

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As this will be my last opportunity to address you as the president of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all of the board members and staff with whom I have been so closely associated with since 1992. I will be leaving the board after next year when I am term limited off. This has truly been a memorable part of my life which I can never forget. Occasionally I believe I have seen it all, and then I realize nothing can be further from the truth. The landscape of the dental community has changed so much in the past fourteen years that I can't begin to guess what it will look like in another fourteen years.

I never dreamed that general supervision would become a reality in Louisiana, but here it is. Through the effort of the Louisiana Dental Association and the Louisiana Dental Hygiene Association, it has finally come to pass. Nevertheless, I am concerned that this may be abused by some people and pray that it never decreases the quality of care we provide to the public. Hopefully the rules which are in effect will prevent any harm.

When I first came on the board, only a handful of people had even heard of a dental clinical regional testing agency. They now account for most of the clinical licensing in the country. All but a few states now belong to regional testing agencies. Much talk has been generated over the past few years regarding a national clinical licensing examination. We support this endeavor but are aware of many problems which have crept up since the concept really began to take shape in Orlando two years ago at the American Association of Dental Examiners meetings. It has often been said that "you can get a lot done if you don't care who gets credit for it." There seem to be several people on the national level who want to get credit for creating a national clinical exam. Therein lies the problem.

The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry is contracting with the Council of Independent Testing Agencies (CITA) to administer the

clinical licensing examination in Louisiana beginning in calendar year 2008. We delayed the commencement of the administration of the exam until then due to the logistical problems caused in our state by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. This will give our senior dental and hygiene students time to adapt before the changeover begins. A portion of the clinical examination is the Curriculum Integrated Format (CIF), where dental students will begin taking the examination in their junior year (2007). This will give them ample opportunity to retake that portion of the examination if they are not successful initially before sitting for the final clinical examinations in their senior year. This new trend seems to be universally accepted by all parties involved. I have no doubt that most of the students will be extremely well prepared for that exam.

In relation to the logistical problems caused by the hurricanes, I must commend Dr. Eric Hovland for the amazing job he did in getting the dental school up and running so quickly in Baton Rouge. It was truly a herculean venture on his part. Dr. Hovland simply put his head down and kept taking the punches while he fought through all of the problems created by the flooding of the dental school in New Orleans. Had Dr. Hovland, his administration, and staff not responded so quickly and competently, who knows where our dental and hygiene students

would be being educated tomorrow? I tip my hat to all of them.

I would also like to report that there is a new licensure status in Louisiana. Retired dentists who wish to volunteer their services on a pro bono basis to serve the indigent may now obtain a license for that purpose. Many of our fellow dentists who have retired would like very much to give back to their communities and this is an excellent way of doing so. In times such as these, we all need to stick together and work with each other to provide the best dental care we can to all of our citizens many of which are unable to provide for themselves.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to the Louisiana Dental Association and the Louisiana Dental Hygiene Association as well as the faculty and administration of the dental school. It takes each and everyone of these entities working together to raise the level of dentistry within our state. There is a great deal of harmony between the state board and each of these groups at this point. I hope that we can always maintain that. Each and every one of us should be thankful to be part of a great profession. May God continue to bless us.

Respectfully,
Dennis E. Donald, D.D.S.
President, Louisiana State Board of Dentistry

DENTISTS HELPING DENTISTS

The Louisiana Dental Association Dentists' Well Being Advisory Committee Help Line:

For information, assistance, or referral please call:

(225) 926-1986 (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Toll Free 1-800-388-6642

(504) 394-7702 after hours

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The following represents summaries of disciplinary actions taken in 2005-2006 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. Lance Louis Babin, D.D.S.

Raceland, Louisiana

Violation- Failure to maintain proper dental records in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(8)

Final disposition- Dr. Babin entered into a consent decree wherein he agreed to pay a fine in the amount of \$500.00 and reimbursed the board's costs; and successfully complete remedial course in dental record-keeping within six months of the signing of the consent decree.

2. Joseph Ellis Bernard, III, D.D.S.

Hammond, Louisiana

Violation- That he habitually indulged in the use of drugs, narcotics, and intoxicating liquors in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(5); and thereafter failed to cooperate with the board during its investigation of this matter.

Final disposition- Dr. Bernard entered into a consent decree wherein he surrendered his license to practice dentistry in the state of Louisiana.

