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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we come to the end of 2007, I would like to thank all of the board members, especially Drs. Dennis Donald, Conrad McVea, and Vance Wascom for their time and dedication they have given to the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry. They have also been a strong force in our change from an independent testing agency to a regional testing agency. The Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA), which now administers our clinical licensing examination, will afford our new dentists and dental hygienists greater mobility. We also would encourage dentists from our state to become examiners with CITA. This can be done by contacting Celeste Kohler, Director of Testing, by phone at (919) 678-9792 or email at ckohler@citaexam.com.

I would also like to thank Dean Hovland at LSU School of Dentistry for years of hard work and dedication he has given to the dental school, especially the past two years in setting up the dental and hygiene programs in Baton Rouge and then bringing them

back to New Orleans. He has done a great service for dental and dental hygiene education for the state of Louisiana.

I would also like to congratulate Dr. White Graves for being elected to the position of third vice president of the American Association of Dental Examiners. He is a previous two-term state board member and he will represent the South with the dedication and selfless service just as he did as a member of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry.

A national movement for continuing competency for the practicing dentist is growing. This would be a very complex and financial strain to state boards as well as to dentists and hygienists. I feel that continuing education with examination after the course presentation is a more viable method of keeping abreast. After all, we are all committed to lifetime training. Please stay attentive to this issue with your local LDA component.

One issue which is of great importance is the increase in license fee renewals. The state board has seen a decrease of approximately 10% of the dental population causing a decrease in renewal revenue, but we have experienced an increase in investigative and legal costs in the past several years. We feel an increase of fifty dollars per year for dentists and twenty-five dollars a year for hygienists will help to resolve this issue.

I would like to thank Barry Ogden, our executive director, his staff, Linda Foto, Erin Conner, Carolyn Perez, Diana Chenevert, and John Roth for doing such a good job in running the office of the state board.

In closing, it has been a privilege to serve as president of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry. On behalf of all the members of the state board, may you have a safe Christmas and holiday season, and may 2008 be a wonderful year for you all.

Sincerely,
James A. Pearce, D.D.S.
President

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

2008 TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING DATES

February 8, 2008

May 16, 2008

August 15, 2008

December 5-6, 2008

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The following represents summaries of disciplinary actions taken in 2006-2007 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. **Patricia E. Baranco, D.D.S.**
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Violation- Allegations that her treatment of a patient was below the prevailing acceptable standard of care in this state in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(8); and that she committed fraud in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(21)
Final disposition- Dr. Baranco entered into a consent decree with the board wherein she agreed to pay a fine in the amount of \$3000, reimburse the board's costs, reimburse two insurance companies, and complete a remediation course in endodontics at a board approved school.
2. **Morris Glenn Barnett, D.D.S.**
New Orleans, Louisiana
Violation- Allegations that he dispensed 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. Barnett entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$3000, reimbursed the board's costs, and commenced a period of probation of five years beginning August 17, 2007.
3. **Daryl Charles Byrd, D.D.S.**
Kenner, Louisiana
Violation- Allegations that he abandoned several patients and that his treatment of several patients was below the prevailing acceptable standard of care in this state in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(8)
Final Disposition- Dr. Byrd entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$5000; commenced a period of probation of three years beginning August 17, 2007; and agreed to complete a remediation course in endodontics at a board approved school.
4. **Clifford Charles Comeaux, Jr., D.D.S.**
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Violation- Allegations that he employed an unlicensed person to practice dental hygiene in violation of R.S. 37:775(12) and 37:776(A)(11)
Final disposition- Dr. Comeaux entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$5000, reimbursed the board's costs, and commenced a period of probation of two years beginning August 17, 2007.
5. **Talmadge Kirk Crane, D.D.S.**
Lafayette, Louisiana
Violation- Allegations of immoral conduct during his treatment of a patient in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(22)
Final Disposition- Dr. Crane entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$2500; reimbursed the board's costs; commenced a period of probation of ten years beginning May 23, 2007, throughout which Dr. Crane shall have an assistant in the operatory during all patient contact and the board shall monitor his office and employees for compliance; and underwent an evaluation by a psychiatrist.
6. **Brigitte Jones, D.D.S.**
Slidell, Louisiana
Violation- Revocation of clinical privileges which may be evidence of professional or dental incompetency in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(7); and/or a dental practice which fails to satisfy the prevailing acceptable standards of care in this state in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(8)
Final disposition- Dr. Jones entered into a consent decree with the board wherein she commenced a period of probation of two years beginning May 24, 2007 during which she will limit her practice to pediatric dentistry.
7. **Rayfield Lotten, D.D.S.**
Harvey, Louisiana
Violation- Allegations that his treatment of a patient was below the prevailing acceptable standards of dental practice in this state in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(8)
Final Disposition- Dr. Lotten entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$1500, reimbursed the board's costs, and made restitution to a patient.
8. **Edward Charles Massett, Jr., D.D.S.**
Slidell, Louisiana
Violation- Allegations that he failed to follow Federal Centers for Disease Control guidelines in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(8) and (24)
Final Disposition- Dr. Massett entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500 and reimbursed the board's costs.
9. **George W. Tate, D.D.S.**
Lake Charles, Louisiana
No violation
The original consent decree entered into by Dr. Tate was amended to delete the requirement that he practice only in association with another dentist licensed in Louisiana.
10. **Constantine Scott Taylor, D.D.S.**
Shreveport, Louisiana
Violation- Allegations that he committed Medicaid fraud in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(2) and (16); and that he made a false or deceptive claim to a governmental authority in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(21)
Final disposition- Dr. Taylor entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$5000; reimbursed the board's costs; and commenced a period of probation of three years beginning May 23, 2007.
11. **Sarah Welch, D.D.S.**
Missouri City, Texas
No violation
The original consent decree entered into by Dr. Welch was amended to completely rescind the disciplinary action taken against her.

