

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the end of 2001 approaches, I reflect on the events that have kept the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry busy for the past year. Much of what has occupied our time this year has centered around our clinical licensing examination. Our most notable accomplishment has been that of instituting a pre-graduation clinical licensing examination given in March of this year. This clinical licensing examination is open to everyone including dental school seniors on the verge of graduation. The reasons for administering this pre-graduation clinical licensing examination were several, most notably giving the dental school the ability to identify those students whom may be in need of remediation in some areas prior to graduation. If an examination candidate fails our May examination after graduation, then they are no longer the responsibility of the school, and therefore may not have access to equipment and patients necessary to maintain or improve their skills. This would seem to insure that their skills could be no better at the time of our make-up examination in August. So for this reason we feel that the dental schools will turn out far more qualified dentists as a result of the March pre-graduation examination. This early examination also allows many soon-to-be dentists a chance to make more definite plans for their future as well as an opportunity to actually enjoy graduation. The pre-graduation examination has been set up on a

two year trial basis and will be evaluated at the end of the next year's examination process, so that we can decide whether or not it should continue. Louisiana is the only independent state dental board to administer a pre-graduation examination.

Speaking of examining boards, 80% of the states now belong to regional examining boards. Louisiana is definitely in the minority in this respect. We do believe that it is in the best interest of the dental patients of this state as well as that of the examination candidates to keep it that way. We are, however, receiving pressure from other areas to join a regional examining board. Hopefully that will not come to pass anytime soon. We are also hearing rumblings on a national level that we should eliminate testing on live patients in all dental board clinical licensing examinations. We feel that this is absurd for obvious reasons and the current thinking of our Board members is that we should never change that.

It has truly been an honor for me

to serve a second term as President of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry this year. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with such fine dental leaders throughout the state. All in all, this year has been extremely busy and very productive. All of our members and staff have worked tirelessly to accomplish a great deal this year, and for that I am grateful. We currently maintain an excellent relationship with the LDA, the LDHA, as well as the LSU School of Dentistry, University of LA, at Monroe and the Southern University School of Dental Hygiene in Shreveport. Although we, as different entities, may occasionally disagree on how things should be, we are all working toward the same goal—that of continuing to strive for the betterment of the profession that we all love, and better dentistry for those in our care.

Yours very truly,

Dennis E. Donald, D.D.S.
President

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DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The following represents summaries of disciplinary actions taken in 2000 - 2001 by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry or judgments rendered by the court in connection with civil and/or criminal proceedings and/or appellate proceedings involving registrants of this Board. In the event further judicial appeals are taken in any of these matters, they will be reviewed in the next issue of "The Bulletin".

1. Robert A. Adams, D.D.S.

Violation - Allegations of prescribing, dispensing, or administering habit forming or other legally controlled substances in other than a legal or legitimate manner in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (6).

Final Disposition - Dr. Adams met with two members of the Board on August 17, 2001 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$500 and reimbursed the Board's costs.

2. Melvin D. Allen, D.D.S.

Violation - Failure to obtain office permit for the administration of anesthesia in violation of R.S. 37:793 (B) (3).

Final Disposition - Dr. Allen entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.

3. Robert C. Anderson, D.D.S.

Violation - Failure to autoclave hand pieces in violation of Federal Centers for Disease Control Guidelines forming a violation of LAC 46:XXXI-II.1203 and R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition - Dr. Anderson met with two members of the Board on August 17, 2001 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$1,000 and reimbursed the Board's costs.

4. Leonard A. Buckner, D.D.S.

Violation - Allegations of prescribing, dispensing or administering habit forming or other legally controlled substances in other than a legal or legitimate manner in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (6); that he habitually indulged in the use of drugs and/or narcotics in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (6); and that he exhibited conduct which disqualified him to practice dentistry with safety to the public, including inability to practice dentistry with reasonable skill or safety to patients because of mental illness or deficiency in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (17).

Final Disposition - Dr. Buckner entered into a consent decree wherein his license to practice dentistry was suspended for a minimum of six months during which time Dr. Buckner must successfully complete an in-house treatment program before the restoration of his dental license; surrendered his controlled dangerous substance prescribing privileges; will begin a period of probation for ten years should his license be

restored, and reimburse the Board's costs.

