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From the Executive Director Lili C. Reitz, Esq.

The Ohio State Dental Board (Board) is continuing to work to improve the services delivered by the Board to our licensees and the general public, while at the same time assisting to improve the quality of dental care delivered to the dental consumer. As most of you are aware, the Board is charged with protecting Ohio's consumers by ensuring that those who are licensed by the Board meet certain minimum education and training criteria to safely practice in Ohio. Then the Board must maintain surveillance and take action against those who violate the laws and rules governing the profession.

The Board believes it is doing its job in protecting the public through licensing, enforcement and regulation. Further, we are making improvements as necessary, with patient safety as our primary concern.

Improvements in this area include the filing of the Board's Enforcement Rules, similar to those adopted by the State Medical Board of Ohio, which set forth the hearing procedures before the Board. With the enactment of these rules, our Board will be only the second regulatory agency in the state to adopt hearing rules.

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OSDB Collects Funds for Relief Efforts in New York

The Ohio State Dental Board has raised over \$15,000 in contributions from Dental Board members, alumni, and friends of the Board, to support the New York Dental Forensic Team's efforts in the aftermath of the World Trade Center attacks, and contributions are still coming in to the Board office. The Board hopes this amount will be doubled as the message gets disseminated to more and more licensees.

The New York Dental Forensic Team is responsible for assisting the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and local law enforcement officials in New York in the identification of those individuals who fell victim to the attacks on September 11, 2001. Money is needed for necessary clothing, materials, equipment, transportation, staff and other expenses related to the relief effort.

Ohio has three forensic dentists who actively participated by going to New York. Cincinnati dentist Franklin D. Wright, DDS, head of Ohio's Dental Forensic Team, volunteered, as well as Mark T. Armstrong, DDS, from Troy, and Gregory A. McDonald, DDS, from Dayton. Several other active member dentists of the Ohio core team are on stand-by. The participating dentists from Ohio have been trained by the US Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

The Ohio State Dental Board has been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support it has received in response to its request for contributions. The Board is truly appreciative of the generosity shown by the members of the profession who have chosen to support its colleagues in this time of need.



Lili C. Reitz,

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From the Board President Edward R. Hills, II, D.D.S.



Edward R. Hills, II,

It is an honor to serve the state of Ohio as the President of the Ohio State Dental Board. I have been in this position since April of this year, and I look forward to playing an instrumental role, both as President and as a member of the Board, in addressing the challenges faced by the Board on a daily, weekly and monthly basis.

As you know, the ability to practice any profession is a privilege, not a right. As such, those who attempt to engage in the profession without the appropriate training, ethical standards and/or competency levels, pose a threat to the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of Ohio. Protecting the public through licensing, regulating the practice of dentistry, and by setting and enforcing the standards of practice is our primary responsibility.

We take these responsibilities very seriously, and as a result are involved in numerous issues in all these areas. For example, in the area of licensing, the Board is determined to ensure that for initial licensure in the state of Ohio, an applicant must be able to demonstrate minimum competency in all skill levels. This includes diagnosis and treatment planning, which is what the NERB Dental Simulated Clinical Exercise (DSCE) is designed to address.

As you may be aware, the results of the ADA-funded study have been published, which compared the NERB DSCE and the National Board Part II (see related article on page 11). There was concern that the exams were the same, and therefore requiring both examinations was redundant. The results of the study indicate that the exams are in fact different, and test different things. The National Board II is said to be an examination that tests theory, whereas the NERB DSCE is a clinical examination which tests actual diagnosis and treatment skills. Therefore, the Board believes that successful passage of all key competency areas of a regional examination and in addition the NERB DSCE, is vital to ensure minimum competence.

In the area of regulation, the Board has been addressing issues such as oral titration for those dentists who do not hold a sedation permit. The Board again wants to ensure that dentists are not putting any patient at unnecessary risk, and therefore we have adopted a policy, and will possibly promulgate rules which will involve your input, to regulate this practice for the sake of public protection. The delegation of coronal polishing activities to qualified dental assistants is also an issue we are currently working towards resolving (see related article on page 3).

Further, we have recently determined that dentists be required to take continuing education in the areas of substance abuse and infection control. Awareness in the area of substance abuse education can only be beneficial to the profession, in terms of identification of potential problem situations, and further, to have information to assist others with potential problems. Education in the area of infection control will also be beneficial for both the protection of the dentist as well as the patients he or she serves.

In the area of enforcement, we are exploring alternatives to straight discipline. One example is the imposition of community service work in lieu of a lengthy suspension time for cases that do not involve serious standard of care issues. This way, discipline is implemented, but services are provided which address access to care problems. Also, the Board received funding to implement a quality intervention program. This program, once up and running, will allow us to remediate, through education and training, those licensees who exhibit problems in practice skills but do not necessarily require formal disciplinary action.

As you can see, the Board is very involved in all areas of its mission, and it will continue to make changes and improvements for the betterment of the profession for the protection of the public.

In conclusion, the members of the Board are a dedicated group intent on fulfilling the mission of the Board, with a focus on public protection. We are going through significant change, and though we may have been reluctant to engage in change initially, the change has been good. With change comes new insight, and with new insight comes new ideas and acumen.

I look forward to another challenging year, and will continue my efforts to make changes and encourage the Board in its efforts toward improvements to ensure that the public is protected, and that the profession is benefited by an ongoing reputation for integrity and professionalism.

Understanding the Coronal Polishing Issue

The coronal polishing issue continues to raise many questions among the Board's licensees and the profession in general. While the legislature enacted statute that permits dental assistants to polish the clinical crowns of teeth, the Board must first promulgate rules setting forth minimal guidelines to permit this practice.

The Coronal Polishing Task Force (Task Force), chaired by the Board's President, Edward R. Hills, DDS (Cleveland) met on three (3) separate occasions. The purpose of the Task Force was to address Ohio Revised Code Section 4715.39, the statute which was enacted in March of 1999 that states that the Board could write rules to define the duties of qualified personnel. Section (A) of the statute was amended to allow the Board to write rules, if it so desired, which would enable dental assistants to polish the clinical crowns of teeth, with certain minimum requirements outlined in the rule.

The Task Force addressed many issues including statutory conflict, definitions, training requirements, practice requirements, the examination, and the limitations that would apply. They made very good progress and met with consensus in all areas except for one. That area being the language that the Task Force believes is needed to clarify the statute, based on the concerns raised last year when the Board was addressing delegable duties for dental assistants.

Section (C) of the same statute specifically states that the Board cannot allow dental assistants to engage in the practice of dental hygiene, including the removal of calcarious deposits or accretions on the crowns and roots of teeth. Section 4715.23 of the Revised Code says the same thing with respect to the removal of accretions and calcarious deposits.

