

Performance: Performing Denture Care (C1026)

Directions: The following table lists the steps that are expected of you in order to properly perform denture care. The table also provides rationales that explain why you perform some of these steps.

You will be expected to demonstrate these steps in the same order as presented in this table. An observer will be grading your performance using the competency assessment observation form on page 2.

Step		Rationale
1	Perform initial steps (i.e. greets patient by name, explains procedure to patient, washes hands, raises side rails)	
2	Raise head of bed so patient is sitting up	Prevents fluids from running down patient's throat, causing choking
3	Put on gloves	Prevents you from contamination by bodily fluids
4	Drape towel under patient's chin	Protect patient's clothing and bed linen
5	Remove upper dentures by gently moving them up and down to release suction. Turn lower dentures slightly to lift out of mouth	Prevent injury or discomfort to patient
6	Put dentures in denture cup marked with patient's name and take to sink	
7	Line sink with towel and fill halfway with water	Prevents dentures from breaking if dropped
8	Apply denture cleaner to toothbrush	
9	Hold dentures over sink and brush all surfaces	
10	Rinse dentures under warm water, place in cup and fill with cool water	Hot water may damage dentures
11	Clean patient's mouth with swab if necessary. Help patient rinse mouth with water or mouthwash diluted with half water if requested	Removes food particles. Full strength mouthwash may irritate patient's mouth
12	Check teeth, mouth, tongue, and lips for odor, cracking, sores, bleeding and discoloration. Check for loose teeth. Report unusual findings to nurse	Provides nurse with necessary information to properly assess patient's condition and needs
13	Help patient place dentures in mouth if requested	Restores patient's dignity
14	Remove gloves	
15	Do final steps (i.e. lower bed height and position side rails as appropriate, place call light and water within patient's reach, asks patient if anything else is needed, thanks patient, and washes hands, documents procedure).	

Competency Assessment Observation Form: Performing Denture Care (C1026)

Performer: _____

Observer: _____ **Date:** _____

Step		Is Correct	
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2	Raise head of bed so patient is sitting up	<input type="radio"/> Met	<input type="radio"/> Not Met
3	Put on gloves	<input type="radio"/> Met	<input type="radio"/> Not Met
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