5. Larry R. Burke, D.D.S.

Violation - Allegations of improper prescribing and distribution of controlled dangerous substances in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (6)

Final Disposition - Dr. Burke entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$13,000 and reimbursed the Board's costs; his license to practice dentistry was suspended for a period of six months; and commences a five year period of probation beginning January 1, 2002.

6. Trang H. Burke, D.D.S.

Violation - Allegations that she conducted a dental practice which failed to satisfy the prevailing acceptable standards of a dental practice in this state in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (8).

Final Disposition - Dr. Burke met with two members of the Board on December 1, 2000 wherein she entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$1200 and reimbursed the Board's costs.

7. Reynalda L. Cochran, R.D.H.

Violation - Failure to notify the Board of her practice of dental hygiene within 30 days as required by LAC 46:XXXIII.703 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:777 (A) (18).

Final Disposition - Ms. Cochran entered into a consent decree wherein she paid a fine in the amount of \$500.

8. Martin D. Davison, D.D.S.

Violation - Allegations that he abandoned numerous patients in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (7) for professional or dental incompetency and R.S. 37:776 (A) (8) for conducting a dental practice which fails to satisfy the prevailing acceptable standards of dental practice in this state; and for failure to notify the Board of his cessation of practice at two locations in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.304 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition - Dr. Davison met with two members of the Board on August 17, 2001 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$1,000 and reimbursed the Board's costs; he agreed to make restitution to the abandoned patients or secure completion of their orthodontic treatment within two years of signing the agreement.

9. Roger H. Downs, D.D.S.

Violation - Allegations of prescribing, dispensing or administering habit forming or other legally controlled substances in other than a legal or legitimate manner in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (6);

Final Disposition - Dr. Downs met with two members of the Board on May 25, 2001 wherein

he entered into a consent decree surrendering his license to practice dentistry in the State of Louisiana.

10. John D. Harrison, D.D.S.

Violation - Allegations that he failed to obtain an office permit for the administration of anesthesia forming a violation of R.S. 37:793 (B) (3).

Final Disposition - Dr. Harrison entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.

11. David V. Hodgkiss, D.D.S.

Violation - Failure to renew his dental license in a timely manner in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (25).

Final Disposition - Dr. Hodgkiss entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$2500, a reinstatement fee of \$500, and his renewal fee.

12. Alfred J. Jeanfreau, D.D.S.

Violation - Allegations that he failed to obtain an office permit for the administration of anesthesia forming a violation of R.S. 37:793 (B) (3).

Final Disposition - Dr. Jeanfreau entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.

13. Kenneth C. Jordan, D.D.S.

Violation - Allegations of habitual indulgence in the use of drugs, including controlled dangerous substances in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (5) and prescribing, dispensing, or administering habit-forming or other legally controlled substances in other than a legal or legitimate manner in violation R.S. 37:776 (A) (6).

Final Disposition - Dr. Jordan entered into a consent decree surrendering his license to practice dentistry in the State of Louisiana.

14. Ronald J. Liuzza, D.D.S.

Violation - Allegations of substandard care of patients evidencing either professional or dental incompetency in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (7) and that his dental practice failed to satisfy the prevailing acceptable standards of dental practice in this state in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (8).

Final Disposition - Dr. Liuzza met with two members of the Board on February 16, 2001 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$12,500 and began a period of probation for five years commencing on April 18, 2001.

15. John H. McConnelly, D.D.S.

Violation - Failure to obtain required continuing education in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.1611, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

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Final Disposition - Dr. McConnelly entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.

16. Carmen P. Nugent, D.D.S.

Violation - Failure to obtain required continuing education in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.1611 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition - Dr. Nugent entered into a consent decree wherein she paid a fine in the amount of \$1500.

17. Lynn J. Phillippe, D.D.S.

Violation - Failure to obtain required continuing education in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.1611 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition - Dr. Phillippe entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.