ADVERTISING VIOLATIONS

1. **J. William Barrois, D.D.S.**
Lafayette, Louisiana
Violation- advertisements in violation of Rule 301(H)(3), thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24)
Final disposition- Dr. Barrois entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00.
2. **Huiying Chen, D.D.S.**
Metairie, Louisiana
Violation- Advertisement in violation of Rule 301, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24)
Final disposition- Dr. Chen entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00.
3. **Mary S. Churchman, D.D.S.**
Lake Charles, Louisiana
Violation- Advertisements in violation of Rule 301(H), thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24)
Final disposition- Dr. Churchman entered into a consent decree wherein she paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00.
4. **Robert V. Costello, D.D.S.**
Lafayette, Louisiana
Violation- Advertisement in violation of Rule 301 and R.S. 37:774, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24)
Final disposition- Dr. Costello entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00.
5. **Jon A. Feerick, D.D.S.**
Lafayette, Louisiana
Violation- Advertisement in violation of Rule 301 and R.S. 37:774, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24).
- Final disposition-** Dr. Feerick entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00.
6. **Kurt A. Lejeune, D.D.S.**
Lafayette, Louisiana
Violation- Advertisement in violation of Rule 301, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24)
Final disposition- Dr. Lejeune entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00.
7. **Rodrick E. Loud, D.D.S.**
Shreveport, Louisiana
Violation- Advertisement in violation of Rule 301, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24)
Final disposition- Dr. Loud entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$1000.00.
8. **Gregg A. May, D.D.S.**
Mandeville, Louisiana
Violation- Advertisement in violation of Rule 301(E)(3), (4), and (5), thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24)
Final disposition- Dr. May entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$1000.00.
9. **Ammar A. Mekari, D.D.S.**
Metairie, Louisiana
Violation- Advertisement in violation of Rule 301, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24)
Final disposition- Dr. Mekari entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00.
10. **James A. Moreau, Jr., D.D.S.**
Covington, Louisiana
Violation- Advertisement in violation of Rule 301(E)(3), (4), and (5), thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(24)
Final disposition- Dr. Moreau entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$1500.00.
11. **Jeffrey Mark Snitzer, D.D.S.**
Covington, Louisiana
Violation- Advertisement in violation of Rule 301, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24)
Final disposition- Dr. Snitzer entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00.
12. **Courtney Weiler Wightman, D.D.S.**
Jefferson, Louisiana
Violation- Advertisement in violation of Rule 301, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24)
Final disposition- Dr. Wightman entered into a consent decree wherein she paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00.
13. **Cheng You, D.D.S.**
New Orleans, Louisiana
Violation- Advertisement in violation of Rule 301, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24)
Final disposition- Dr. You 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, adult ees permit and pedo-ees 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 \$50.00 fee for duplicate original licenses. There is also a \$50.00 fee for duplicate renewal certificates or permits.