3. Gustavo M. Coutin, D.D.S.

New Orleans, Louisiana

Violation- Allegations regarding 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)(8); conduct intended to deceive or defraud the public in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(16); and violation of a consent decree agreed upon between the board and Dr. Coutin in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24)

Final Disposition- Dr. Coutin entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$1000.00, reimbursed the board's costs, and completion of remediation within nine months of the agreement being signed.

4. Michael E. Gordon, D.D.S.

Oakdale, Louisiana

Violation- Agreement to order extending original temporary relinquishment of Dr. Gordon's license

to practice dentistry in the state of Louisiana

Final disposition- Dr. Gordon entered into an extension of the consent decree entered into in 2005 until final disposition of related criminal charges.

5. Johnny M. Hollier, D.D.S.

Oakdale, Louisiana

Violation- That he failed to notify the board of change of address in violation of Rule 304, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24)

Final Disposition- Dr. Hollier entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00.

6. Richard Steven Jones, D.D.S.

Shreveport, Louisiana

Violation- Habitual indulgence in the use of drugs, narcotics, and intoxicating liquors in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(5); and prescribing or dispensing habit-forming or other legally controlled substances in other than a legal and legitimate manner in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(6)

Interim disposition- Dr. Jones entered into a consent decree wherein he surrendered his license to practice dentistry in the state of Louisiana.

7. Cynthia Marie Ramkelawan, D.D.S.

Shreveport, Louisiana

Violation- Numerous complaints and failure to cooperate with the board in the investigation of same forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24)

Final Disposition- Dr. Ramkelawan entered into a consent decree wherein she paid a fine in the amount of \$1000.00 and made restitution to a patient.

8. Randall M. Schaffer, D.D.S.

New Orleans, Louisiana

Violation- Dr. Schaffer's license to practice dentistry in Louisiana was revoked in the year 2000. The board later made executory its decision against Dr. Schaffer after which, Dr. Schaffer attempted to discharge the board in

bankruptcy. Dr. Schaffer's dischargeability was denied by the federal bankruptcy court in New Orleans; however, as of the date of this publication, Dr. Schaffer has appealed this decision of the bankruptcy judge.

9. George W. Tate, D.D.S.

Lake Charles, Louisiana

Violation- Failure to return records to several patients in violation of Rule 318, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24); that he habitually indulged in the use of drugs, narcotics, and intoxicating liquors in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(5); and that he failed to cooperate with the board in its investigation of this matter in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(27)

Final disposition- Dr. Tate entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$10,000 and reimbursed the board's costs; surrendered all state and federal controlled substances prescribing privileges; and is undergoing a monitoring program with the board; and commenced a period of probation of five years beginning November 28, 2005.

10. Kevin Williams, D.D.S.

New Orleans, Louisiana

Violation- Unprofessional conduct and dental incompetence in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(7); employing persons to perform work which can be performed only by persons licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in the state of Louisiana in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(11); that he failed to cooperate with the board in investigating this matter in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(27); that he failed to obtain the mandatory continuing dental education as required in this state in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24)

Final disposition- A formal hearing was conducted on June 25, 2005 following which, Dr. Williams' license to practice dentistry in the state of Louisiana was immediately suspended.

ADVERTISING VIOLATIONS

1. William J. Carlisle, III, D.D.S.

Marrero, Louisiana

Violation- Advertisement in violation of Rule 301, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24)

Final disposition- Dr. Carlisle entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) Do I need to apply for a new anesthesia office permit if I move to a new office?

YES. All locations in which anesthesia/analgesia is performed must have an office permit for that level of anesthesia which is being used. If you move to a new office, your permit from the old office does not transfer. Please contact the Board office for an anesthesia application.

2) How do I renew my anesthesia permit(s)?

For those licensees who will be renewing their dental licenses this year and currently hold a Personal Nitrous Oxide Inhalation permit, the permit renewal fee will be \$50.00. If you currently hold a personal Parenteral Conscious Sedation Permit, the renewal fee will be \$200.00. You will receive a separate application in the renewal packet to renew these permits if this is applicable to you. Please review the form and return it to the board office with the appropriate fee. Separate checks for your license and permit renewal fees are required. You will receive these permits with your renewed dental license.

3) What is the current hierarchy of anesthesia permits?