18. Ernest E. Quimby, D.D.S.

Violation - Allegations that he aided and abetted an unlicensed person to engage in the practice of dentistry in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (10); improperly prescribing drugs or medicine not necessary or proper in the practice of dentistry in violation of R.S. 37:772 (A) (1) and R.S. 37:776 (A) (8); that he failed to maintain a controlled dangerous substance log in violation of R.S. 37:794; and that he failed to keep dental records of dental treatment of patients in violation of R.S. 37:757.

Final Disposition - After the filing of formal charges, Dr. Quimby entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$10,000 and reimbursed the Board's costs and his license to practice dentistry was suspended for a period of nine months with said suspension suspended pending satisfactory completion of four years of probation; surrendered his controlled dangerous substance prescribing privileges for four years; must successfully complete an examination in jurisprudence and a correspondence course in ethics from the University of Kentucky.

19. Allison R. Sanchez, R.D.H.

Violation - Failure to obtain required continuing education in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.1613 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:777 (A) (18).

Final Disposition - Ms. Sanchez entered into a consent decree wherein she paid a fine in the amount of \$1,000.

20. Randall M. Schaffer, D.D.S.

Violation - Professional or dental incompetency in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (7); engaging in a recurring dental practice which failed to satisfy the prevailing acceptable standards of dental practice in this state in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)

(8); unprofessional conduct in violation of R.S. 37:775 (12); conduct intended to deceive or defraud the public in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (16); violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (18) by virtue of the imposition of restrictions on his dental license by a licensing authority of another state; and immoral conduct in exercising the privileges provided for by his dental license in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (22).

Final Disposition - A formal disciplinary hearing was conducted over several months following which Dr. Schaffer's license to practice dentistry in the State of Louisiana was revoked and he was ordered to reimburse the Board's costs.

At the time of publication, Dr. Schaffer had appealed this case to the Civil District Court to the Parish of Orleans and again to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. The case is presently before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and the final disposition will be reviewed in the next edition of the "The Bulletin".

21. Jeremiah J. Shiplov, D.D.S.

Violation - Dividing fees with a person not licensed to practice dentistry in the State of Louisiana in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (9); failing to keep a written record of dental treatment of patients in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24) and R.S. 37:757 (A); and failure to cooperate with the Board in an investigation in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (27).

Final Disposition - a formal disciplinary hearing was conducted wherein Dr. Shiplov was ordered to pay all attorney fees, investigative fees, and expenses, stenographic costs, witness fees, and expenses and per diem of the Board members overseeing the disciplinary hearing.

Dr. Shiplov has appealed to the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans where it is at the time of publication. The final disposition of this appeal will be reported in the next issue of the "The Bulletin".

22. Susan Vanderkuy-Edgecombe, R.D.H.

Violation - Failure to obtain required continuing education in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.1613 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:777 (A) (18).

Final Disposition - Ms. Edgecombe entered into a consent decree wherein she paid a fine in the amount of \$1,000.

23. Kevin R. Williams, D.D.S.

Violation - Allegations that he had a dental practice which failed to satisfy the prevailing acceptable standards of dental practice in this state in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (6).

Final Disposition - Dr. Williams met with two members of the Board on May 25, 2001 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$1,000 and reimbursed the Board's costs.

ADVERTISING VIOLATIONS

1. Harry K. Castle, D.D.S.

Violation - Advertisements on website not in conformity with LAC 46:XXXIII.301 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition - Dr. Castle met with two members of the Board on August 17, 2001 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$500.

2. Chantal H.D. Ellis, D.D.S.

Violation - An advertisement with the phrase "Family Dentistry and Cosmetic Dentistry" in the same size print and which stated "no needles, no drill" in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.301 (E) (2) and (H) (3), forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition - Dr. Ellis entered into a consent decree wherein she paid a fine in the amount of \$500.

3. Gregory B. Ellis, D.D.S.

Violation - An advertisement with the phrase "Family Dentistry and Cosmetic Dentistry" in the same size print and which stated "no needles, no drill" in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.301 (E) (2) and (H) (3), forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition - Dr. Ellis entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$600.

