



Appendix 1: Dental internship Procedure Minimum Numbers

*This list is intended to be used in conjunction with the **Procedure Log Guidelines for Residency and Fellowship Programs** to ensure comprehensive documentation and compliance with training requirements.*

Minimum numbers represent what the Central Accreditation Committee believes to be an acceptable minimal experience. Minimum numbers are not a final target number and achievement of the minimum does not signify competence.

Category	Minimum
Apply preventive therapies and provide caries-control care including fluoride varnish, fissure sealants, non-operative caries control, interim/temporary caries-control restorations.	10
Provide direct permanent restorations - 10 anterior restorations - 10 posterior restorations.	20
Perform non-surgical root canal treatment - 3 single-rooted - 2 multi-rooted teeth	5
Construct fixed dental prostheses - 3 full crowns, - 1 partial-coverage crown/onlay/endocrown, and - 1 short-span fixed dental prosthesis.	5
Construct removable prostheses - 2 removable partial dentures - 1 complete denture case.	3
Perform uncomplicated dental extractions - 10 permanent teeth - 10 primary teeth	20
Perform minor oral-surgery emergency procedures - 2 incision-and-drainage procedures and - 5 suturing procedures.	7
Provide periodontal therapy and maintenance care - 5 full-mouth scaling and polishing cases - 5 subgingival debridement/root surface instrumentation cases	10
Manage orthodontic emergencies including debonded bracket/buccal tube management, ligature or archwire irritation, replacement of elastomeric modules, simple repair	10
Provide dental care for medically compromised patients including scaling and polishing, restorations, extraction, incision and drainage, suturing.	10



Intern Roles

When interns enter a case into the NIHS Procedure Log System, they must indicate their major role in the case (autonomy level).

- **Assistant:** involved/scrubbed in and performed less than 50 percent of the clinical management/procedure or greater than or equal to 50 percent, but not the key portion(s) of the clinical management/procedure. This is consistent with level 2/3 on the EPA entrustment scale.
- **Independent Dentist:** must perform greater than or equal to 50 percent of the clinical management/procedure, including the key portion(s) of the clinical management/procedure. This is consistent with level 4 on the EPA entrustment scale.
- **Teaching Assistant (*this level is not expected to be attempted or achieved during internship training*):** This is consistent with level 5 on the EPA entrustment scale. To be recorded as Teaching Assistant in the Procedure Log System, an entrusted resident/fellow must instruct and assist a more junior trainee through a clinical management/procedure. The more junior trainee must function as independent dentist and perform greater than or equal to 50 percent of the clinical management/procedure, including the key portions. The attending/faculty member must function as Assistant or Observer.