The reason this is a concern is because last year, the Board tried to expand the rules for delegable duties of dental assistants to include the removal of cement from the crowns of teeth by use of hand instruments. This rule did not make it past the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). JCARR is the legislative committee that determines, among other things, if rules conflict with statutes, etc. JCARR had problems with the Board's proposed rule to allow dental assistants to remove cement, based on 1985 case law which generally stated that cement was an accretion. Therefore, it was JCARR's position that this task could not be delegated to a dental assistant unless R.C. 4715.23 was changed and the term accretion was defined.

The issue that was addressed by the Task Force was whether R. C. Sections 4715.23 and 4715.39 should be changed, and how, since polishing arguably removes calcarious deposits and accretions from teeth. Proposed changes to the statute were drafted by Lili C. Reitz, Esq., Board Director, and Mary K. Crawford, Esq., Assistant Attorney General, and were presented to the Task Force. Upon presentation and after much discussion, all groups agreed to the changes except for the representatives of the Ohio Dental Hygienists Association (ODHA). ODHA

representatives did not want the term accretion replaced with the definition proposed, which was "a natural substance that builds up over time, including plaque and stain." The hygiene representatives argued that the term accretion should remain, and argued that cement was an accretion, and therefore could not be removed by dental assistants.

Since that time, with the help of the Board's dental hygiene member, Lynda L. Sabat, RDH (Brecksville), the Board made contact with Professor Esther Wilkins, RDH, PhD at Tufts University. Ms. Sabat had informed the Board that Dr. Wilkins wrote the text on dental hygiene, therefore, her opinion would be of great assistance. We asked for Dr. Wilkins' opinion as to the term accretion, and whether or not cement was an accretion. Dr. Wilkins provided information and rendered an opinion which stated, in pertinent part, that the term 'accretion' defines a natural deposit on the tooth, such as plaque, calculus and stain. She indicated that the term 'accretion' does not include the dental materials such as excess filling materials or cement.

That being said, the Task Force recommended that the changes be made to the statute. The changes not only address the issue of accretions as it relates to coronal polishing, but it also clarifies the statutes as requested by JCARR in March, 2000.

The Board believes that once the statutory changes are made, the Task Force would recommend that the rules be drafted by the Law and Rules Review Committee based on the guidelines established by the Task Force, which are clearly delineated in the minutes of the meetings. The guidelines established addressed issues such as education and training requirements, as well as set forth that coronal polishing could only be done in conjunction with another procedure, as directed by the supervising dentist.

Since our proposal of a statutory change, the Ohio Dental Association, based upon advice from legal counsel, has taken the position that a statute change is not necessary. However, we believe that since there is conflicting language in the same statute, clarification is necessary to pass JCARR scrutiny. This issue is currently being researched by the Attorney General's office, and once the matter is resolved, the Board will proceed accordingly. Our main concern is doing the job correctly, and it appreciates your patience and understanding in affording us the opportunity to address all the pertinent issues involved in concluding this matter.

Update: Bowers vs. Ohio State Dental Board

Donald F. Bowers, DDS, et al., filed suit against the Board challenging the Board's designation of examinations required for licensure. In July, 2000, the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas dismissed the case on motion of the Board. Dr. Bowers appealed, but the Court of Appeals affirmed the lower court's decision. Dr. Bowers then appealed to the Supreme Court of Ohio and in September, 2001 the Supreme Court declined to hear the case. Therefore, the lawsuit is now dismissed.

Meet Our New Assistant Director Donald G. Goodman



Donald G.

The Ohio State Dental Board (Board) has hired Donald G. Goodman to serve as the Board's new Assistant Director, effective July 16, 2001. We believe Mr. Goodman will be a great asset to the Board with his years of experience and his reputation for professionalism.

Mr. Goodman, a native of East Liverpool, Ohio, brings to the Board thirty-one years of experience with the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP). He is a

retired Major, who served on the senior staff as Commander. His responsibilities included Support Services, Human Resources, Operations, Investigations, and the Training Academy. After retiring from the OSHP in 1999, Mr. Goodman took a position with the Legislative Inspector General's Office, where he was responsible for registering lobbyists and investigating suspected ethics violations by legislators and legislative agents.

The Board created the position of Assistant Director to replace the position of Enforcement Supervisor when it became vacant. The Board believed that a more encompassing position, one that would combine the responsibility of overseeing the enforcement division with managing the office on a daily basis, would be more beneficial.

From the Assistant Director

Since time is one of our most valued commodities, I'll keep this short and to the point. Some of you may have already spoken to me on the telephone or by mail and therefore, have some idea about who I am. To many of you reading this and hearing about me for the first time, let me introduce myself. I'm Don Goodman, married to a lovely wife Kristine and have lovely children, some married and some still single. I'm retired from a nearly 31-year career with Ohio's Department of Public Safety and most recently worked at the Legislative Inspector General's office.

I am delighted to have been given the opportunity to move to this position and to work with a very dedicated office and investigation staff. Having been here only a few months, I can hardly impress anyone on my mastery of dental terminology or how the office and the Dental Board function in depth. However, I am excited and dedicated and hopefully a rather quick study.

Some insight into me as a person might be helpful to you the reader. I have a philosophy I've managed my life with for many years. It actually stems from a former football coach at

The Ohio State University. No, it's not drop and give me 25 push-ups or run some laps but something I feel is basic, right on target with what I want to be remembered for, how you might better understand me, and how I feel about dealing with people.

There are three main tenets to this blueprint. The first is to do the "right thing". This seems very simple and overly basic, but I have found in my experiential learning over the years that many lose sight of this concept. Whether it's the criminal world or a business setting, oftentimes people run into problems when they forget that we all need to say to ourselves, is this the right thing to do? If we can honestly answer "yes" then it's O.K. to proceed; however, if the answer is "no" then it's best to look for an alternative choice. I try to keep this in mind with all the decisions I'm involved in daily.

The second rule is to do the very best I can with the task I'm working on. Business possibly calls this a "commitment to excellence". I try to keep this in mind even with the constraints we are saddled with such as time, energy, other obligations, etc. When you talk to me and ask for something whether it be written correspondence, some action on an issue or merely follow-up on an item, I'll do the best I can to return to you what you have requested. The information I provide to you may not always be what you want to hear, but I'll give it to you straight and to the best of my ability.