The current hierarchy for anesthesia/analgesia permits are:

- 1.) General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation;
- 2.) Parenteral Sedation/IV Sedation;
- 3.) Pediatric Oral;
- 4.) Adult Oral;
- 5.) Nitrous Oxide;
- 6.) Local Anesthesia.

4) Do I need to post my original license(s) in my office?

YES. All Louisiana licensees holding either a dental or dental hygiene license shall display their license in full and open view for all patients to observe along with all current

renewal permits of said license.

All certificates or permits authorizing the administration of anesthesia, analgesia or sedation shall also be displayed in full and open view in close proximity to those licenses and renewal certificates required to be kept in open and full view for the public to observe.

When licensees provide dental services in more than one facility, a copy of said licenses and/or certificates shall suffice in place of the original and said copy shall be displayed in full and open view for all patients to see.

If you have lost or misplaced your original dental/dental hygiene license, please contact the Board for an affidavit of lost license. There is a \$50.00 fee for duplicate original licenses. There is also a \$50.00 fee for duplicate renewal certificates or permits.

5) Why is the renewal fee so much?

The renewal fee is for two years.

6) How long is my renewal license good for?

All renewals are biennial (2 years).

7) What is the deadline for my renewal application?

This year the deadline is December 31, 2006.

8) Can I place my license on semi-retired or inactive status?

NO. The Board only has an active status. If you voluntarily surrender your license due to retirement, your license no longer exists. However, the board has created a volunteer or retired status to allow retired licensees to provide pro bono dental care.

9) Does the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry regulate or certify dental assistants?

NO. The Board does not regulate dental assistants. We provide a certificate confirmation for Expanded Duty Dental

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TO ALL DENTISTS WHO DISPENSE OR ADMINISTER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IN THEIR PRACTICE

Dear Doctor:

At the present time, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry is working with all other medical related boards and law enforcement to prepare a prescription monitoring program. As such, it is necessary that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry identify all its licensees who dispense or administer controlled substances at their practice.

If you are dispensing or administering controlled substances, please complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. If you do not dispense or administer controlled substances in your office, please sign the enclosed questionnaire as well and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Please contact the office if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

2007 TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING DATES

February 10, 2007

May 25, 2007

August 17, 2007

December 1, 2007

2007 CLINICAL LICENSING EXAMINATION DATES

March 7-9, 2007

May 23-25, 2007

August 17, 2007

NECROLOGY 2005 - 2006

Dr. James C. Brown	January 12, 2006	Dr. Michael Sonnier	December 2005
Dr. James J. Corbett, III	March 26, 2006	Dr. Joseph Tedesco	September 30, 2005
Dr. Roger Downs	November 2005	Dr. Harold Oswald, Jr.	September 13, 2006
Gloria Gaulden, R.D.H.	November 7, 2005	Dr. Lawrence J. Duvieilh	September 20, 2006
Dr. Bradley Hidalgo	2006	Dr. Clifton O. Dummett	September 13, 2006
Dr. Emile J. Charvet, Jr.	October 16, 2006	Dr. Jose R. Gonzales	October 7, 2006

DENTAL LICENSES LAPSED FOR NON-RENEWAL IN 2006

ACTION TAKEN MAY 26, 2006

Dr. Corbin Amman	3519	Dr. Lori Dees	5439	Dr. Theryl Humphrey	4428
Dr. Wellington Arnaud	1737	Dr. Joseph Duvigneaud	1443	Dr. Anthony Immediata	4369
Dr. Richard Bertetti	5549	Dr. Chantal Ellis	4778	Dr. Olga Isaeva	5572
Dr. Stephen D. Brezner	2092	Dr. Gregory Ellis	4616	Dr. John Kulas	1787
Dr. Hugh Bullard	4323	Dr. George Fontana	1771	Dr. Lamar Lane	3849
Dr. Maryanne Butler	5468	Dr. Elizabeth Forkkio	5361	Dr. Raymond Louque	4894
Dr. Joseph Caldwell	3123	Dr. Charles Geyer	1915	Dr. Sarah B. Lowe	5231
Dr. Richard Chafin	1766	Dr. David Graham	1991		
Dr. Francis Cobb	2394	Dr. Joanna Hokanson	4239		
Dr. Robert Comeaux, Jr.	2049	Dr. Michael Huband	5081		

DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSES LAPSED FOR NON-RENEWAL IN 2006

