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Dental assistants do more than hand instruments and suction. I have been a dental assistant for 17 years (CDA, EFDA). I have seen an office run smoothly with certified assistants and I have seen when an office tries to hire off the street and "will train you". It's not the dentist that's doing the training, it's the other assistants. So the patients are at the mercy of the best trained personnel in that office. There is no standard in this concept. Do you trust that in your mouth? That's who will remove your temporary crown, and many other procedures. This needs to stay part of the exam required protocol. I trust you will do what you would want done in your mouth. Let's confirm that the assistants are certified. Thank you for your time.