Lastly, I subscribe to treating people the way I would like to be treated. Now when I say this I know there are situations that don't always appear this way. At times you may feel you're not being dealt with courteously, however, sometimes in our human, imperfect world many factors come to play in decisions. I continually try to put myself in your position as an educated person who believes in serving the public, otherwise why would you be doing what you are doing. Dignity, self esteem and all those intrinsic values are important today more than ever. We work in a delicate world where feelings influence many decisions made. I'll try to remember this when we interact and I trust you will understand and try to do the same.

I am committed to doing the job with accuracy and energy. I am here to make the Ohio State Dental Board an agency you won't fear but respect and to some slight degree, be proud of in representing our mutual interests in serving the public. I'm happy to hear from you anytime about something we might consider doing better. We have some very talented people working both in the office and on the road. Not only do they know their jobs but I sense they are caring people who want to do more than just put in their time on the job! I pledge to you, dedicated service is my goal. But as has been said many times - the talking isn't nearly as important as the walking. I hope you will find that I stick by the items mentioned above. I enthusiastically look forward to working with you!

NUMBER OF LICENSEES AS OF SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2001

Dentists	7399
Dental Hygienists	6690
Dental Assistant Radiographers	7310



Enforcement Report (September 2000 through September 2001)



Since the last newsletter, the enforcement section of the **Ohio State Dental Board** has investigated 426 new cases. These investigations resulted in 64 administrative charges filed. In addition, the Board sent numerous warning letters and/or cease and desist letters and performed several alcohol/drug abuse interventions. The following is a list of licensees disciplined by the Board during this time period. Every effort has been made to ensure that the disciplinary information set forth herein is correct. Official confirmation of the status of a license can be obtained by contacting the **Ohio State Dental Board**, 77 South High Street, 18th Floor, Columbus, Ohio, 43266-0306. The listing may not reflect pending appeals made after publication of this newsletter.

NAME	DATE	CHARGE	ACTION TAKEN
BACON, ROBERT S., D.D.S.	4/30/2001	4 COUNTS CONVICTION OF A FELONY	EFF 4/30/01-90 DAY SUSPENSION; REQUIREMENTS FOR REINSTATEMENT; UPON REINSTATEMENT, 3 YR PROBATION
BALL, JOHN W., JR., D.D.S.	1/18/2001	CE - AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION	CONSENT AGREEMENT-SERVED 2 WK SUSP, PASS JURISPRUDENCE EXAM; 20 HRS CE, SEND DOCUMENTATION FOR NEXT 3 BIENNIUMS
BERLIN, KATHRYN A.	1/23/2001	FELONY CONVICTION	EFF 1/31/01 - LICENSE TO PRACTICE AS A DENTAL ASSISTANT RADIOGRAPHER IS REVOKED
CRUNY, REBECCA L ARBOGAST, R.D.H.	3/19/2001	FAILURE TO RESPOND TO CE AUDIT	AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION
D'ORAZIO, ROBERT M., D.D.S.	12/8/2000	CE - AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION	SUSPENDED
DIERS, NELSON R., D.D.S.	4/19/2001		CONSENT AGREEMENT- 30 DAY SUSPENSION-6/17/01-7/16/01; 20 HRS CE, PASS JURIS. EXAM; ONCE REINSTATED-2 YR PROBATION, SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION EVERY OTHER MONTH
DIMICHAELANGELO, LAURY J, D.D.S.	1/22/2001	16 CTS PERMITTING; 4 CTS STANDARD OF CARE; 5 CTS MISREPRESENTATION; 1 CT WAIVING COPAYMENT	2 YR SUSPENSION, AFTER SUSP-PRO/BONO; 24 HRS CE, SUCCESS COMPLETE CLINICAL EXAM; 2 YR PROBATION-APPEALED-STAY GRANTED
DIMICHAELANGELO, LAURY J., D.D.S.	6/21/2001		CONSENT-SETTLE APPEAL-18 MO SUSPENSION-EFF 9/1/01, AFTER SUSP- 1200 HRS PRO/BONO W/IN 1 YR; 60 HRS CE; SUCCESS COMPLETE CLINICAL EXAM; 2 YR PROBATION
DINE, ANDREW, D.D.S.	12/7/2000	1 COUNT DRUGS FOR OTHER/ STANDARD OF CARE	CONSENT AGREEMENT - LICENSE REPRIMANDED/CENSURED; ABIDE BY OFFICE PROTOCOL & PROCEDURE FOR ORDERING DNLT OFFICE SUPPLIES
DUBEL, VICTOR J., D.D.S.	6/21/2001		CONSENT-SETTLE APPEALS-6 MO SUSPENSION-EFF 7/1/01, SURR DEA; APPLY FOR REINSTATE; 21 HRS CE; PASS JURIS. EXAM; 8 YR PROBATION; QRTLTY REPORTS
DUBEL, VICTOR J., D.D.S.	12/8/2000	6 COUNTS INFECTION CONTROL	30 DAY SUSPENSION, 7 HRS CE, QRTLTY DECLARATIONS, DOCUMENTATION OF TESTING - APPEALED - STAYED
EISNER, NEIL D., D.D.S.	6/21/2001	STANDARD OF CARE	CONSENT AGREEMENT-CEASE ENDO TREATMENT-20 HRS CE IN ENDO, WHEN NOTIFIED TO RESUME-RESTRICTED TO SINGLE CANALS; 1 YR PROBATION; SUBMIT MONTHLY REPORTS
FAIR, MICHAEL C., D.D.S.	9/13/2000	1 COUNT STANDARD OF CARE	CONSENT AGREEMENT - NO ENDODONTICS UNTIL 8 HRS CE & SECRETARY INFORMS MAY RESUME-ONLY SINGLE CANALS, 1 YR PROBATION
FRICKE, DONALD E., D.D.S.	1/18/2001		VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT - EFFECTIVE 10/1/00
FULTZ, RODNEY B., D.D.S.	1/4/2001	CE - AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION	SUSPENDED
GIBSON, REGINALD A., D.D.S.	2/16/2001	2 COUNTS VIOLATION OF CONSENT	EFF: 02/22/01-LICENSE REVOKED - APPEALED
GLICK, FRED S., D.D.S.	12/7/2000	IMPAIRMENT	CONSENT AGREEMENT - SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY; STIPULATIONS PRIOR TO REINSTATE; 5 YR PROB UPON REINSTATEMENT (REIN 2/22/01)
GOLUB, JEROME N., D.D.S.	2/15/2001	9 COUNTS MISREPRESENTATION	CONSENT AGREEMENT-60 DAY SUSPENSION (BEGIN 4/1/01); 20 HRS CE; JURISPRUDENCE EXAM; 3 YR PROBATION; QRTLTY DECLARATIONS
GORDON, WILLIAM, D.D.S.	8/2/2001	2 COUNTS INFECTION CONTROL VIOLATIONS	CONSENT AGREEMENT-1 YR PROBATION; QUARTERLY REPORTS; 7 HRS CE; TAKE & PASS JURISPRUDENCE EXAM
HARVEY, BRYAN R., D.D.S.	3/14/2001		CONSENT AGREEMENT - LIMITED RESIDENT LICENSE SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY; STIPULATIONS PRIOR TO REINSTATE; 5 YR PROB UPON REINSTATE
HARVEY, BRYAN R., D.D.S.	6/21/2001		CONSENT AGREEMENT-5 YR PROBATION W/CONDITIONS
HERALD, JOHN T., D.D.S.	4/19/2001		CONSENT AGREEMENT-1 YR PROBATION; SUBMIT QRTLTY TESTING DOCUMENTATION; 7 HRS CE; PASS JURISPRUDENCE EXAM.
JEREN, BRADLEY K., D.D.S.	8/2/2001	3 COUNTS INFECTION CONTROL VIOLATIONS	CONSENT AGREEMENT-1 YR PROBATION; QUARTERLY REPORTS; 7 HRS CE; TAKE & PASS JURISPRUDENCE EXAM
JOHNSON, DIANE H., D.D.S.	1/10/2001	CE - AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION	SUSPENDED
KLENOTIC, RONALD, D.D.S.	3/23/2001	CE - AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION	EFF: 4/23/01 - SUSPENDED; REQUEST REINSTATE; SUBMIT 40 HRS CE; 20 HRS CE-ETHICS & TREATMENT; UPON REINST-5 YR PROBATION
KLINE, CURTIS B., D.D.S.	4/19/2001		CONSENT-SETTLE APPEAL-1 YR SUSPENSION-EFF 6/1/01, AFTER SUSP- 1200 HRS PRO/BONO W/IN 2 YRS; 60 HRS CE, SUCC COMP CLIN EXAM; 2 YR PROB