ACTION TAKEN MAY 26, 2006

Linda Alexander, R.D.H.	2136	Jill Carr, R.D.H.	3598	Jeanette Johnson, R.D.H.	1161
Nikki Arrambide, R.D.H.	2536	Sara Connor, R.D.H.	3304	Vickie Kennedy, R.D.H.	2946
Lanie Barreca, R.D.H.	3241	Misty Ditchar, R.D.H.	3254	Susan King, R.D.H.	3130
Laura Bernard, R.D.H.	2942	Lorraine Fuller, R.D.H.	3503	Tracy Lanier, R.D.H.	3230
Denise Beyer, R.D.H.	593	Patricia Garland, R.D.H.	283	Sharon Light, R.D.H.	2761
Beth Brown, R.D.H.	817	Rebecca Gerhardt-Puckett, RDH	3083	Carlin Tuminello, R.D.H.	3321
Melissa Bryant, R.D.H.	3427	Marie Hannah, R.D.H.	1549		
Maria Bullard, R.D.H.	1845	Jennifer Harris, R.D.H.	3629		
Jan Buras, R.D.H.	1495	Haley Harrison, R.D.H.	2939		

DENTAL LICENSES VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED IN 2006 DUE TO RETIREMENT

Dr. Roy Andrew	3521	Dr. James Gardiner	2283	Dr. Francis Horaist	1842
Dr. Joseph Beard	2574	Dr. Donald Gauthier	1702	Dr. Saul Kahn	1165
Dr. Bryan Bergens	4529	Dr. Samuel Gautier	1733	Dr. Douglas Keller	1453
Dr. Tiffany Buller-Schussler	5541	Dr. John B. Gregory	2449	Dr. James Lang	1995
Dr. Charles Bush	1980	Dr. Charles Guillory	1918	Dr. Louis LeBlanc, Jr.	1644
Dr. Franklyn Copeland	1498	Dr. Harry Gustafson, Jr.	2105	Dr. Thomas Lord	1712
Dr. Aubrey Durr	3537	Dr. Katharine Hebert	3290	Dr. David Luck	1746
Dr. Chad Fulmer	5563	Dr. Steven Hebert	1574		

DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSES VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED IN 2006 DUE TO RETIREMENT

Joy Allain, R.D.H.	383	Charlotte Collins, R.D.H.	420	Kelly Fabre, R.D.H.	3255
Marcia Boyd, R.D.H.	3309	Robert Costello, R.D.H.	3068	Marilyn Guyton, R.D.H.	2752
Katherine Cedro, R.D.H.	1344	My Dang, R.D.H.	3718		
Nancy Cline, R.D.H.	1234	Bronwen Darbonne, R.D.H.	722		

ENTERAL CONSCIOUS SEDATION PERMITS

Due to the problems caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the deadline for obtaining enteral conscious sedation permits has been extended until June 30, 2007 in order for those licensees to have sufficient time to obtain the necessary continuing education before being granted the permit to administer enteral conscious sedation. Those dentists administering ECS at this time may continue to do so until June 30, 2007, thereafter which they must have the permit to do so.

From the Desk of THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:



I gather you can tell by reading the Bulletin this year that disciplinary actions fell off dramatically during the past year. In fact, we had only one advertising violation and ten disciplinary actions. This can be directly attributed to the catastrophes endured by our state with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Not only did our disciplinary actions go down, but the complaints received in the office fell by approximately two thirds. This in turn caused a silver lining in the cloud. Our expenses were reduced by over \$100,000 during this fiscal year over the past fiscal year. However, our reserves have been decreasing over the years, and the board will be asking for a renewal fee increase next year. We are sure that you can understand that the board is in need of a fee increase as there have been no increases for the last five years and everyone's costs continue to rise.

As you can see from this bulletin, the board is charging fees for the renewal of anesthesia permits this year. The board has waived these fees for over fifteen years, but is now in circumstances wherein these fees must be applied in order to bridge the gap until a fee increase occurs which could not happen before next year. The board is hoping to be able to commence online renewals of licenses in the next year or two. We know many of our licensees would prefer this method of renewal as it would speed up the process and decrease the burden on you and our staff. However, that also will cost money.

Complaints are starting to come back at a more normal rate as our

citizens move back. Hence, our expenses will again rise dramatically. I believe the singular most common cause for complaints to be sent to the board is lack of communication between the dentist and the patient. I cannot express this enough. If your patient knows what he is getting before treatment begins, there should be little room for complaining afterwards.

