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Registered Orthodontic Assistant

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SUMMARY

Orthodontic assistant with 6 years in a 7-chair practice seeing about 85 patients a day. Changes archwires, bonds and debonds brackets under direction, takes intraoral scans and photos, and runs aligner starts. Certified in infection control and radiation safety, with CPR and a strong record of on-time chairs.

EXPERIENCE

Lead Orthodontic Assistant — Chugach Smiles Orthodontics

Anchorage, AK · Mar 2022 – Present

- Run 2 of 7 chairs on a schedule of about 85 patients a day, handling wire changes, ligature ties and elastics checks.
- Take about 30 intraoral scans a week for aligner starts, refinements and retainers, with a rescan rate under 5%.
- Cut repeat visits for loose brackets by about 40% after teaching every new patient a 5-minute food and brushing routine.
- Trained 4 new assistants on sterilization, tray setups and scanning, and wrote the clinic's 12-page chairside guide.

Orthodontic Assistant — Spenard Family Orthodontics

Anchorage, AK · Aug 2019 – Feb 2022

- Prepared and turned over 3 chairs for about 60 patients a day, keeping the schedule within 10 minutes most days.
- Took about 25 sets of records a week, including photos, panoramic films and alginate impressions.
- Sterilized and logged instruments for a 4-person clinical team with 0 failed spore tests in 2 years.

SKILLS

Chairside: Archwire changes, ligation, separators, band fitting, bracket bonding prep, debonds, elastics, retainer checks

Records and digital: Intraoral scanning, clinical photos, panoramic and cephalometric films, alginate impressions, aligner submissions

Software: Practice management and charting software, imaging software, aligner treatment planning portals

Safety and certs: Radiation safety certification, infection control, OSHA bloodborne pathogens, CPR and BLS

EDUCATION

Dental assisting certificate, Kenai Peninsula Allied Health Institute, 2019

High school diploma, West Anchorage High School, Anchorage, AK, 2018

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