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KLINE, CURTIS B., D.D.S.	1/22/2001	17 CTS PERMITTING, 1 CT STANDARD OF CARE; 5 CTS MISREPRESENTATION; 1 CT WAIVING COPAYMENT	1 YR SUSPENSION, AFTER SUSP- PRO/BONO; 24 HRS CE, SUCCESS COMPLETE CLINICAL EXAM; 2 YR PROBATION-APPEALED-STAY GRANTED-SIGNED CONSENT 4/19/01
LANDERS, MICHAEL A., D.D.S.	4/27/2001	1 COUNT DRUGS FOR OTHER AND LEGAL & THERAPEUTIC PURPOSES/ STANDARD OF CARE	EFF: MAY 27, 2001-LICENSE SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING RESTRICTION: DEA PERMIT SUSPENDED FOR 90 DAYS, FOR REINSTATE-24 HRS OF CE; UPON REINSTATE, 3 YR PROBATION
LEDWITH, BETH, D.D.S.	3/23/2001	CE - AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION	EFF: 4/23/01 - SUSPENDED; REQUEST REINSTATE; SUBMIT 40 HRS CE; 20 HRS CE-ETHICS & TREATMENT; UPON REINST-5 YR PROBATION
LEONE, PHILIP A., D.D.S.	8/2/2001	6 COUNTS INFECTION CONTROL VIOLATIONS	CONSENT AGREEMENT-1 YR PROBATION; QUARTERLY REPORTS; 7 HRS CE; TAKE & PASS JURISPRUDENCE EXAM
LEVENSON, MARK D., D.D.S.	1/4/2001	CE - AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION	SUSPENDED
MACK, WILLIAM E., JR., D.D.S.	1/18/2001	CE - AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION	CONSENT AGREEMENT - SERVED 2 WK SUSP; PASS JURISPRUDENCE EXAM; SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION FOR NEXT 3 BIENNIUMS.
MARSHALL, EDWARD T., SR, D.D.S	3/14/2001		CONSENT AGREEMENT-LICENSE WILL BE REINSTATED WHEN CONDITIONS ARE MET; SUBMIT PROOF OF HEP B; DOCUMENTATION OF 40 HRS CE; TAKE & PASS JURISPRUDENCE EXAM
MCINTOSH, ROBERT L., D.D.S.	8/2/2001	3 COUNTS INFECTION CONTROL VIOLATIONS	CONSENT AGREEMENT-1 YR PROBATION; QUARTERLY REPORTS; 7 HRS CE; TAKE & PASS JURISPRUDENCE EXAM
MICHAILIDES, JOHN, D.D.S.	12/8/2000	CE - AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION	SUSPENDED
MIKULA, CYNTHIA J., D.D.S.	12/7/2000	1 COUNT CONVICTION OF FELONY	CONSENT AGREEMENT-EFF 1/1/01 - 30 DAY SUSPENSION; 3 YR PROBATION
MIKULA, JAMES F., D.D.S.	1/18/2001	1 COUNT INFECTION CONTROL	CONSENT AGREEMENT-14 DAY SUSPENSION (EFF 1/28/01), REQST REINSTATE, 1 YR PROBATION, 7 HRS CE, PASS JURIS. EXAM (REINS-2/12/01)
MILLER, RICHARD C., D.D.S.	12/8/2000	3 COUNTS INFECTION CONTROL	EFF-1/7/01-14 DAY SUSPENSION, REQST REINSTATE, 1 YR PROBATION, 7 HRS CE, QRTLY DECLARATIONS (REINSTATED 1/23/01)
MOORE, TIMOTHY, D.D.S.	1/18/2001		CONSENT AGREEMENT - LICENSE REINSTATED, 5 YR PROBATION
MOULDER, DONALD C., D.D.S.	12/7/2000	INFECTION CONTROL	CONSENT AGREEMENT - 1 YR PROBATION; QRTLY TESTING DOCUMENTATION, 7 HRS CE, PASS JURISPRUDENCE EXAM
NEUGER, SANFORD, D.D.S.	3/23/2001	8 COUNTS INFECTION CONTROL	EFF:4/23/01-14 DAY SUSPENSION; REQUEUST REINSTATE; ONCE REINSTATE 1 YR PROBATION, 7 HRS CE
OH, SAM, D.D.S.	6/21/2001	INFECTION CONTROL/PERMITTING	CONSENT AGREEMENT-1 YR PROBATION; SUBMIT QUARTERLY REPORTS; 7 HRS CE, TAKE & PASS JURISPRUDENCE EXAM
PECENKA, MICHAEL P., D.D.S.	4/19/2001		CONSENT AGREEMENT-1 YR PROBATION; SUBMIT QRTLY TESTING DOCUMENTATION; 7 HRS CE; PASS JURISPRUDENCE EXAM.
PHILLIPS, JOCELYN K., R.D.H.	3/19/2001	FAILURE TO RESPOND TO CE AUDIT	AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION
PICKERSGILL, GLASSPOLE A., D.D.S.	3/6/2001	FAILURE TO RESPOND TO CE AUDIT	AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION
PIERCE, RICHARD D., D.D.S.	6/21/2001	14 COUNTS STANDARD OF CARE	CONSENT AGREEMENT-CEASE ENDO UNTIL ENDO PORTION OF CE COMPL- WHEN NOTIFIED LIMIT-SINGLE CANAL; 250 HRS CE, TAKE & PASS JURIS EXAM; 2 YR PROBATION; MTHLY RPT
PIERRON, THOMAS G., D.D.S.	1/18/2001	CE - AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION	CONSENT AGREEMENT - SERVED 2 WK SUSP; PASS JURISPRUDENCE EXAM; 20 HRS CE; SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION THE NEXT 3 BIENNIUMS
POOLE, DWIGHT K., D.D.S.	2/16/2001	1 COUNT ADVERTISING; 2 COUNTS PERMITTING; 1 COUNT STANDARD OF CARE	CONSENT AGREEMENT-NO ORTHO TREATMENT EFF 6/1/01; 30 DAY SUSP (EFF 6/1/01); 20 HRS CE, JURISPRUDENCE EXAM; 2 YR PROBATION
RIEMENSCHNEIDER, DOROTHY K R.D.H.	3/19/2001	FAILURE TO RESPOND TO CE AUDIT	AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION
ROSENBERG, DAVID A., D.D.S.	3/14/2001		CONSENT AGREEMENT-LICENSE SUSPENDED UNTIL APRIL 1, 2001; UPON REINSTATEMENT, WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY AUDITED FOR NEXT 3 BIENNIUMS.
SALO, CHRISTINE M., R.D.H.	6/21/2001		CONSENT AGREEMENT-HYGIENE LIC HAS BEEN SUSPENDED SINCE 1/1/00 FOR FAILURE TO RENEW, LIC REINSTATED, BUT IMMEDIATELY SUSPENDED UNTIL 7/2/01; AUDIT NEXT 3
SANTUCCI, A. SCOTT, D.D.S.	2/16/2001		CONSENT AGREEMENT - SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY; STIPULATIONS PRIOR TO REINSTATE; 5 YR PROB UPON REINSTATEMENT
SCHERBAUER, RICHARD A., D.D.S.	1/18/2001	CE - AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION	CONSENT AGREEMENT - SERVED 2 WK SUSP; PASS JURISPRUDENCE EXAM, COMPLETE 20 HRS CE, SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION FOR NEXT 3 BIENN
STARR, DAVID D., D.D.S.	12/7/2000		CONSENT AGREEMENT-UPON RECEIPT OF PROOF COMPLIED W/TERMS OF CA 5/6/99 & 9/13/00, LICENSE REINSTATED (EFF 12/27/00)
STARR, DAVID D., D.D.S.	9/13/2000	9/23/99 - 2 COUNTS VIOLATION OF CONSENT 6/15/00 - 1 COUNT PRACTICING WHILE SUSPENDED	CONSENT AGREEMENT -(COMBINED W/NOTICE SENT 9/23/99) 7 MO SUSPENSION EFF 05/05/00, UPON REINSTATEMENT - 5 YR PROBATION
STOLLINGS, JAN G., D.D.S.	4/19/2001	9 COUNTS INFECTION CONTROL; 2 COUNTS PERMITTING UNLICENSED RADIOGRAPHERS	CONSENT AGREEE- 14 DAY SUSP-EFF 04/01/01-WRITTEN REQUEST REINS; 1 YR PROB, 27 HRS CE W/IN 3 MO; PASS JURIS. EXAM; QRTLY DECLR- COMPLIANCE- REINSTATED 4/19/01
SULLIVAN, DOUGLAS W., R.D.H.	4/19/2001		CONSENT AGREEMENT - SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY; STIPULATIONS PRIOR TO REINSTATE; 5 YR PROB UPON REINSTATEMENT

