

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
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THE BULLETIN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Lynn Philippe



Well, another year soon draws to a close, and although this was a fiscal legislative year (only five bills may be introduced per legislator), one bill seemed to overshadow all other issues that were addressed in 2009. And this bill involved the fundamental basis of the “mission” of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry. Of course, I am referring to Act 429 (House Bill 687) which was more commonly known as the “school based dentistry bill.” However, a more correct description of this would have been the “portable and mobile dentistry bill.” This bill which began as a “prohibition of school based dentistry” evolved through much input, review and revision, into a bill which mandated the LSBSD to draft rules and regulations by which these services shall be delivered. A full delineation of these rules can be viewed in the “Notice of Intent” published October 20, 2009 in the Louisiana Register. Other activities voted on and approved by the LSBSD are described in the following pages of this bulletin.

As the end of 2009 nears, I would like to thank those who contributed their time and effort to accomplish much during the past year. My sincere appreciation goes out to my fellow LSBSD members who, through their correspondence, input and communication throughout the year, helped fulfill the mission with which we are charged. And that is the protection of the public by ensuring that all who seek or receive dental services in this state are assured that the person(s) performing such are doing so within the statutes, rules and regulations delineated by the Dental Practice Act of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry. Special thanks go out to Dr. Romell Madison and the entire Rulemaking Committee for “grinding out” the undaunted task, through extraordinary meetings and collaboration, for helping complete the legislative mandate of Act 429. In addition, I am extremely grateful to our Executive Director, C. Barry Ogden, Esq., for his tireless effort, direction and tutelage to ensuring that we remain within the legal and ethical limits of our commissioned duties. In addition to Mr. Ogden, I would be remiss if I failed to mention his outstanding staff and other personnel. Sincere thanks go to Misses Erin Conner, Diana Chenevert, Linda Foto, and Carolyn Perez for having done all of the “behind the scenes” work so the “show could go on.” To Mr. John O. Roth, Jr., a sincere congratulations, for doing a “yeoman’s job” in maintaining organization of the many tasks performed at the LSBSD office. To Mr. Camp Morrison and his assistant Ms. Alison Schenk, for the most informative, investigative work to help us expedite the disciplinary arm of the LSBSD in a fair and accurate manner. Many thanks to an individual associated with the LSBSD, is our general counsel, Mr. Brian Begue, Esq., who also, through his unparalleled legal acumen, warrants heartfelt gratitude. And last, but certainly not least, the LSBSD is forever grateful for many years of outstanding work by our inspector, Mr. Delano Clark, a true gentleman whom can never be replaced.

Also, I wish to extend sincere thanks to all other who, through their input and presence at meetings, helped us accomplish our goals. They include Mr. Ward Blackwell, LDA Executive Director, and his staff, the LDA Board of Directors, members of the Louisiana Legislature, educators, specifically Dr. Henry Gremillion, Dean, LSUSD, Dr. John Gallo, LSUSD, Ms. Carrie Mason, R.D.H., Ms. Suzanne Farrar, R.D.H., and the “rank and file” members of the LDA/LDHA who practice their skills on a daily basis in a most diligent manner.

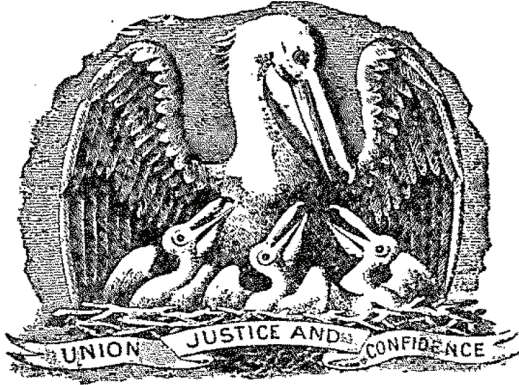
In closing, please allow me to say that it has been both a privilege and a pleasure to serve as president of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry this past year. I have been enlightened by the relationships I have made and I wish everyone the best for the coming years. I can assure you that the members and staff of the LSBSD will continue to perform an exemplary job in the future, so that the citizens of Louisiana can enjoy the excellent services provided by our Louisiana licensed dental and dental auxiliary professionals.