4. Scott T. Keys, D.D.S.

Violation - An advertisement with the phrase "Family and Cosmetic Dentistry" in the same size print forming a violation of LAC 46:XXXI-II.301 (F) thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition - Dr. Keys entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.

5. Glenn V. Schmidt, D.D.S.

Violation - An advertisement which did not include the phrase "General Dentistry" or "Family Dentistry" in violation of LAC 46:XXXI-II.301, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition - Dr. Schmidt met with two members of the Board on May 25, 2001 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$500.

6. Clyde E. Willhite, Jr. D.D.S.

Violation - An advertisement in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.301 (E), (H), (3), (5), thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition - Dr. Willhite met with two members of the Board on February 17, 2001 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$500.

NECROLOGY 2000-2001

Dr. Nicholas Asprodites • December 16, 2000
 Dr. James B. Bradley • September 13, 2001
 Dr. Peter J. Golden • February 28, 2001
 Dr. Leslie C. Johnson • February 27, 2001

Dr. Vincent Lagattutta, Jr. • June 21, 2001
 Dr. John Locantro, Jr. • July 7, 2001
 Dr. Michael A. McCraw • October 14, 2001
 Dr. Joseph E. Monceret • December 2, 2000
 Dr. James H. Quinn • September 1, 2001

Dr. Robert B. Smythe • January 19, 2001
 Dr. Samuel G. Utz • June 17, 2000
 Dr. William M. Watkins, Jr. • No date available
 Dr. Jack R. Witte • May 6, 2001

DENTAL LICENSES LAPSED FOR NON-RENEWAL IN 2001 ACTION TAKEN MAY 25, 2001

Dr. Alexander Mazratian	#4896	Dr. Hodan Rabile	#5133	Dr. John Vignes	#1605
Dr. John McCann	#4635	Dr. David Redmon	#3582	Dr. Lisa Wentz	#3982
Dr. Michael McDuffie	#4930	Dr. Alisa M. Reed	#4582	Dr. Jeffery B. Wheaton	#4829
Dr. Michael Miroue	#2465	Dr. Raymond F. Roewe	#3880	Dr. Larry D. Whiting	#4131
Dr. Ronald Molinari	#2002	Dr. Debra Seznik	#3638	Dr. Yee L. Yang	#4923
Dr. Calvin K. Nguyen	#4898	Dr. Jason B. Simmons	#5057	Dr. Michael Zide	#3350
Dr. Mark Nguyen	#5129	Dr. Roksolana Tymniak-Lonchyna	#5156	Dr. Jozef Zoldos	#4670
Dr. Mark Pickett	#3877	Dr. Curtis Vendetti	#4665		
Dr. Gary Pileggi	#4595	Dr. Dominique Vidrine	#5067		

DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSES LAPSED FOR NON-RENEWAL IN 2001 ACTION TAKEN MAY 25, 2001

Jamie Madril, R.D.H.	#2686	Virginia J. Petit, R.D.H.	#1111	Shelley Talbot, R.D.H.	#2691
Lauren H. Mai, R.D.H.	#3020	Amy K. Robertson, R.D.H.	#3135	Laurie L. Thrasher, R.D.H.	#2533
Michele P. McGovern, R.D.H.	#1215	Tracy A. Robertson, R.D.H.	#3049	April M. Vandergriff, R.D.H.	#1065
Barbara A. McNew, R.D.H.	#2817	Phyllis C. Rodasti, R.D.H.	#696	Debra B. Wheat, R.D.H.	#1069
Lisa Moeklin, R.D.H.	#2879	Joann W. Rutherford, R.D.H.	#1178	Kathleen S. Weilbacher, R.D.H.	#564
Bonnie B. Montgomery, R.D.H.	#220	Eleesa H. Shaw, R.D.H.	#2606	Marissa Wood-Williamson, R.D.H.	#2803
Susan H. Nelson, R.D.H.	41036	Constance J. Silvey, R.D.H.	#2873	Margaret J. Yancey, R.D.H.	#1266
Ina J. Newell, R.D.H.	#327	Melissa W. Skordoulis, R.D.H.	#2874	Joan M. Zymarek, R.D.H.	#2202
Mary Nguyen, R.D.H.	#3281	Trisha Smith, R.D.H.	#2008		
Diane L. Parker, R.D.H.	#2888	Susan C. Snyder, R.D.H.	#190		