NAME	DATE	CHARGE	ACTION TAKEN
TURNER, CHESTER C., D.D.S.	1/18/2001	CE - AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION	CONSENT AGREEMENT - SERVED 2 WK SUSP
WAGNER, THOMAS F., D.D.S.	12/7/2000	3 COUNTS INFECTION CONTROL	CONSENT AGREEMENT-14 DAY SUSPENSION EFF 12/11/00, UPON REINSTATEMENT 1 YR PROBATION, 7 HRS CE, PASS JURIS. EXAM
WEBSTER, LORI ANN, R.D.H.	6/21/2001	1 COUNT FELONY; 1 COUNT MISDEMEANOR; 1 COUNT MISREPRESENTATION	CONSENT AGREEMENT-LICENSE SUSPENDED-STAYED-5 YR PROBATION W/ CONDITIONS
WHEELER, JUDITH C., D.D.S.	1/4/2001	CE - AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION	SUSPENDED
WILLETT, JILL L., R.D.H.	3/19/2001	FAILURE TO RESPOND TO CE AUDIT	AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION
WROBLESKY, ANTHONY M., D.D.S.	9/13/2000		CONSENT AGREEMENT - 1 YR PROBATION; QRTLY REPORTS; 7 HRS CE; TAKE & PASS JURISPRUDENCE
YERIAN, MICHAEL A., D.D.S.	12/8/2000	1 COUNT VIOLATION OF ADJUDICATION ORDER	EFF: JAN 1, 2001 - 30 DAY SUSPENSION; 1 YR PROBATION, SUBMIT QRTLY DECLARATIONS OF COMPLIANCE

NEW PROCEDURES FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL

Renewal

Its that time again!! All dentists and dental hygienists will be required to renew their licenses at the end of this year. The Ohio State Dental Board (Board) will be making some changes in procedures to make this process as easy and efficient as possible, while at the same time meeting all the legal requirements necessary.

For this renewal period, the Board will be sending renewal notices in October, rather than November. Therefore, you will have more time to submit the necessary information.

Change in Forms

This renewal and henceforth, dentists and dental hygienists will be required to list all courses taken which demonstrates compliance with the continuing education (CE) requirements set forth in the Dental Practice Act. In the past dentists/dental hygienists merely attested to the fact that they had completed the requisite forty (40)/twelve (12) hours of continuing education needed for renewal. However, the law requires that dentists "submit to the Board at the time of biennial registration a sworn affidavit attesting that he has completed continuing education programs...and listing the date, location sponsor, subject matter and hours completed of the program." (see R.C. 4715.141) and that dental hygienists "...certify to the board.....has completed a minimum of twelve hours...certification shall be made upon the application for registration." (see R.C. 4715.25). Therefore, the Board will be including as part of your renewal requiring you to complete a list of CE programs as noted above. Then, if you are one of the 20% selected for audit, you will be required to submit all supporting documentation for the (CE) courses you have listed on your Log of Continuing Education..