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 appropriate section of your 2008-2009 dental renewal applications. If you do not dispense or administer controlled substances in your office, please check the appropriate box of the dental renewal application.

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

Sincerely,
James A. Pearce, D.D.S.
President

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NECROLOGY 2006 - 2007

Dr. Clayton Barre
Dr. Herbert J. Bense
Dr. John A. Cabibi
Dr. Richard H. Campbell
Rose Anne Deleo, R.D.H.
Dr. Roger Downs
Dr. Joseph M. Dyer
Dr. Gilmer W. Engelhardt

May 3, 2007
December 16, 2006
July 11, 2007

April 25, 2007

September 9, 2007

Dr. Walter Gonthier
Dr. Patrick Hambrick
Dr. Leon F. Heier
Dr. Patrick Kennedy
Dr. Charles McShane
Vicki Rose Shelton, R.D.H.
Dr. Cornelius P. Voorhies
Dr. Ira G. Walker

July 7, 2007

January 5, 2007
December 17, 2006
September 11, 2007

April 2005

DENTAL LICENSES LAPSED FOR NON-RENEWAL IN 2007

ACTION TAKEN MAY 25, 2007

Dr. Christos Maltezos 5418
Dr. Willard K. Mann 2734
Dr. Bruce Manne 3714
Dr. Amir Marashi 5296
Dr. Thomas Mason 3178
Dr. Paul Melancon 1398
Dr. David Micklin 4572
Dr. Wilfred Montreuil 2370
Dr. Aubrey Milton Myers 5125
Dr. Theodore Neff 5127

Dr. Carmen Nugent 4297
Dr. Hugh Oser 2743
Dr. Gustave Perdigon, III 2004
Dr. Teryl Petropoulos 5543
Dr. Langston Reed 1802
Dr. Guy A. Ribando, III 5273
Dr. Ronald Risinger 5166
Dr. Leslie Sclafini 5661
Dr. Mark Sibley 4112
Dr. Gerard Simoneaux 5355

Dr. Charles Smith 2875
Dr. Richard Stutes 4012
Dr. Don Timpton 4394
Dr. Thanh Truong 5591
Dr. Jacqueline Turpin-Mair 5695
Dr. Tomie G. Tyler 1948
Dr. John M. Welsh 1816
Dr. Craig Williams 4395

DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSES LAPSED FOR NON-RENEWAL IN 2007

ACTION TAKEN MAY 25, 2007

Shana Rush Creel, R.D.H. 3500
Shaynon McGinty, R.D.H. 3313
Scarlet Menner, R.D.H. 1156
Kim Nelson, R.D.H. 2561
Mary Owen, R.D.H. 1041
Trameika Porter, R.D.H. 3650
Cherie Price, R.D.H. 2518
Angela Rahm, R.D.H. 1654

Linda Ramelli, R.D.H. 555
Otis Redding, R.D.H. 3372
Janet Reynolds, R.D.H. 3314
Tammy R. Rome, R.D.H. 2843
Lori D. Schafer, R.D.H. 2961
Charlene J. Scott, R.D.H. 2228
Nancy Sellers, R.D.H. 3868
Kristen Seymour, R.D.H. 3471

Faith Smallwood, R.D.H. 3798
April Smith, R.D.H. 3293
Mario P. Stolberg, R.D.H. 2867
Danielle Victoriano, R.D.H. 2884
Julie Weir, R.D.H. 3671
Joyce Wells, R.D.H. 931
Gary Wheeler, R.D.H. 3392
Nancy Zinser, R.D.H. 1552

DENTAL LICENSES VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED IN 2007 DUE TO RETIREMENT

Dr. Matthew H. Blunt 2313
Dr. Ronald F. Currier 1767
Dr. James A. Jones 1785
Dr. Jon S. Ousley 2115
Dr. Louis C. Pendleton 1801
Dr. Aubrey E. Myers 5125
Dr. Susan M. Robichaux 4106
Dr. Mario S. Rodriguez 2516
Dr. Russell C. Romero 2470