Please remember that last year all who renewed their licenses did not have to provide the board with any continuing education certification. The reason was obvious. The hurricanes had cancelled the NODA conference for the previous two years and it was impossible for many of our licensees to obtain continuing education. Nevertheless, all those licensees renewing their licenses this year must have one half of the required continuing education requirements satisfied. In other words, dentists must have satisfactory proof of completing twenty hours of continuing education this year, one half of which must be clinical. Hygienists must have twelve hours of continuing education credit this year, one half of which must be clinical.

As Dr. Donald related in his "Message From The President," the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry is now contracting with the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies to begin administering our clinical licensing examination. This is a

collaborative effort with other states who are members of CITA as well. Those states are Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, and several other states are in discussion stages with CITA. In order for all of the clinical examinations to be standardized, each state swaps examiners with other states to conduct the clinical examinations. It is not necessary for one to be a member of a dental board in order to participate with CITA as an examiner. If you are interested in participating as an examiner in clinical licensing examinations, you can call the board office or contact CITA directly at P.O. Box 550, Morrisville, North Carolina 27560. Their phone number is 919-678-9792 and you may email them at info@citaexam.com.

Last year was a tragic year indeed. I personally suffered the death of my only child and so many of us lost our homes and businesses. With help from God, we can make our lives whole again. I pray that each and every one of you who were affected by the storms or other tragedies during the past year find peace and harmony in your personal and professional lives as we attempt to move on in this thing called life.

Yours very truly,
C. Barry Ogden
Executive Director

CONGRATULATIONS 2006 DENTAL LICENSEES

LICENSED BY CLINICAL LICENSING EXAMINATION

Dr. Dominick Alongi
Dr. David Balhoff
Dr. Christy Barras
Dr. Michael Bird
Dr. Kimberley Bott
Dr. Tiffani Branton
Dr. Shellie Breland
Dr. Stephen Brisco, Jr.
Dr. David Brown
Dr. Jessica Bruni
Dr. Blair Bryson
Dr. Paulino Castellon
Dr. Jonathan Chapman
Dr. Rebecca Charpentier

Dr. Jeana Conner
Dr. Daniel Cook
Dr. David Davenport
Dr. Christopher Dickerson
Dr. Taro Digney
Dr. David Donald
Dr. Shelly Eret
Dr. Michael Favoloro
Dr. Honey Fiasconaro
Dr. Laura Leigh Flattmann
Dr. Zachary Goodman
Dr. Blair Gremillion
Dr. Brandy Hyde
Dr. Anita Jayagopal

Dr. Sean Johnson
Dr. Emily Justice
Dr. Joseph Levatino
Dr. Gretchen Juncker
Dr. Michelle LeBlanc
Dr. Jose Mena
Dr. Arturo Mendez
Dr. Darren Miller
Dr. Kenneth Luminais, Jr.
Dr. Waheed Mohamed
Dr. Benjamin Ory
Dr. Robert Ory, Jr.
Dr. Ashley Price
Dr. Virginia Rome

Dr. Rhonda Sandlin
Dr. Eddy Sherman, II
Dr. Kayla Soirez
Dr. Jon-Christian Stewart
Dr. Leanne Thune
Dr. Lauren Thurmon
Dr. Brent Toups
Dr. Francesca Velasco
Dr. Katherine Vo
Dr. Ryan Walker
Dr. Courtney Wightman
Dr. Mark Wightman

CONGRATULATIONS 2006 DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSEES

LICENSED BY CLINICAL LICENSING EXAMINATION

Christie Adkins, R.D.H.
Sarah Ardizone, R.D.H.
Heather Arledge, R.D.H.
Sophia Bailey, R.D.H.
Amy Baker, R.D.H.
Emily Baudean, R.D.H.
Kristen Bauer, R.D.H.
Julie Behan, R.D.H.
Tywanna Bolyer, R.D.H.
Niki Bonds, R.D.H.
Brooke Boudreaux, R.D.H.
Amanda Brasher, R.D.H.
Chantelle Burke, R.D.H.
Sherri Bushnell Streitmatter, R.D.H.
Angela Caldwell, R.D.H.
Sarah Caplinger, R.D.H.
Misti Carr, R.D.H.
Brandi Cothren, R.D.H.
Laura Coy, R.D.H.
Valerie Daniel, R.D.H.
Christian Daughenbaugh, R.D.H.