All renewals are due NO LATER THAN December 31,

2001, but should be submitted prior to December 1st, 2001 to ensure there are no delays in licensure renewal. By law, all licenses are suspended automatically if they fail to renew. The Board has a procedure for processing late renewals, but technically, if you practice on an expired, suspended license, you are violating the law. Therefore, timely renewal is extremely important.

Change of Address

Further, to ensure that you receive your renewal notice and information, you are required by law to supply the Board with a change of business address within 10 days of the address change. The Board must know where your practice is located, and this will ensure that you receive all necessary mailings.

Last renewal cycle, more than 3000 licensees failed to renew in a timely fashion. This is attributed to many factors: some individuals simply desired to retire and no longer practice, others forgot to submit a change of address and therefore did not receive the renewal information, others simply forgot. This again creates many problems for the licensees, including practicing on a suspended license, which is a "reportable" violation.

Please be sure to provide the Board with your current address. If you do not receive renewal information in the mail by November 1st, 2001, please contact the Board office. The Board hopes the extended time and new forms result in a more efficient and effective renewal cycle.

Fee Increase

Fees have increased for this biennium, which are effective immediately. The fee for renewal of a dental license is now \$220.00, and dental hygiene renewal fees are now \$102.00.

NEW CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

New rules regarding continuing education requirements went into effect in April of this year. While currently in effect, the Ohio State Dental Board decided it was their intention that while these rules would become effective during the current biennium, **the Board would not enforce the newly proposed continuing education requirements until the 2002-2003 biennium** and each subsequent biennium thereafter. For more information on the new requirements visit our website at www.state.oh.us/den and check out Ohio Revised Code section 4715-8-01 under the *Laws, Rules and Policies* button.

Advertising Issues: What You Should Know

The Ohio State Dental Board (Board) receives a steady number of complaints regarding alleged advertising violations. The frequency of these complaints may be on the rise. Most of the infractions that the Board sees appear to be occurring due to inadvertent error or a misunderstanding of the rules set forth in the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), specifically sections 4715-13-01 through 4715-13-04, and section 4715-5-04, which deal in particular with advertising. This article may assist you to simplify or clarify what can be stated in magazine/newspaper advertisements, internet, television, radio, and telephone directories, in order to comply with the specifications outlined in the Board's rules.

Some of the most frequent errors are as follows:

1. OAC Section 4715-13-03(E)

The phrase "general dentist" must appear as prominently as the list of other specific services being offered by the general dentist. The reason this is necessary is so that the public understands that the services are being rendered by a general dentist and not a specialist. Specialists must meet certain criteria outlined in the law, and must limit his/her practice to the specialty. General dentists can provide services for which they are competent to perform, however, there should be no confusion that the dentist offering the services is a general dentist.

2. OAC Section 4715-5-04(F)

A general dentist is not prohibited from announcing to the public that he renders specific types of services, including but not limited to specialty services, provided that any such announcement includes the phrase "general dentist" no less prominently than the types of services, and that the announcement doesn't contain other words or phrases that violate the law/rules. For example, the following advertisement would be correct if the print was the same size for each phrase:

- General Dentist
- Implants
- Dentures

3. OAC 4715-13-03(C)

Dentists may not advertise that they practice a specialty that is not recognized by the American Dental Association (ADA). There are nine (9) recognized specialties: orthodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, periodontics, endodontics, pediatric dentistry, prosthodontics, oral pathology, public health and oral and maxillofacial radiology.

A dentist may only advertise as a specialist if he/she has satisfied the requirements of OAC 4715-5-04, which requires, among other things, completion of a post-doctoral program, or diplomate status received from the national certifying board of a specialty recognized by the ADA. A dentist may also advertise diplomate status received from a national bona fide certifying

organization that grants diplomate status based on postgraduate education, training, experience and written and oral examination, so long as there is a written disclaimer in the advertisement, in a clear and visible manner, that the certifying organization "is not recognized as a specialty board by the Ohio State Dental Board or the American Dental Association". It should be noted that "cosmetic dentistry" is not an ADA recognized specialty, therefore, advertising such must be in accordance with OAC 4715-13-03(E) and 4715-13-04(F).

4. OAC 4715-5-04, 4715-13-04

Dentists may not advertise the term "postgraduate certification", rather, one can advertise an ADA recognized board certification. In addition, a dentist may advertise any postgraduate training completed.

5. OAC 4715-13-01(E)

The dentist's first and last names must be included in the advertisement (for owner dentist and/or dentist in charge).

6. OAC 4715-13-04(A)(4)

Dentists may not misname any dental method or system in advertisements. Terms such as "no drill fillings" or "fillings without the drill" should not be used, rather the procedure should be accurately represented, eg., air abrasion.

7. OAC 4715-13-04(A)(5)

Dentists may not advertise statements which misrepresent any dental method or dental system actually employed by the dentist. Terms such as "revolutionary procedure" do not concisely name or represent any dental method or procedure.

Occasionally the telephone directory will misprint your advertisement and/or place it in the wrong category, i.e. place a general dentist in a specialty category. The Board recommends that you keep a copy of what you submitted to the telephone directory company on file, including to whom the advertisement was submitted, and any corrections you might have made. This will be of great assistance should questions arise.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DENTAL BOARD?

If you would like to have the Executive Director or the Assistant Director speak to your group regarding the Ohio State Dental Board and its functions, just give us a call. We'll be happy to work with you on an informative presentation.

Ohio State Dental Board 2000-2001 Meeting Highlights

December, 2000 - The Board presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" and paid tribute to Donald P. Bowermaster, D.D.S., recognizing him for 15 years of services as the head of the ODA's Dentists Concerned for Dentists. Dr. Demkee stated "Dr. Bowermaster has been instrumental over the years in saving lives, families and careers. ... Dr. Bowermaster has served the profession in a manner which has truly demonstrated his level of passion and commitment. His efforts, along with the friendships he has made with the rest of us, will be difficult to replace."

The Board also presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" and paid tribute to Donald E. Demkee, D.D.S. upon his retirement at the end of the year. Dr. Demkee was recognized for his accomplishments and contributions to the Board as President, Secretary, and Chair of the Board's Anesthesia Committee, and for his involvement on a national level.