Sincerely,
 Lynn J, Philippe, D.D.S.

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DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The following represents summaries of disciplinary actions taken in 2008-2009 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 L. Babin, D.D.S.**
Raceland, Louisiana
Violation- Allegations that his treatment of a patient was iatrogenic care and below the prevailing acceptable standard of care in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(8); and the lack of proper record documentation in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(7)
Final disposition- Dr. Babin entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$5000 and reimbursed the board's costs. He commenced a three year period of probation on March 6, 2009 and took a remedial course in record keeping.
2. **James R. Bush, D.D.S.**
Rayne, Louisiana
Violation- Allegations that he prescribed 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. Bush entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he reimbursed the board's costs; and surrendered his license to practice dentistry in the state of Louisiana with the agreement that he may apply to the board to return to practice dentistry after one year.
3. **William A. Couvillion, D.D.S.**
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Violation- Allegations that his treatment of a patient was below the prevailing acceptable standard of care by failing to obtain informed consent prior to a procedure in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(8)
Final disposition- Dr. Couvillion entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$2000.
4. **Lawrence N. Frost, III, D.D.S.**
Metairie, Louisiana
Violation- Allegations that he advertised sedation services for which he was not permitted in violation of Rules 301 (E), 1505, and 1506, thereby forming a violation of R.S.37:776(A)(24)
Final disposition- Dr. Frost entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500, and destroyed all existing brochures regarding the underlying complaint.
5. **Gregory W. Greenwood, D.M.D.**
New Orleans, Louisiana
First Amendment to Consent Decree-The board amended Dr. Greenwood's previous consent agreement in order to rescind same and terminated his probation.
6. **Gary S. Haygood, D.D.S.**
St. Martinville, Louisiana
Violation- Allegations that he dispensed, administered, and prescribed 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. Haygood entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$10,000 and reimbursed the Board's; he commenced a period of probation of five years beginning December 5, 2008; and is undergoing a monitoring program with the board.

Disciplinary Actions (continued)

7. **Michael W. Lindenberg, D.D.S.**
Sulphur, Louisiana
Violation- Habitual indulgence in the use of drugs, narcotics, or intoxicating liquors in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)5)
Final disposition- Dr. Lindenberg entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he surrendered his license to practice dentistry in the state of Louisiana.
8. **Gregg A. May, D.D.S.**
Covington, Louisiana
Violation- Habitual indulgence in the use of drugs, narcotics, or intoxicating liquors in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)5); that he dispensed, administered, and prescribed habit-forming or other legally controlled substances in other than a legal or legitimate manner in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(6); misleading advertisements in violation of Rule 301 (E), thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24); that he exhibited professional or dental incompetency in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(7); and that he exhibited conduct which disqualified him to practice dentistry with safety to the public in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(17)
Final disposition- Dr. May entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$35,000, his license to practice dentistry was revoked; surrendered all controlled substance privileges forever, and began a monitoring program with the board.
9. **John B. Ragusa, D.D.S.**
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Violation- In 1999, Dr. Ragusa entered into a consent agreement with the board regarding his failure to satisfy continuing education requirements for the renewal of his dental license.
First Amendment to Consent Decree-The board determined the earlier calculation of his continuing education credits was in error and rescinded the consent decree of 1999.
10. **George Everette Rogers, D.D.S.**
Monroe, Louisiana
Violation- Habitual indulgence in the use of intoxicating liquors in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)5); and that he dispensed, and prescribed 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. Rogers entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he surrendered his license to practice dentistry in the state of Louisiana.

