osseointegrated implants, and all ceramic restorations. Additional adjunctive treatment will be provided for TMD supportive therapy, traumatic injuries to the mouth's structures, congenital or birth anomalies to teeth, snoring and sleep apnea devices, and oral cancer reconstruction and continuing care. Provides treatment for problems of greater-than-usual difficulty, understanding advanced treatment options. They are also trained to serve in unique cases where there are physical abnormalities resulting from birth or traumatic injuries to the mouth.

A Prosthodontist is certified as a dentist, including basic college education and completion of dental school to earn the D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree and then typically receives additional training. May mentor or trains less experienced dentists and ancillaries, consult with other specialists, and/or teach postgraduate residents.

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