January, 2001 - The Board held a Public Rules Hearing and subsequent to testimony and decided to table the vote for filing the following proposed amended rules with the *Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review* (JCARR):

- 4715-1-01 Method of public notice.
- 4715-1-02 Acceptance of certificate of national board.
- 4715-1-03 Acceptance of other certifying boards.
- 4715-8-01 Continuing education requirements.
- 4715-8-02 Sponsors of continuing education.
- 4715-8-03 Standards for approval of biennial sponsors.
- 4715-8-04 Continuing education requirements for renewal or reinstatement.
- 4715-13-01 Public announcements, publicity, advertising and solicitation.
- 4715-18-01 Application for licensure of foreign dental graduates.

The *Policy Committee* proposes and obtains approval to reaffirm the current policy on acceptable licensure examinations for initial licensure and licensure by criteria approval.

Ms. Reitz read a resolution from Senator Grace Drake honoring Dr. Demkee for his outstanding service to the Ohio State Dental Board.

Garret Kenney, D.D.S., Chair of the ODA's Dentists Concerned For Dentists (DCD) program spoke to the Board members on the newly proposed program designed for impaired dentists. He informed the Board that the new program would utilize a committee comprised of two (2) representatives each from the Board, the ODA and the Ohio Physicians Effectiveness Program (OPEP). This program is designed to replace the now defunct ODA DCD program.

Mark Siegal, D.D.S., M.P.H., Chief, Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Oral Health Services, provided a slide presentation to the Board on the Recommendations of the Director of Health's Task Force on Access to Dental Care.

February, 2001 - The Board welcomed its newest member, T. Michael Murphy, D.D.S. (See related article on page 12). Dr. Silverman explained that Dr. Murphy previously held the position of Anesthesia Consultant to the Board prior to his appointment by Governor Taft. The *Education Committee* entertained and approved a request from the ODA to permit licensees who attend the substance abuse and infection control seminars at the ODA Annual Session in September, 2001, to carry the credit hours over to the 2002-2003 biennium due to the new continuing education requirements effective this year. The *Law and Rules Review Committee* revisits the proposed amended rules, makes additional amendments and the Board votes unanimously to final file the previously tabled proposed amended rules with JCARR.

March, 2001 - The Board held its annual election of officers and appoints the following:

- President - Edward R. Hills, D.D.S.
- Vice-President - Stuart Silverman, D.D.S.
- Secretary - William J. Lightfoot, D.D.S.

The *Policy Committee* proposes and obtains approval for one (1) new policy:

- Policy to Clarify Acceptable Residency Programs

April, 2001 - Mr. Marshall introduced the Board's newest Enforcement Officer, Harry Pasku. Mr. Pasku had recently retired as an Investigator for the Ohio State Highway Patrol after twenty (20) years in the North East Ohio area. Dr. Murphy introduced Douglas Wallace, D.D.S. as the new Anesthesia Consultant to the Board. Ms. Sabat informed the Board that with the advent of the new continuing education rules, the Education Committee has revised the procedures and application processes. The Board reviews and approves the new applications.

The *Policy Committee* proposed and obtained approval for one (1) amended and one (1) new policy:

- Policy for Acceptable Dental and Dental Hygiene Continuing Education Hours for Licensure Renewal (amended)
- Policy for Acceptable Application Procedures and Continuing Education Guidelines for Sponsors of Continuing Education (new)

Dr. Hills reported on the progress of the Coronal Polishing Task Force (see related article on page 3). Board members congratulated Dr. Murphy on his reappointment to the Board until 2006. Mr. Marshall informed the Board about recent legislation that was passed regulating fees charged for copies of medical and dental records. The Board members received comprehensive training on the duties and responsibilities of being a board member. The training also included information on Ohio Ethics law, the disciplinary process, permissible duties of dental personnel, the Public Records Act, and the Open Meetings Act.

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2000-2001 Meeting Highlights

June, 2001 - Suzanne E. Curry, Licensure Coordinator, announces her upcoming retirement and is recognized by the Board for her twenty-five (25) years of dedicated service. Colonel Kenneth Marshall was also recognized by the Board for his year of service.

The *Policy Committee* proposed and obtained approval for one (1) new and two (2) amended policies:

- Ohio State Dental Board Policy Guideline Regarding Legislative Representation (new)
- Policy for Licensure as a Dentist With a Specialty Designation Without Northeast Regional Board, Inc. (NERB) status in the State of Ohio (amended)
- Policy for Acceptable Application Procedures and Continuing Education Guidelines for Sponsors of Continuing Education (amended)

The Board entertained its first discussions on oral titration and sleep dentistry. Ms. Reitz distributed copies of the revised Dental Board Committee assignments (see information block on page 2). Ms. Franks reported on her attendance to the 2001 Dental Summit Team Meeting.

August, 2001 - Dr. Hills introduced the Board's new Assistant Director, Donald G. Goodman (see related article on page 4). Dr. Awadalla, as Chair of the *Policy* and *Anesthesia Committees*, introduced a proposed policy on oral titration and sleep dentistry to the Board for approval. After much discussion, the Board approves the following policy as amended during the discussion:

- Policy Regarding Oral Conscious Sedation

Ms. Reitz informs the Board members that Jayne A. Rasmussen, formerly the Board's Enforcement Secretary, has been promoted to Licensure Coordinator, subsequent to Ms. Curry's retirement at the end of June. Dr. Hills and Ms. Reitz, representing the Board, had been invited to attend a meeting at the Ohio Department of Health regarding the issues surrounding access to care. He reported on their discussions and stated that he had informed Dr. Siegal of ODH, that the Board would like to be included in a task force to address this issue. Dr. Awadalla reported on her attendance to the recent NERB meeting, wherein the most important news gleaned was that the American Dental Association (ADA) had completed their study regarding the comparison of the National Board Part II examination vs. the North East Regional Board, Inc. Dental Simulated Clinical Exercise. She informed the Board members that the results of the study conclusively proved that the two (2) examinations were not the same and that the ADA would be releasing their information on the study soon (see related article on page 11).

September, 2001 - Dr. Hills announced that the executive office had recently received notification of Dr. Silverman's retirement from the Board. He presented a "Certificate of Recognition" plaque to Dr. Silverman in absentia (see related article on page 12). A tentative Board meeting schedule for 2002 is set as follows:

January 16-17	July 17-18
February 20-21	September 11-12
April 17-18	November 6-7
June 12-13	December 4-5

Copies of the minutes from the Board meetings are available by request from the Board executive office at a cost of \$.05/page plus postage at:

77 S. High Street, 18th Floor Columbus, OH 43215-6135

OR they can be downloaded from the Board website at www.state.oh.us/den by selecting the [Board Meeting](#) button.