DENTAL LICENSES VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED IN 2001 DUE TO RETIREMENT

Dr. Patricia L. Lagrange	#3163	Dr. Robert Peterek	#5165	Dr. Frank L. Tauli	#1601
Dr. Revill J. Matthews	#1459	Dr. Rosemary A. Pollard	#4303	Dr. Andrew R. Townes	#1476
Dr. Phil D. Mayers	#1852	Dr. Patrick M. Ralph	#5159	Dr. Anne G. Uhry	#2923
Dr. Arthur S. Moles	#1464	Dr. Charles R. Sicard	#1530	Dr. Mervin H. Wampold	#1751
Dr. William M. Monsour, Jr.	#62	Dr. William W. Summitt	#3792	Dr. Francis X. Wegmann	#242
Dr. Louis F. Munro	#123	Dr. Kenneth C. Sweatman	#1532	Dr. Lisa W. Weir	#4235
Dr. Clarence B. Parent	#1402	Dr. Joel O. Tate	#218	Dr. Joseph W. Zaffater, Jr.	#2311

DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSES VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED IN 2001 DUE TO RETIREMENT

Carla E. Malone, R.D.H.	#1847	Hoa T. Nguyen, R.D.H.	#3187	Jan D. Terito, R.D.H.	#727
Cathy S. Masoner, R.D.H.	#1412	Suzanne M. Risey, R.D.H.	#2528	Martha P. Trowbridge, R.D.H.	#82
Kayla McAnally, R.D.H.	#3312	Edna D. Rogers, R.D.H.	#861	Pamela K. Villien, R.D.H.	#1799
Susan F. Mereby, R.D.H.	#1205	Johanna G. Rodrigue, R.D.H.	#1002	Jacquelyn A. Whited, R.D.H.	#1322
Anita R. Miller, R.D.H.	#421	Diane Sandberg, R.D.H.	#2903	Dixie L. Wilson, R.D.H.	#265

LICENSES VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED DUE TO CONTINUING EDUCATION 2001

GERARD A. PERRET, JR., D.D.S.

From the Desk of The Executive Director

You may be wondering why you did not receive a Summer Update this year. The answer is simple. We were able to save approximately \$20,000 by not mailing the Summer Update two months ago. We were delayed in preparing the update because we had to wait for the recent legislative session to end. The Board was of the opinion that saving \$20,000 was a fair trade off by being two months delinquent in providing you with the update. Nevertheless, it is included in this mailing and we ask you to please review it as well. We also hope you will review the article in "The Bulletin" regarding some tips on how to avoid complaints being filed with the Board. Although complaints have risen by approximately 30% over previous years, the number of disciplinary actions taken this year are in line with the number of actions taken last year. We hope that the tips offered in this newsletter will reduce the number of complaints and our staff's workload.

One of the larger issues of major concern to the dental examining community is resolution 64H of the American Dental Association House of Delegates Meeting of the Year 2000. This resolution which would require the elimination of live patients in clinical licensing examinations by 2005 was debated at the American Association of Dental Examiners meeting in October. Dr. Charley Lester gave a presentation to the Association regarding the pros and cons of this resolution. Suffice it to say the cons greatly outweigh the pros, and we trust you as wet finger dentists to see the folly of not testing on live patients. Many arguments have been put forth by the American Student Dental Association to do away with live patients which we feel to be self serving and not in the best interest of the public. We hope you will agree.

This past year the Board conduct-

ed its first pre-graduation examination and it was deemed to be a great success. Unfortunately, it did create an increase in the cost of administering the clinical licensing examinations. As such, the Board has elected to increase the examination fee to \$750.00 from \$600.00 for a dentist seeking licensure in Louisiana. This figure should put the Board at a break even point so that the dentists of the state are not subsidizing the administration of the clinical examinations.