Gina Deitering, R.D.H.
Jenna Delcambre, R.D.H.
Sarah Denham, R.D.H.
Heather Doyle, R.D.H.
Kylah Duong, R.D.H.
Stephanie Eddington, R.D.H.
Angela Ehrard, R.D.H.
Christy Falgout, R.D.H.
Regan Fileccia, R.D.H.
Melissa George, R.D.H.
Jacqueline Gordon, R.D.H.
Delanna Gross, R.D.H.
Sarah Guillot, R.D.H.
Julie Gunter, R.D.H.
Tori Hayes, R.D.H.
Dara Hughes, R.D.H.
Lori Hunt, R.D.H.
Holly Hymel, R.D.H.
Elizabeth Johnson, R.D.H.
Maggie Jolly, R.D.H.
Rachael Jordan, R.D.H.

Shauna Juarez, R.D.H.
Laura Knowles, R.D.H.
Tina Labat, R.D.H.
Stacy Laborde, R.D.H.
Richlyn Langley, R.D.H.
Kara LeBouef, R.D.H.
Hayley Leone, R.D.H.
Jenny Louviere, R.D.H.
Elise Luteman, R.D.H.
Jennifer Maxwell, R.D.H.
Stephanie Mericle, R.D.H.
Rachel Miller, R.D.H.
Amanda Miller, R.D.H.
Leslie Munch, R.D.H.
Farren Norwood, R.D.H.
Brigette Nunez, R.D.H.
Paige O'Neill, R.D.H.
Mary Olinde, R.D.H.
Juli Papania, R.D.H.
Bridget Parker, R.D.H.
Erin Phillips, R.D.H.

Jennifer Prejean, R.D.H.
Roslyn Preston, R.D.H.
Rae Raney, R.D.H.
Latasha Richmond, R.D.H.
Lynn Anne Ryals, R.D.H.
Emily Scott, R.D.H.
Nancy Sellers, R.D.H.
Melanie Southern, R.D.H.
Staci Speer, R.D.H.
Rikki St. Upery, R.D.H.
Kim Starkes, R.D.H.
Amber Stegall, R.D.H.
Mandy Stewart, R.D.H.
Misty Stroud, R.D.H.
Jennifer Thompson, R.D.H.
Margo Waller, R.D.H.
Heather Weaver, R.D.H.
Jessica Williams, R.D.H.
Ebonny Williams, R.D.H.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING LICENSEES

LICENSED BY CREDENTIALS IN 2005-2006

DENTISTS

Dr. John Levin
Dr. Esperanza Mendoza Prato
Dr. Rachelle Smith
Dr. Sanders Graf

Dr. Hugo St. Hilaire
Dr. William Mathurin
Dr. William Ursick
Dr. William Causey

Dr. Dana Jackson
Dr. Margo Marveggio
Dr. Anna Moreau
Dr. Eman Tahawi

HYGIENISTS

Michael Woods, R.D.H.
Dione Joseph-Breckenridge, R.D.H.
Michelle Ann Berger Johnston, R.D.H.
Ashley Tebbe, R.D.H.

Michelle Hall, R.D.H.
Angela Boren, R.D.H.
Kristine Boyer, R.D.H.
Dawn Copeland, R.D.H.

Deputy Dental Hygiene Examiners:

Louisiana will be giving the CITA clinical dental hygiene examination in 2008. As a member state, Louisiana desires to add to the pool of deputy examiners who meet specific qualifications and are interested in calibration.

If you:

1. are a licensed dental hygienist in Louisiana, and can provide verification of malpractice insurance;
2. are currently in good standing in all personally licensed jurisdictions;
3. have a work history of a minimum of five years, and
4. are not employed as a dental hygiene educator full time or part time (or presently receiving compensation for employment as a dental hygiene educator) exceeding more than one day a week, receiving only a per diem or reimbursement for expenses,

you may be eligible to apply as a deputy examiner.

