

POLICY REGARDING PARTICIPANTS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS THAT UTILIZE LIVE PATIENTS

Preamble: The purpose of this policy is to clarify the Board's position regarding continuing education courses that utilize live patients to demonstrate certain dental procedures and/or techniques.

Based upon the statute and rules governing the licensure and regulation of the dental profession, it is the Board's position that there is no mechanism which allows a dentist who does not hold a license in the state of Ohio to be permitted to work on live patients, even in a continuing legal education course setting.

Ohio Revised Code 4715.16 sets forth criteria for limited licenses. These can be issued by the Board for one of the following reasons:

- For those who qualify as residents in an accredited dental college (limited residents license).
- For those who qualify as full time faculty in an accredited dental college (limited teaching license).
- For those who qualify to demonstrate clinical procedures necessary to complete a practicum/continuing education program, at the facility of the endorsing program, and only under the direct supervision of an Ohio licensed dentist responsible for the instruction provided by the endorsing program (limited continuing education license).

There exists no limited license for unlicensed participants in continuing education courses in the Dental Practice Act. Therefore, unless an individual is licensed to practice in the state of Ohio, he/she cannot work on live patients in any setting, including continuing education courses.

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