For your information, the Board is in litigation with two dental management service organizations who sued the Board over the legality of their contracts and whether or not they violate the Board's prohibition on splitting fees with persons not licensed to practice dentistry in the State of Louisiana. We will be reporting on these two lawsuits next year if they are concluded by then.

The Board has also been sued in regards to the constitutionality of some of its advertising regulations. It is too early in the process to give you an update on this lawsuit, but the Board is of the opinion that it will prevail on the merits of this lawsuit.

The Board is also involved in several appeals of disciplinary matters which appear in this year's edition of The Bulletin. In other words, it looks as if our legal fees will be increasing this year. We are sorry for that, but it

is beyond our control.

Over the past year, the Board has expressed its deep concern regarding the prescribing of Oxycontin and the "new" form of anesthesia known as "sleep dentistry." The Board cautions all licensees who may prescribe Oxycontin or utilize this form of anesthesia to be very careful. Sleep dentistry may work in certain circumstances, but also has its pitfalls. First, because it is an oral medication, titration is difficult. Also, there is no I.V. maintained, so the administration of an oral reversal agent will take longer to take effect and is less precise than a typical I.V. route. Secondly, the term "Sleep Dentistry" implies that the patient is undergoing general anesthesia (being put to sleep) when in reality, this is conscious sedation. Dentists who may advertise "Sleep Dentistry" without a full explanation may be in violation of the advertising requirements of the Dental Practice Act. Numerous deaths have occurred regarding the abuse of Oxycontin, an excellent drug when prescribed and used appropriately. Wishing you and your's a happy and prosperous new year, I am

Yours very truly,

C. Barry Ogden
Executive Director
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CHECK THIS OUT ! ! ! ! !



RENEWAL FEES

Active Biennial Dental License
(2002-2003) \$400.00

Active Biennial Hygiene License
(2002-2003) \$150.00

DEADLINE TO RENEW DECEMBER 31, 2001

DELINQUENT FEES WILL BE ASSESSED TO ALL RENEWALS RECEIVED AFTER December 31, 2001.

CONGRATULATIONS 2001 DENTAL LICENSEES

Dr. Tanya Al-Talib
 Dr. Jeffrey Anzalone
 Dr. Gray A. Bailey
 Dr. Joseph E. Bernard
 Dr. Corey M. Bergeron
 Dr. Johnny H. Black
 Dr. Monica Blancas
 Dr. Billy F. Booty
 Dr. Darrell P. Bourg
 Dr. Jana Boyd
 Dr. Brian K. Broadwell
 Dr. Jessica E. Brown
 Dr. Andre H. Bruni
 Dr. James C. Cade, Jr.
 Dr. Robert A. Camenzuli
 Dr. James A. Campo

Dr. Todd J. Canatella
 Dr. Michelle D. Carlton
 Dr. Tahisa Colbert
 Dr. Ryan W. Comeaux
 Dr. Adam P. Cormier
 Dr. Bryan C. Darling
 Dr. Brian L. Evans
 Dr. Kenneth S. Fowler
 Dr. Christina B. Givens
 Dr. Laurie R. Glaser
 Dr. Holly C. Grayson
 Dr. Roger G. Grimbail, Jr.
 Dr. Gregory P. Guerra
 Dr. Jennifer Guidry
 Dr. Shayne D. Guy
 Dr. Christopher Haygood

Dr. Larry T. Hilburn
 Dr. Ralph D. Jackson, III
 Dr. Thai K. Lai
 Dr. Cedric Loud
 Dr. Steven T. Miller
 Dr. Donald A. Moore, Jr.
 Dr. Joseph E. Morneau
 Dr. Chad M. Morris
 Dr. Aukena Parker
 Dr. Brett S. Ragusa
 Dr. Harold C. Rider, III
 Dr. Elizabeth E. Riggs
 Dr. Melissa S. Ritter
 Dr. Susan Roshan
 Dr. Stuart M. Roussel
 Dr. Marilyn L. Salters