An orientation presentation of the exam format and what duties/responsibilities are involved, will be scheduled in the near future. Anyone wishing to attend please fax the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry at 504-568-8598 Attn:C. Guillaume with your name, address, license number, phone number, and e-mail.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, *Continued*

- Assistants only after they have submitted proof of completion of the following: approved EDDA course, approved radiology course, current CPR card, and the \$25.00 application fee.
- 10) What happens if I allow my license to lapse or I do not renew it?**
If your Louisiana dental or dental hygiene license lapses due to non-renewal, you cannot practice dentistry or dental hygiene. Persons who practice with a lapsed license are subject to disciplinary action.
Licenses expire December 31. After that date, you will receive two certified mail notices reminding you of this possible oversight. If we still receive no response from you or you inform the board that you do not wish to renew the license, it will be revoked due to non-renewal at the May board meeting.
- 11) What do I need to do to change my license from retired to active status?**
Hygienists who wish to change their license from retired to active status must complete a reinstatement application and submit it to the board office. The application will be reviewed and you will be advised of the outcome accordingly.
Dentists who wish to change their license from retired to active status must submit a letter to the board office requesting same.
In either case, continuing education and appropriate fees will be required for this process.
- 12) How do I retire my Louisiana dental or dental hygiene license?**
Dentists and hygienists may notify the board in writing or, if applicable, on your renewal application of your intention to retire your Louisiana license.
- 13) May I still write prescriptions if I retire my Louisiana dental license?**
NO, the board will notify the Drug Enforcement Administration and Louisiana Board of Pharmacy that you have retired your Louisiana dental license.
- 14) Why can't I give my change of address over the phone?**
All changes of address must be in writing as required in the dental practice act. You may fax or mail same to the board office.

- 15) Which clinical licensing examinations does the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry accept for licensure?**

Effective May 26, 2006, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry accepts the scores for clinical licensing examination of dentists and dental hygienists from the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA), Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS), Northeast Regional Board (NERB), Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA), Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), and the American Dental Examination (ADEX), provided that those tests include components on live patients and was completed one year or less from the date for which you are applying.

- 16) How can I get an Enteral Conscious Sedation permit?**

Adult Enteral Conscious Sedation personal and office permits will be issued by the board upon completion of the appropriate application which must be notarized, fee payment and documentation evidencing completion of training for Enteral Conscious Sedation. Office inspections are not required prior to issuance of the permit. These offices will be inspected in the normal course of board business pertaining to inspections.

Pediatric Enteral Conscious Sedation permits will follow the same routine as Adult Enteral Conscious Sedation permits with the EXCEPTION being that these offices must be inspected by the board prior to issuance of same.

- 17) Which CPR courses are accepted by the board?**

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Course "C," Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers as defined by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross Professional Rescue Course or their equivalent.

It should be noted that Medic First Aid CPR course was accepted as equivalent by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry on May 21, 2005.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Course is allowed for three hours of non-clinical continuing education.

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LOCAL ANESTHESIA PERMIT INFORMATION

The dental hygiene Local Anesthesia permit is not automatically issued upon completion of the local anesthesia course or completion of the dental hygiene program. Each dental hygienist is sent an application with their original license. The application must be completed and returned to the board office with a copy of their certificate showing satisfactory completion of the local anesthesia course. The LSU School of Dentistry, the University of Louisiana at Monroe and Southern University in Shreveport send the Board a list of persons completing the requirements through their respective dental hygiene programs. Those persons graduating from the dental hygiene program only need to complete the application to obtain a local anesthesia permit. If you need an application, please contact the board office. If you do not have a permit, you are **not** authorized to administer local anesthesia.

CHECK This Out! RENEWAL FEES	
Active Biennial Dental License (2007-2008)	\$400.00
Active Biennial Hygiene License (2007-2008)	\$150.00
Renewal of Personal Nitrous permit	\$50.00*
Renewal of Personal Parenteral Conscious Sedation Permit	\$200.00*
Deadline to Renew	December 31, 2006
Delinquent fees will be assessed to all renewals postmarked after December 31, 2006.	

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*Due to an increase in the costs of office inspections, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry is now charging for the renewal of personal nitrous oxide inhalation and personal parenteral conscious sedation permits. Please make sure that you enclose the appropriate fees with your renewal application. Write separate checks for renewals and permits.

What is the current hierarchy of anesthesia permits?

The current hierarchy for anesthesia/analgesia permits are:

- 1.) General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation;
- 2.) Parenteral Sedation/IV Sedation;
- 3.) Pediatric Oral;
- 4.) Adult Oral;
- 5.) Nitrous Oxide;
- 6.) Local Anesthesia.

Therefore, if you currently hold a permit for level 1, you are qualified for levels 1-6. If you hold a permit for level 2, you are qualified for levels 2-6 and so on.