Dr. Robert L. Roy 1347
Dr. Joe Scales 2181
Dr. Arthur Scott, III 2083
Dr. James R. Sevier 3885
Dr. John J. Sheridan 2010
Dr. Malcolm Sevier, Jr. 3365
Dr. Lonnie M. Sibley 2759
Dr. Lori L. Smith 4363
Dr. Phil Sparks 3030

Dr. Eman Tahawi 5775
Dr. Richard B. Taunton 3603
Dr. Jason Timmons 5358
Dr. Edward C. Vocke, III 2476
Dr. Oscar P. Waldrep 1061
Dr. Robert E. Welborn, Jr. 1868
Dr. Robert J. Wood 5220
Dr. Warren D. Woodward 1673

DENTAL LICENSES VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED IN 2007

Dr. Robert Llopis 4688

DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSES VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED IN 2007 DUE TO RETIREMENT

Erin Beier Cresap, R.D.H. 2823
Andree Poirrier Eddleman, R.D.H. 3463
Gay Rhodes Gladhart, R.D.H. 285
Janna J. Hall, R.D.H. 737
Holly Madere-Hymel, R.D.H. 2678
Gracie Ponder, R.D.H. 1646
Kathleen McGregor, R.D.H. 172
Karen Miranda, R.D.H. 940

Sharon Molbert, R.D.H. 1144
Judith Nelson, R.D.H. 90
Stephanie Parrino, R.D.H. 174
Maria Pavur, R.D.H. 1400
Rita Salman, R.D.H. 298
Jessica Schneider, R.D.H. 3599
Marilyn Shelby, R.D.H. 1301
Barbara P. Schimpf, R.D.H. 773

Abigail Steinmetz, R.D.H. 2644
Marjorie Stevenson, R.D.H. 3229
Corlie Sue Storey, R.D.H. 1348
Lora Brinson Weathersby, R.D.H. 2095
Brandy S. Williams, R.D.H. 2788
Carolyn Wright, R.D.H. 693
Nancy Zeringue, R.D.H. 311

From the Desk of THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:



The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry no longer conducts clinical licensing examinations. Who would have thought this day would ever come? Louisiana has always been an independent testing agency and always put a great deal of effort, time, and money into administering a valid and reliable clinical licensing examination. However, the national changes have convinced us that it was time to join with a regional testing agency. The Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) convinced us to contract with them to administer our clinical licensing examinations in the future. By taking this examination, our young dentists and dental hygienists will have more mobility than ever before. The CITA examination is administered in the states of North Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, and Puerto Rico. Further, sixteen states now recognize the CITA examination and more are coming on board all the time. This has been a long time coming and the board decided to go with CITA after reviewing all other clinical examinations as presented at the meetings of the American Association of Dental Examiners. Furthermore, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry has been involved with CITA since its inception which facilitates our transition.

Please remember that now all licensees must obtain the full requirements of continuing education in order to renew their licenses. We had previously decreased the number of hours due to the difficulties of dentists and dental hygienists being able to obtain continuing education after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

In the future, dentists providing sedation to pediatric patients (under age 13) must be certified in Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS). Dentists administering deep sedation to adults will be required to be certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS).

Since the hurricanes, Louisiana has lost approximately 200 dentists which equates

to approximately 10% of the dentist population in the state. This number is significantly higher than the population loss, but is in line with other medical professionals who have left the state for greener pastures. Kudos to everyone who is sticking it out and fighting this fight. Unfortunately, this also creates a fiscal problem for the board because we must continue our operations with less revenue. We will strive to continue to provide the best service possible to the public and the dental populations.

As you can see, we no longer publish a Dental Practice Act booklet. The cost of printing the booklets each year has become prohibitive. You can review the Dental Practice Act at our website www.lsbdb.org. You may also download all forms and applications as well such as the licensure by credentials application, license by outside examination application, restricted license application, all anesthesia applications (both dental and dental hygiene), and the expanded duty dental assistant application.

Of particular concern is the rise in substance abuse problems as well as fraud. The board is receiving more complaints in these two areas than ever before and will vigorously prosecute those practitioners who take advantage of their patients by overdiagnosing or cheating on claims. Practitioners who commit fraud may be lining their own pockets, but they are a terrible disgrace to the dental profession. We ask any dentist who sees fraud committed by another dentist to please report it to us as soon as possible.