Dr. Jana A. Sanamo
 Dr. Dant Sandras
 Dr. Lance N. Savoie
 Dr. Brant W. Schmidt
 Dr. Zelda P. Simmons
 Dr. Gerard L. Simoneaux
 Dr. Michael B. Smith
 Dr. Rostyslav I. Stepanenko
 Dr. Kasan C. Stevens
 Dr. Cleopatra Thompson
 Dr. Robert Thornton
 Dr. Jason E. Timmons
 Dr. Derek Tom
 Dr. Ryan Ward
 Dr. Shane M. Zeringue

CONGRATULATIONS 2001 DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSEES

Lauren Armand, R.D.H.
 Heather Barker, R.D.H.
 Theresa Barrilleaux, R.D.H.
 Kelly Barras, R.D.H.
 Stephanie Bateman, R.D.H.
 Lisa Bayne, R.D.H.
 Carlin Bennett, R.D.H.
 Lisa Bohrer, R.D.H.
 Sharon Boothe, R.D.H.
 Ashley Boyle, R.D.H.
 Brandi Brazzell, R.D.H.
 Joelle Breaux, R.D.H.
 Dawn Brooks, R.D.H.
 Kim Bui, R.D.H.
 Deane Burton, R.D.H.
 Cynthia Caldwell, R.D.H.
 Ashley Champagne, R.D.H.
 Sheree Chiasson, R.D.H.
 Sheri Cunningham, R.D.H.
 Courtney Danos, R.D.H.

Kristi Darcey, R.D.H.
 Monique Dauphine, R.D.H.
 Sandy Dennis, R.D.H.
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Our website contains the entire Louisiana Dental Practice Act, applications and forms, as well as a complete list of dentists in the state.



Reminder

Provision of dental services at locations other than a dental office requires a mobile permit. If you are providing dentistry in other locations, please contact the office for an application form.

TIPS FOR AVOIDING COMPLAINTS BEING FILED WITH THE BOARD

During 2000, the Board received 134 complaints against licensees. This is up 25% over complaints received in 1999. As of September 10, 2001, the Board has already received 117 complaints putting us on a course to break all previous records regarding complaints being filed. By law, the Board is required to open a file and conduct an investigation of every complaint received. Board investigations take up your valuable time and could usually have been avoided with clear communications and good patient relations. There are recurring themes in the complaints the Board receives. Following are a few tips that are worth reviewing regularly and should assist you in preventing complaints being filed by frustrated patients.

- Train front-office personnel in providing information to your patients and potential patients in a friendly and courteous manner. Be sure they understand the importance of confidentiality. Also, any discussion about fees should include caveats about any additional services that may need to be performed. For instance, if a potential patient calls wanting to know the cost of an extraction, the caller should also be advised that there may be other services and fees required such as for examination and x-rays.
- Provide patients with a written copy of your office procedures including fees, payment expectations, insurance filings, management of pediatric patients, cancellation policies and patient responsibilities.
- Be specific with patients regarding the treatment plan and procedures that you will be following and the meaning of various terms.
- Document in the patient record that you have discussed the treatment plan, various options and risks with the patient and have answered the patients questions. With some procedures, a signed consent form is appropriate prior to starting treatment. Do not perform any proce-

dures without the patient's permission.

- Pre-authorize treatment to be done with the patient's insurance company prior to performing the procedure and share the outcome of the prior authorization with the patient before beginning treatment.
- Document all procedures performed, anesthesia administered, x-rays taken, treatment complications, etc. in the patient record. If it isn't documented - it didn't happen! Documentation is your best defense. No one has ever been disciplined by the Board for over documenting.
- If in doubt about your diagnosis or treatment plan, consult with a colleague or a specialist.
- If a patient is dissatisfied with the treatment received, or the outcome, discuss their concerns with them personally and immediately. Do not be defensive, listen to the patient's concerns and work with them for a mutually acceptable outcome.
- Delegate to dental hygienists and

dental assistants only those functions that they are legally permitted to perform.