ADVERTISING VIOLATIONS

1. **Darrell J. Bourg, Jr., D.D.S.**
Marrero, Louisiana
Violation- Advertisements in violation of Rule 301, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24)
Final disposition- Dr. Bourg entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$3000 and corrected his yellow page and front of office advertising.
2. **Pedro J. Cuartas D.D.S.**
Houma, Louisiana
Violation- Advertisement in violation of Rule 301(K), thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24)
Final disposition- Dr. Cuartas entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00.
3. **Jeremy E. Moore, D.D.S.**
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Violation- Advertisement in violation of Rule 301 (E), thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:774 and 37:776 (A)(24)
Final disposition- Dr. Moore entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$3000.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

C. Barry Ogden

I wish to begin this article with an apology. In last year's Bulletin, I promised you that we would be paperless and renewing online by the end of 2009. Regretfully, due to financial constraints, we have not been able to complete the software program which would enable us to renew licenses online. However, we are extremely confident that we will be doing so next year. In order to do that, we request that each licensee send us their email address so that we may begin communicating to you via email on issues of importance. We will also be placing a new section on our website, www.lsbid.org, where you can view current events affecting the board and the profession. We hope this will allow you to obtain information in a more timely manner. We will also be advising you of such things as rule changes, legislative changes, and membership on the board as well. As of this writing, it appears that the Division of Administration wants our board to vacate our present offices and move into the former Dominion Tower, now known as the Benson Tower. It is unfortunate if we have to move there for many reasons, especially cost. We would be paying more than \$2.50 per square foot than our present rate, the cost of moving, and the time taken away from our duties may impair our operations next year. We are hoping to be relieved of that obligation as our present office works efficiently and cost effectively.

Each licensee who holds a permit to administer deep, parenteral, or enteral sedation is required to take a recertification course every five years in the highest level of sedation which you are permitted to administer. This requirement was placed in the Dental Practice Act about five years ago and it is now time to review your continuing education records and determine that you have indeed taken a course which satisfies this requirement. We will begin auditing this requirement in the year 2011.

As all of you must be aware, the mobile dentistry issue took up a great deal of time and effort this past year. The board conducted two meetings to take comments from the public before setting pen to paper and we wound up completely revising the rules regarding the provision of dentistry via mobile means. It appears that both sides of the issue were not completely happy with our rules which means they are probably pretty good. Nevertheless, we have heard that a legislative oversight committee may be convened to review the rules as written and if any substantive changes are made, we will have to start the rulemaking process all over again. The rules were written as Notices of Intent and appeared in the October 20, 2009 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. We will also be posting them on our website for your easy review.

You may also download the "Winter Bulletin" from our website as well.

All in all, I am of the opinion that the Board of Dentistry, the Louisiana Dental Association, the Louisiana Dental Hygiene Association, and the LSU School of Dentistry have all been working in a cooperative manner for many years. This is good for the public and the profession. We hope that we can continue this meaningful cooperation into the future as we face new problems. From a national perspective, I can assure you the dental profession in Louisiana is exemplary and you have yourselves to thank.

A future problem I foresee is the use of Botox and dermal fillers outside of the oral and maxillofacial area. We are presently processing a complaint against a dentist who not only administers, but advertises his administration of Botox in areas which may not be considered the oral and maxillofacial area. Though we have had
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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. The application must be completed and returned to the board office with a copy of the hygienist's certificate showing satisfactory completion of the local anesthesia permit requirements. If you need an application, you may download it from the board's website www.lsbd.org.

DENTAL LICENSES LAPSED DUE TO NON-RENEWAL 2009

Dr. Staci Ianiro, #5588
 Dr. Terrance McCulle, #5000
 Dr. Kenneth McGrath, #4292
 Dr. Jose Mena, #5757
 Dr. Keith Merchant, #5489
 Dr. John Mese, #1334
 Dr. Mario Montanez, #5835
 Dr. Kathryn Philpott-Hill, #4985
 Dr. Ajit Pillai, #4730
 Dr. James Poe, #5436
 Dr. Cheryl Quimby, #3020
 Dr. Erin Rhodes, #5669
 Dr. Guy Ribando, #2005
 Dr. Jeffery Riso, #5426
 Dr. Virginia Rome, #5736
 Dr. Andy Shieh, #5869
 Dr. Burton Siegel, #2332
 Dr. Roderick Smith, #2473
 Dr. Rhonda Stokely, #5639
 Dr. Brad Theriot, #3604
 Dr. Walter Toranto, #1815
 Dr. Frank Ullo, #1666
 Dr. Rick Verdin, #4327
 Dr. Jeffery Vidrine, #4015
 Dr. Scott Wexler, #5292

DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSES LAPSED DUE TO NON-RENEWAL 2009

Emily Jones, R.D.H., #3641
 Angela Luker, R.D.H., #3456
 Maleta Martin, R.D.H., #3493
 Toni McCartney-Elkins, R.D.H., #3276
 Kempa Meachum, R.D.H., #2684
 Delisa Milliger, R.D.H., #3362
 Jenny Mitchell, R.D.H., #3748
 Karen Morris, R.D.H., #3302
 Gina Oren, R.D.H., #3754
 Pamela Parish, R.D.H., #1309
 Sheila Ragas, R.D.H., #3511
 Sonya Sanders, R.D.H., #3193
 Deanna Simpson, R.D.H., #3308
 Jennifer Surlis, R.D.H., #3153
 Lynne Talley, R.D.H., #1887
 Ashley Tebbe, R.D.H., #3882
 Toni Thompson, R.D.H., #2155
 Kim Tran, R.D.H., #3207
 Meeka Tobin, R.D.H., #3380
 Deborah Trussell, R.D.H., #423
 Tammy Valente, R.D.H., #3303
 Brooke Wallace, R.D.H., #3971
 Sam Watkins, R.D.H., #3127
 Gail Wheelahan, R.D.H., #801
 Leslie Wickware, R.D.H., #3128

SEDATION CONTINUING EDUCATION UPDATE

Rule 1611

In order to renew permits for the administration of deep sedation, parenteral sedation, and enteral sedation, each licensee shall complete a board approved course pertinent to the level of their sedation permit no less than once every five years.

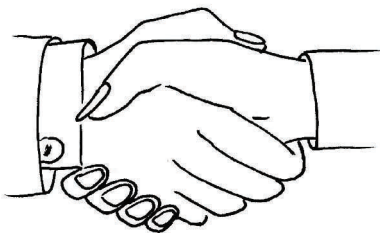
1. Recertification for deep sedation or general anesthesia as required by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons every five years shall satisfy this requirement.

In 2004, the Anesthesia Task Force consisting of representatives of the Louisiana Dental Association and Louisiana State Board of Dentistry which was chaired by Dr. Richard Atkins, included this rule to insure that patient's receiving sedation in dental offices are receiving safe and up-to-date quality of care. This rule requires all licensees permitted to administer any form of the above listed sedation routes. Now that 5 years have elapsed since this requirement took effect, it is now time to start taking refresher courses. Beginning in 2011 the board will begin auditing continuing education reports to ascertain all licensees are in compliance. We hope this does not cause you any inconvenience, but the health, safety and welfare of all dental patients require this. Please call the board office if you have any questions.

DENTISTS HELPING DENTISTS

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

225-926-1986 (8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.)
Toll Free 1-800-388-6642
(504)394-7702 after hours



2010 BOARD MEETING DATES

March 5, 2010

May 7, 2010

August 13, 2010

December 4, 2010

**2009 DENTAL LICENSES
VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED
DUE TO RETIREMENT**

Dr. Galen Crawford, #1695
 Dr. Johnny Hollier, #3157
 Dr. Walter McNeil, #2735
 Dr. Vernon Melancon, #2143
 Dr. Paul Miller, #2498
 Dr. Doyle Philippe, #1526
 Dr. James Priddy, #2861
 Dr. Cynthia Pulitzer, #5580
 Dr. Samuel Pulitzer, #5500
 Dr. William Roberts, Jr., #2330
 Dr. Jerome Schoen, #2117
 Dr. Bernard Schwaninger, #3592
 Dr. Robert Shaye, #2555
 Dr. Johnny Siler, #3203
 Dr. Ewell Smith, #2011
 Dr. David Strange, #2382
 Dr. Melvyn Stromeyer, #2087
 Dr. Monte Tindall, #2335
 Dr. William Walsh, #1419
 Dr. Addison Ward, #2565
 Dr. Howard Weitsen, #3489
 Dr. Brian Whitten, #4835
 Dr. Don Wilkins, #2567
 Dr. Stephen Zobrist, #4920