The board and New Orleans are extremely grateful to have LSU dental school back in New Orleans. There is a strong need for LSU within the population of New Orleans, especially during these tumultuous times of rebuilding our community.

The board would like to thank Dr. Eric Hovland for his commanding the LSU dental school through the terrible crisis caused by the hurricanes and his unwavering strength and ability to get the school back to New Orleans. We understand that Dean Hovland has submitted his resignation, and we wish him well in all of his future endeavors. We also look forward to working with his successor whomever that may be.

Unfortunately the board is losing almost thirty-five years of experience on the board with the retirement of Drs. Dennis Donald, Conrad P. McVea, and Vance Wascom due to term limits. Their experience, dedication, and knowledge will never be replaced. Dr. Donald served for 15 years and as president three times. Drs. McVea and Wascom both served ten years and as president as well. We express our sincerest gratitude to these fine gentlemen for the many, many hours they took from their practices and families to serve the board and the public. We only hope that their successors come with the same dedication.

The board conducted four nominating meetings for new appointments to the board. Meetings were held in Lake Charles, Lafayette, Northlake, and NODA.

The nominees have been presented to the governor for appointment. However, as this is a gubernatorial change, it is not known if Governor Blanco will make these appointments or if she will allow the Governor Elect, Bobby Jindal to make these appointments. We eagerly wait with anticipation.

In closing, I wish each and every one of you a happy and prosperous new year.

C. Barry Ogden
Executive Director

CONGRATULATIONS 2007 DENTAL LICENSEES

LICENSED BY CLINICAL LICENSING EXAMINATION

DR. GINNY BAKER
DR. BENJAMIN BEACH
DR. KATIE BEACH
DR. ERIN BEAR
DR. LEE BERTHELOT
DR. REBECCA BLUM
DR. HAROLD BOREL
DR. MARTIN BRAUD
DR. GREGORY BURNS
DR. MOLLY BURNS
DR. CYNTHIA CALDWELL
DR. VICTOR CARONA
DR. ROSS CASCIO

DR. MELANIE CHELETTE
DR. MISTY CRUMP
DR. JOSEPH DAHO
DR. MELISSA DUPREE
DR. JENNIFER FINNEY
DR. JORGE GARCIA
DR. AMANDA HASZINGER
DR. JOHN HOWELL
DR. MATHIEU IRBY
DR. CASEY IVERSTINE
DR. JAMES JACKSON
DR. NATALIE JACKSON
DR. ANDREW JONES

DR. TIMOTHY LEACH
DR. JULIE LEBELL
DR. BRYNN LEROUX
DR. KEITH LUMINAIS, JR.
DR. CAROLINE MANUEL
DR. BROOKE MCCALLUM
DR. MINDY MOORE
DR. KIM NGUYEN
DR. JON PERENACK
DR. JESSICA PERKINS
DR. STEPHANIE PICOU
DR. PAUL RAGAS
DR. NICHOLAS RAUBER

DR. BEATRIZ ROBLES
DR. KRISTOPHER RUEBSAMEN
DR. JAMES SHIRLEY
DR. JOHN SLEDGE
DR. HOPE TAYLOR
DR. XUAN TRAN
DR. STEPHEN TURPIN
DR. CHAD VAUGHT
DR. LIEN VU
DR. THUY-HANG VU
DR. MICHAEL WIESNER

CONGRATULATIONS 2007 DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSEES

LICENSED BY CLINICAL LICENSING EXAMINATION

JULIE ALLEN, R.D.H.
ADELE ANDREWS, R.D.H.
KATIE ARCURI, R.D.H.B
BRANDY AUSTIN, R.D.H.
STEPHANIE BATEMAN, R.D.H.
CATHERINE BERCIER, R.D.H.
ADRIENNE BOONE, R.D.H.
JADE BOSS, R.D.H.
TRACY BOSTICK, R.D.H.
ERIN BOUTTE, R.D.H.
JENNIFER BROWN, R.D.H.
ROXIE BROWN, R.D.H.
MICHELLE CANCIENNE, R.D.H.
KEASHA CASTILLE, R.D.H.
KRISTI COX, R.D.H.
ALLIE DAY, R.D.H.
BRIE DOBBS, R.D.H.
ASHLEY DUCHESNE, R.D.H.