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From the Executive Director
Lili C. Rietz, Esq.

Additionally, we are continuing to work in the area of enforcement to ensure that Ohio's citizens are being treated by only competent, ethical and professional practitioners. The Board has been effective in protecting Ohio's dental consumers by ensuring that those who violate the Dental Practice Act are dealt with in an efficient, fair and responsible manner.

In this regard, the Board has received funding in the 2002-2003 biennium to establish a Quality Intervention Program (QUIP). This program will allow those licensees who come before the Board with apparent skills issues to potentially remediate through education and training. If successful, formal disciplinary action may not be necessary if they can demonstrate that they have improved their skills and can safely and competently treat Ohio's dental consumers. This program has been very successful with the State Medical Board of Ohio, and the Ohio Board of Nursing is also implementing such a program.

By continually updating and improving our website, www.state.oh.us/den, we provide a significant amount of information about the Board, including information about the members and staff, licensure information, meeting schedules and continuing education information. The site allows a user to verify the status of any licensee, to read and download applications, laws and rules, policies, meeting minutes, etc. The biggest challenge we face is the constraints of the state Department of Administrative Services' (DAS) ability to keep the website current and up-to-date. The Board is updating all information it can internally, and relies on DAS for other updates for database information and the like.

This past year has been a year of improvements and changes for the Board. We will continue to change and grow to better meet the responsibilities we have to protect the public, and to efficiently and effectively communicate with the profession and the citizens of the state of Ohio.

Dental Assistant Radiographer Licensure Requirements

Recently the Ohio State Dental Board (Board) became aware of the fact that the state of Kentucky does not issue certification or licenses to dental assistants who practice radiography. Rather, the state of Kentucky requires that dental assistants who wish to perform radiographs must take a 6-hour course from the University of Kentucky and are required to simply provide proof of completion of the 6-hour course in order to take radiographs. The dental assistants are not required to be examined upon course completion in order to perform this duty.

According to Ohio Revised Code Section 4715-15.53(C)(3) which states in pertinent part:

- (C) An applicant is not required to take a licensing examination if ...
- (3) He holds a license, certificate, or other credential issued by another state that the board determines uses standards for dental x-ray machine operators that are at least equal to those established under this chapter.

Additionally, Section 4715-12-05 (A) and (B) of the Ohio Administrative Code states in pertinent part:

- (A) ...dental assistant radiographer's training to dental assistants preparing to sit for the "Dental Assisting National Board" examination, must offer a curriculum of at least seven hours to include the following subjects:
 - (1) Radiation Physics;
 - (2) Radiation Biology;
 - (3) Radiation Health, Safety and Protection;
 - (4) X-ray Films and Radiographic Film Quality;
 - (5) Radiographic Techniques;
 - (6) Darkroom and Processing Techniques; and
 - (7) Film Mounting.
- (B) Clinical experience making a variety of radiographs and radiographic surveys must be part of the course curriculum. The clinical experience must be completed within sixty days of completing the first seven areas of the curriculum.

Ohio requires a minimum of seven (7) hours of lecture, demonstration of ability to produce clinically acceptable radiographs, and examination of such prior to licensure as a dental assistant radiographer. Therefore, at its most recent meeting in September, the Board determined that the requirements to allow a dental assistant to perform radiography in the state of Kentucky are not equal to those requirements for licensure set forth in the Dental Practice Act.

From this date forward the Ohio State Dental Board will no longer accept certificate of course completion from the University of Kentucky as sufficient criteria for dental assistant radiographer licensure in Ohio.

Since this has come to our attention, the Board will be seeking information from all other states in order to reevaluate and compare their criteria and requirements for dental assistant radiographers. Once the information has been reviewed, the Board will be instituting a policy on acceptable licensure or certification from other states.

National Board Part II and the NERB DSCE: A Comparability Study

The American Dental Association (ADA) and the North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (NERB) contracted with Knapp & Associates International, Inc. (K&AI) to conduct a comparability study of the two written examinations. The objectives of the study were to compare the examinations in the following areas: (1) results of previous studies conducted in CA from 1992-1997; (2) examination content; (3) validity as related to purpose; (4) examination reliability; (5) scoring methods as related to respective purpose; and (6) security.

The independent review by K&AI determined that both examinations are similar in content but have different purposes and assess different aspects of clinical knowledge. The National Board Part II was found to be a comprehensive examination in the theory of dentistry and is a prelude to clinical performance examinations. The NERB DSCE was found to be an examination that is designed to assess diagnosis and treatment planning knowledge and skills. It was concluded that both examinations are sufficiently reliable for the purposes for which they are used. Both examinations use an expert panel approach to determine a passing score, which was found to be an important aspect of setting a defensible passing score. Both examinations were found to have security procedures that meet the established standards for high-stakes examinations. Finally, the review by K&AI determined that the conclusions reached by the CA studies relating to test reliability and test content were unsubstantiated.

(Note: This information was reprinted, in part, from the June, 2001, Final Report of the Comparability Study, submitted by Knapp & Associates International, Inc., which is 94 pages in total.)

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Welcome! Our Newest Board Member



T. Michael Murphy,

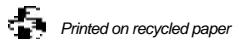
Dr. T. Michael Murphy is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon from Marion, Ohio. He was appointed in January of 2001, and reappointed in April of 2001. Dr. Murphy owns a private practice in Marion, specializing in oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Dr. Murphy, the Board's former primary anesthesia consultant, serves on the Board's Anesthesia and Law and Rules Review Committees. He is also an examiner for the North

East Regional Board of Dental Examiners, Inc.

Dr. Murphy graduated from the Ohio State University College of Dentistry and completed a fellowship in oral pathology and oral surgery and a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery from OSU. He was an assistant clinical professor at OSU for 21 years. He and his wife Gretchen live in Marion, Ohio.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our newest member of the Board.



OHIO STATE DENTAL BOARD
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Salute! Stuart Silverman, D.D.S.



Stuart Silverman,

After nearly ten (10) years of service to the **Ohio State Dental Board** (Board), Vice-President Stuart Silverman, DDS, announced his resignation August 1st, 2001.

Dr. Silverman has served as the Board's Vice-President since April of 2000 and has been a member of the Board since April of 1992. During his tenure with the Board, Dr. Silverman was the first Chair of the *Treatment Centers Approval Committee*, having been appointed by then president of the Board, William J. Lightfoot, D.D.S. in January, 1996. He has served the dental profession on a larger scale in the past and will continue to serve as an examiner for the North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners, Inc.

We hope many of you will join those of us at the **Ohio State Dental Board** in wishing Dr. Silverman all the best in his future endeavors.



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