- Make sure that everyone in your practice who is required to have a license or permit has the appropriate current license or permit and that it is posted where patients can see it. If a license has expired, not only can the holder of the license be disciplined, the doctor can also be disciplined for allowing unlicensed persons to practice.
- Graduation from dental school is only the starting point in your dental education. Continuing education is important to your professional competency. The Board requires that every dentist take 40 hours of continuing education during each two-year licensure period and that a dental hygienist take 24 hour of continuing education every two-year licensure period. There are specific requirements regarding the subject areas that qualify as meeting the Board's continuing education requirement. Be familiar with these, as well as all other requirements.

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL TOLL FREE
1 (877) 467-4488 OR (504) 568-8574.**

**THE BOARD IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN
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FDA PUBLIC HEALTH NOTIFICATION: LEAD EXPOSURE FROM DENTAL FILMS STORED IN LEAD-LINED TABLE-TOP CONTAINERS

Dear Dental Health Professional:

This is to notify you of the potential for harmful lead exposure from dental films stored in containers lined with unpainted lead. We believe that there may be hundreds of these lead-lined boxes currently being used to store dental films. Some of them may have been in use for decades. Most of these boxes are the size and shape of shoe-boxes, made of wood, and lined with lead that has apparently not been painted or coated.

Dental films stored in these boxes have been found to be coated with a whitish film that is about 80% lead. In many cases there are highly dangerous levels of lead on the films, enough to potentially cause serious adverse health effects in patients and health care professionals. These adverse health effects include anemia and serious neurological damage.

You may obtain more information about public health concerns related to lead from The OSHA website: <http://www.osha-slc.gov/SLTC/lead/index.html>

What you should do

- **Discard any dental film that has been put in these boxes. None of that film should be used. Wiping the film does not significantly reduce the lead levels.**
- **Remove these boxes and dispose of them properly. The OLD BOXES CANNOT BE MADE SAFE by painting, coating or lining them.** Scrap lead should be discarded according to EPA regulations. You may call the EPA's RCRA hotline at 1 (800) 424-9346 and speak to a representative to find your State's lead disposal requirements.

- **Make it a practice to store your dental film according to the manufacturer's instructions.**

Reporting adverse events to FDA

If you have experienced problems with dental devices or dental device malfunctions, you can report this directly to the manufacturer. Alternatively, you can report directly to MedWatch, the FDA's voluntary reporting program. You may submit reports to MedWatch four ways: online to <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/medwatch/> by telephone at 1-800-FDA-1088; by Fax at 1-800-FDA-0178; or by mail to MedWatch, Food and Drug Administration, HF-2, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

Getting more information

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact, Marian Kroen, Office of Surveillance and Biometrics (HFZ-510), 1350 Piccard Drive, Rockville, Maryland, 20850, by fax at 301-594-2968, or by e-mail at phann@cdhrh.fda.gov. Additionally, a voice message may be left at 301-594-0650 and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

All of the FDA medical device postmarket safety notifications can be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/safety.html>. Postmarket safety notifications can also be obtained through e-mail on the day they are released by subscribing to the FDA's list server. You may subscribe at <http://list.nih.gov/archives/dev-alert.html>. You may also subscribe by sending an e-mail to listserv@list.nih.gov. In the body of the text, type "SUBSCRIBE DEV-ALERT firstname lastname".

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TO ALL LOUISIANA CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE LICENSEES:

Two new lines have been added to the Louisiana Controlled Dangerous Substance License automated renewal form:

- 1) A line has been added immediately below the felony attestation for the practitioner to attest to the expiration date of their current practitioner's license. Please put your most current board expiration date in this space.
- 2) Below the space for the two addresses (business and home), a block has been added for the practitioner to indicate which address he wants his Louisiana CDS mailed to.

REMEMBER! Louisiana Controlled Dangerous Substances licenses and United States Drug Enforcement Administration registrations are "site-specific" for the location where controlled substances are utilized. However, DHH does not mind mailing the CDS license to an alternate address. Even though the license is "site-specific" for the location where the controlled substances are to be utilized, the practitioner may prescribe controlled substances anywhere within the state he is licensed, and may keep small quantities or drugs with him for emergencies.

NUTRITION

At the December 6, 1997 Annual meeting of the Board, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry evaluated continuing education courses relat-

ing to nutrition and determined that said courses are not to be considered clinical as they relate to obtaining continuing education requirements.