CHARLOTTE DUDOIT, R.D.H.
CASSIE EDWARDS, R.D.H.
SHEILA ELWOOD, R.D.H.
LECHELLE EMANUEL, R.D.H.
LANA FLETCHER, R.D.H.
MELANIE FOSTER, R.D.H.
MEGAN FRUGE, R.D.H.
VICTORIA GREMILLION, R.D.H.
KERRI HEBERT, R.D.H.
AMANDA HELM, R.D.H.
LAURA HELMSTETTER, R.D.H.
SARAH HERROD, R.D.H.
LAUREN JONES, R.D.H.
ALAINA JOUBERT, R.D.H.
ANNA JUNKIN, R.D.H.
LESLIE LAGRANGE, R.D.H.
ASHLEY LECORGNE, R.D.H.
JODY LEE, R.D.H.

MEGAN LOPE, R.D.H.
BRITTNEY LOUQUE, R.D.H.
SHANNA MATHERNE, R.D.H.
SARAH MILLER, R.D.H.
AMESHA MOORE, R.D.H.
LINDSEY MORGAN, R.D.H.
KATHRYN MOUTON, R.D.H.
AUTUMN NOYES, R.D.H.
CYNDI OCHS, R.D.H.
BRANDI OLIVIER, R.D.H.
DEBY OLSEN, R.D.H.
JAMIE PERDUE, R.D.H.
RACHEL PLUNKET, R.D.H.
AMANDA PUCKETT, R.D.H.
EMILY REICH, R.D.H.
BRITTANY ROBB, R.D.H.
ALYSON ROUSSEL, R.D.H.
CARRIE ROY, R.D.H.

JENNIFER RUMSEY, R.D.H.
JENNIFER SALZER, R.D.H.
LAUREN SAVOY, R.D.H.
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LICENSED BY CREDENTIALS IN 2006-2007

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DR. CHRISTOPHER HUFF
DR. NORMAN MCGEATHY, III

DR. MARIO MONTANEZ
DR. CAROL SHERMAN
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LICENSED BY OUTSIDE EXAMINATION IN 2007

DENTISTS

DR. ERIKA GRAHAM
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DR. BRIAN KELLEY
DR. KATINA BEVERLY
DR. KREDENNA BEVERLY
DR. ELICIA THOMPSON

DR. CHARLOTTE BANKER
DR. ANIKA JACKSON
DR. PAYAL ANAND
DR. JAMILA MITCHELL
DR. ROYCE JACOB GOZA
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, *Continued*

- 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, 2007.
- 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 Assistants only after he or she has 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 that 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 that 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.) **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.

Dentists providing sedation to pediatric patients (under age 13) must be certified in Pediatric Advanced Cardiac Life Support (PALS). Dentists administering deep sedation to adults will be required to be certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS).

ENTERAL CONSCIOUS PERMIT QUESTIONS

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.

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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.

PROTECT YOUR PATIENTS & CUSTOMERS BE SURE YOUR DRUG AND DEVICE SUPPLIERS ARE LICENSED

The Louisiana State Board of Wholesale Drug Distributors licenses and regulates drug and device wholesalers. In the ever growing market of counterfeit and adulterated drugs and devices, it is important to validate that your drug and device suppliers are properly licensed and inspected by the wholesale regulatory agencies to help protect your patients and customers from unscrupulous people that prey on the healthcare industry.

The Louisiana Wholesale Drug Board maintains a website that you can use to validate that your suppliers of drugs and devices are licensed to do business in Louisiana. That website is located at www.lsbwdd.org

If you are currently doing business with a supplier that is not listed on the website and not licensed by the Wholesale Drug Board, please contact the Board at 225-295-8567.

Your participation in this process of verification will help identify, license, and protect the drug and device distribution chain that we all rely on and expect to be free from counterfeit and adulterated drugs and devices.

CHECK This Out! RENEWAL FEES	
Active Biennial Dental License (2008-2009)	\$400.00
Active Biennial Hygiene License (2008-2009)	\$150.00
Renewal of Personal Nitrous Adult-ECS & Pedo-ECS permit	\$50.00*
Renewal of Personal Parenteral Conscious Sedation Permit	\$200.00*
Deadline to Renew	December 31, 2007
Delinquent fees will be assessed to all renewals postmarked after December 31, 2007.	

DELINQUENT FEES WILL BE ASSESSED TO ALL RENEWALS POSTMARKED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2007.

*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.

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