**2009 DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSES
VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED
DUE TO RETIREMENT**

Mandie Dore, R.D.H.	3363
Marilyn Linderman, R.D.H.	325
Amy McDaniel, R.D.H.	3562
Dorla McIntyre, R.D.H.	2683
Cathy Melancon, R.D.H.	1284
Deette Montalbano, R.D.H.	394
Karen Murphy, R.D.H.	472
Lisa Nelms Holly, R.D.H.	2955
Sharon Nola, R.D.H.	1148
Mary Reece, R.D.H.	157
Tammie Shoemake, R.D.H.	2782
Charlotte Sibley, R.D.H.	192
Julie Sorey, R.D.H.	2147
Margaret Talafuse, R.D.H.	3694
Susan Tarver, R.D.H.	518
Melissa Terry, R.D.H.	3780
Lien Vu, R.D.H.	3296
Marilyn Wilson, R.D.H.	824

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS
THAT OBTAINED A LOUISIANA LICENSE BY
CREDENTIALS**

DENTAL

Dr. Kimberly Harper
 Dr. Ted Methvin
 Dr. Edward Mallia
 Dr. Janice Townsend
 Dr. Stephen Merrill
 Dr. Billy Hall
 Dr. Mark Jensen
 Dr. James Renda
 Dr. Paul Walker
 Dr. Janeen Moore

HYGIENE

Tonya Hinote, R.D.H.
 Tammie Nelson, R.D.H.
 Debra Holmes, R.D.H.

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Dr. Ernest Bateman

Dr. James Delhom, Jr.

Dr. Phillip Gattuso

Dr. Joseph Kochansky

Dr. Edmond Haase, Jr.

Dr. Lamar Little

Dr. Robert Morley

Dr. Morris White

Dr. James Whitehead

Lirly Smith, R.D.H.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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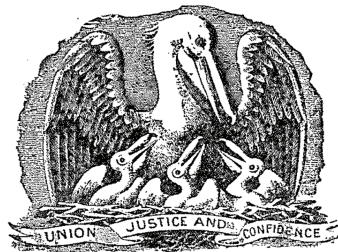
no complaints from patients regarding the administration of Botox and dermal fillers, if you are not careful, you may be considered to be practicing medicine and could be subject to criminal as well as civil sanctions.

I could not close without congratulating our entire board for their hard work this past year. The mobile dentistry issue and disciplinary matters have kept all of the board members busy. You never hear a complaint from any of them, and I ask each of you to show them your appreciation when you see them at meetings for theirs is a thankless job which takes them away from their practice and family. Board members don't participate for power. They participate to bring professionalism and safety to the public. They want to give something back, and we are darned thankful they do.

Lastly, I must admit that our excellent staff has made my job so much easier. My special thanks go out to Erin Conner, Linda Foto, Diana Chenevert, John Roth, Carolyn Perez, Camp Morrison, Alison Schenk, Delano Clark, and Ellen Harris. These wonderful people work hard behind the scenes and do their utmost best to serve the public and our licensees.

Wishing you and yours a happy and prosperous 2010, I am

Yours truly,
C. Barry Ogden



LICENSE RENEWAL FEES

2010-2011 BIENNIAL DENTAL LICENSE—\$500.00

2010-2011 BIENNIAL HYGIENE LICENSE—\$200.00

**DELINQUENT FEES WILL BE ASSESSED TO ALL RENEWALS
POSTMARKED AFTER
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

PERSONAL PERMIT FEES

RENEWAL OF PERSONAL NITROUS PERMIT—\$50.00

RENEWAL OF PERSONAL ADULT-ECS PERMIT \$50.00

RENEWAL OF PERSONAL PEDO-ECS PERMIT—\$50.00

RENEWAL OF PERSONAL PARENTERAL SEDATION PERMIT—\$200.00

**YOU ONLY PAY A RENEWAL FEE FOR THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF PERSONAL
ANESTHESIA PERMIT HELD BY YOU**

