

Dental Assistant Test Study Guide

1. 20 primary teeth are present once all primary teeth have erupted.
2. Distilled water is the only kind of water that can be used in the autoclave.
3. No handpieces or cavitron tips ever go into the ultrasonic.
4. A tooth is to be etched for 20 seconds prior to the placement of a composite restoration.
5. The statim cassette is to be cleaned weekly.
6. Vitrebond and Lime Lite ARE glass ionomers with fluoride release.
7. The dental assistant is responsibly for flushing both the air and water syringe lines and high-speed handpiece water line.
8. Utility gloves must be worn when handling, scrubbing and bagging contaminated instruments.
9. When treatment changes during a restorative visit, the new treatment change must be communicated to the parent or legal guardian before going forward with the treatment but the new treatment plan can be signed after the restorative visit, before the patient leaves.
10. All pouches and wrapped cassettes must be completely dry before removing them from the sterilization cycle.
11. A stainless steel crown is recommended when the cavitated tooth loses too much tooth structure to support a composite filling.
12. An abscess tooth does not always have a fistula present.
13. ViscoStat-Ferric Sulfate is used as a coagulant hemostatic agent.
14. After incubating a spore test, that hasn't been autoclaved, it turns yellow. If an autoclaved spore test turns yellow after incubating, it indicates that the autoclave isn't sterilizing properly.
15. Keeping the tooth dry in the most important part of the composite restorative process.
16. A sealant is a plastic coating that is applied to the grooves of a healthy back tooth to protect it by blocking out acids and food to help prevent cavities from forming.
17. It is everyone's responsibility to make a patient's dental visits a safe, fun and positive experience.
18. After reading a spore test, all spore tests, including the control, are to be disposed of in the sharps container after all cultures have been autoclaved. This means that the control has to be autoclaved after reading the results and before disposing of it in the sharps container.
19. The average person breaths 5 L/minute of oxygen.
20. An indicator strip is to be placed in all cassettes or pouches prior to sterilization.
21. When restoring an anterior tooth with a strip crown, keeping the tooth dry and hemostasis needs to be achieved for the crown to be completed properly.
22. A three prong plier is used when creating a unilateral space maintainer chairside to contour the loop portion.
23. Nitrous hoses are cleaned weekly in soapy water.
24. Behavior management is documented in the note by 15 minute units.
25. Tell, show, do is performed on all patients.

26. The machines in sterilization should **always** be wiped with a CaviWipe once the dirty instruments have been loaded and the sterilization cycle has started.
27. When a medicated base is needed during a composite restoration it is placed **after the tooth has been prepped and before the filling is placed.**
28. The patient's completed procedure on the ledger should match the **clinical note and patient router.**
29. **Always** dry the gingival tissue before applying topical anesthetic gel.
30. A patient breathing nitrous oxide should **never** be left alone.
31. After cementing a stainless steel crown, a piece of knotted floss is used **to remove any residual interproximal cement.**
32. **All products stored outside of the their original container requires a Global Harmonizing System (GHS) label.** Examples: a container storing alcohol 2x2s, diluted surgical milk in a soaking container, IMS solution in the ultrasonic.
33. IRM, Interval, Temrex or Temp-It is used during a **pulpotomy.**
34. The general level for nitrous is **30%.**
35. PPE should be worn **in sterilization, during patient care, when taking x-rays and when cleaning a dirty dental chair.**
36. An extraction consent form must **always** be signed for **all patients** when an extraction is recommended for a permanent tooth.
37. Sealants are guaranteed for **3 years as long as the patient is coming in twice a year for routine cleanings.**
38. **20 seconds** is recommended length of time to light cure a composite resin restoration.
39. **20 seconds** is recommended length of time to light cure a medicated base or indirect pulp cap.
40. All patients should wear **safety glasses** during all restorative procedures.

Diagram of the Tooth Numbering System (viewed as if looking into the mouth)