ANESTHESIA HIERARCHY

The current hierarchy of anesthesia permits is as follows:

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

If you hold a permit for the administration of level 1, you are qualified for the administration of levels#1-6. If you hold a permit for level #2, you are qualified for administration of levels #2-6 and so on.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ANESTHESIA

QUESTION: *DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR A NEW ANESTHESIA OFFICE PERMIT IF I MOVE TO A NEW OFFICE?*

ANSWER:

YES. All locations in which anesthesia/analgesia is performed must have an office permit for the level of anesthesia which is being used. If you move to a new office, your permit from the old office DOES NOT TRANSFER. You will be required to complete an anesthesia application for the new office address and submit the appropriate fee to the board office. Once received at the board office, the completed application will be reviewed and you will be advised accordingly of the decision.

Adult-ECS personal and office permits are issued by the board upon approval of your submitted application. Office inspections are not required prior to issuance of the permit. These offices are inspected routinely in the normal course of board business.

If you are applying for an office permit for the administration of ECS—Pediatric or Parenteral Sedation, your office must be inspected by the board prior to approval and issuance of permit. You will need to allow adequate time for the processing of these applications.

QUESTION: *HOW DO I RENEW MY ANESTHESIA PERMITS?*

ANSWER:

Dental licensees that will be renewing their dental licenses this year who hold a personal anesthesia permit for the administration of anesthesia will be required to pay an anesthesia renewal fee as follows:

RENEWAL OF PERSONAL NITROUS PERMIT—\$50.00

RENEWAL OF PERSONAL ADULT-ECS PERMIT \$50.00

RENEWAL OF PERSONAL PEDO-ECS PERMIT—\$50.00

RENEWAL OF PERSONAL PARENTERAL SEDATION PERMIT—\$200.00

YOU ONLY PAY A RENEWAL FEE FOR THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF PERSONAL ANESTHESIA YOU ARE PERMITTED TO ADMINISTER

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

LICENSES

QUESTION: *DO I NEED TO POST MY ORIGINAL LICENSE IN MY OFFICE?*

ANSWER:

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 or dental hygiene license, please submit a letter and the \$50.00 fee to the board office requesting a duplicate original license. Please include a phone number or email address on your letter in case any questions should arise concerning your request.

RENEWALS

QUESTION: *WHY IS THE RENEWAL FEE SO MUCH ?*

ANSWER: The renewal fee is for two years.

QUESTION: *WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR MY RENEWAL APPLICATION ?*

ANSWER: All renewal applications must be postmarked by December 31, 2009

LAPSE OF LICENSE

QUESTION: *WHAT HAPPENS IF I ALLOW MY LICENSE TO LAPSE OR I DO NOT RENEW IT?*

ANSWER:

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.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

LAPSE OF LICENSE

QUESTION: *WHAT HAPPENS TO MY LICENSE UPON THE EXPIRATION ?*

ANSWER:

Licenses expire December 31, 2009. After that date, you will receive certified mail notice reminding you of this possible oversight. If we receive no response from you or if you inform the board that you do not wish to renew the license, it will be revoked due to non-renewal at the May, 2010 board meeting.

DENTAL ASSISTANTS/EXPANDED DUTIES

QUESTION: *DOES THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY REGULATE OR CERTIFY DENTAL ASSISTANTS ?*

ANSWER:

No. The board does not regulate dental assistants.

We provide a certificate confirmation for Expanded Duty Dental Assistants only after he/she submits proof of completion of a board approved Expanded Duty Dental Assistant course, board approved radiology course, a copy of acceptable current CPR card, and the \$100.00 application fee. The Expanded Duty Dental Assistant certification confirmation is not automatically issued upon completion of a board approved course.

The individual seeking an Expanded Duty Dental Assistant certificate confirmation may not perform Expanded Duties in the dental office until they receive their certificate confirmation.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

QUESTION: *CAN I CALL THE BOARD OFFICE AND GIVE MY CHANGE OF ADDRESS ?*

ANSWER:

No. Changes by telephone are not accepted. All changes of address, signed by the licensee must be in writing. You may fax or mail your changes to the board office,

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM (PMP)

QUESTION: *WHAT IS THE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM (PMP)?*

ANSWER:

It is a program set in place by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to monitor the dispensing of controlled substances and drugs of interest. Healthcare providers have the right to access it for information on their patients of record. For more information, please contact the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

QUESTION: *ARE THERE ANY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTISTS TO THE PMP?*

ANSWER:

Any dentist who **dispenses** (dispensing is **not** simply writing a prescription) **more than a 48 hour supply for use immediately prior to or following** a dental procedure to be performed in his/her office **must** report such dispensing to the PMP at least once every 14 days. Even if no controlled substances were dispensed during the 14 day period, a report of zero must be made to the PMP.

QUESTION: *CAN I STILL PRESCRIBE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES WITHOUT REPORTING TO THE PMP?*

ANSWER:

Yes. Reporting to the PMP is required only for dentists **dispensing** controlled substances. Prescribing or administering is **not** dispensing.

REGIONAL BOARDS

QUESTION: *WHICH CLINICAL LICENSING EXAMINATIONS ARE ACCEPTED BY THE LSBDD?*

ANSWER: At this time, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry accepts the scores for clinical licensing dental and dental hygiene examinations from the Council of Interstate testing Agencies (CITA), Central regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS), Northeast Regional Board (NERB), Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) and the American Dental Examination (ADEX) provided that those tests include components on live patients and the examination was completed three years or less from the date for which you are applying for licensure.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CONTINUING EDUCATION

QUESTION: *DO I SEND MY CONTINUING EDUCATION THAT I COMPLETED OVER THE PAST TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS?*

ANSWER:

No. A random audit of continuing education will be sent to you next year if you are chosen for this audit.

QUESTION: *HOW MANY CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS AM I RESPONSIBLE FOR AS A DENTIST?*

ANSWER:

Unless exempted under §1607, each dentist shall complete a minimum of 40 hours of continuing education during each renewal period for the renewal of his/her license to practice dentistry.

QUESTION: *WHAT IS THE BREAKDOWN OF CLINICAL AND NON-CLINICAL CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS REQUIRED FOR RE-LICENSURE OF DENTISTS?*

ANSWER:

At least one-half of the minimum credit hours (20) must be attained by personally attending clinical courses pertaining to the actual delivery of dental services to patients. However, ten of these twenty hours may be attained by completing ADA or AGD certified internet or correspondence courses which are clinical in nature and require successful completion of a written examination at the conclusion of said course.

- No more than 20 of the required 40 hours can be completed from the following:
1. practice management courses;
 2. audio and/or video tapes and those journals requiring completion of a written examination to secure proof of hours;

QUESTION: *WHAT IS THE BREAKDOWN OF CLINICAL AND NON-CLINICAL CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS REQUIRED FOR RELICENSURE OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS?*

ANSWER:

Unless exempted under §1607, each dental hygienist shall complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education during each renewal period for the renewal of his/her license to practice dental hygiene.

At least one-half of the minimum credit hours (12) must be attained by personally attending clinical courses pertaining to the actual delivery of dental or dental hygiene services to patients. However, six of these twelve hours may be attained by completing ADA, AGD, or ADHA certified internet or correspondence courses which are clinical in nature and require successful completion of a written examination at the conclusion of said course.

- No more than 12 of the required 24 hours can be completed from the following:
1. practice management courses;
 2. audio and/or video tapes and those journals requiring completion of a written examination to secure proof of hours;

QUESTION: *HOW MANY CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS AM I RESPONSIBLE FOR AS A HYGIENIST?*

ANSWER:

Unless exempted under §1607, each dental hygienist shall complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education during each renewal period for the renewal of his/her license to practice dental hygiene.

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