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Sedation Rules

After two years of discussion and development on March 17, 2016 the Rules Review Commission (RRC) of the NC General Assembly passed the Board's proposed sedation rules. In general, the proposed rules required additional training for those using minimal sedation and moderate sedation limited to oral routes and eliminated the use of nitrous in combination with a sedative drug. However, before the rules could go into effect, the RRC received ten objections which had the effect of subjecting the rules to review by the North Carolina General Assembly. HB 1145 has now passed and allows some of the proposed rules to become effective while keeping in place the vast majority of current rules.

Here are some highlights:

- Use of nitrous with one minor psychosedative remains defined as anxiolysis and does not require a permit.
- Requirements for the Minimal Sedation Permit remain unchanged.

- Requirements for the Moderate Sedation Permit Limited to Oral Routes remain unchanged.

For the general anesthesia and sedation rules currently in effect, click on the link below:

<http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2021%20-%20occupational%20licensing%20boards%20and%20commissions/chapter%2016%20-%20dental%20examiners/subchapter%20q/subchapter%20q%20rules.pdf>

To review the contents of House Bill 1145, click on the link below:

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2015/Bills/House/PDF/H1145v3.pdf>

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Upcoming Board Meetings

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. and occur at the Board's Office, 2000 Perimeter Park Dr., Suite 160, Morrisville, NC 27560. All meetings are open to the public. However, certain portions of the meetings may be closed when necessary and in compliance with North Carolina's Open Meetings law.

August 12-13	Charlotte, NC Hilton City Center
September 9-10	Morrisville, NC Board Office
October 7-8	Morrisville, NC Board Office
November 18-19	Morrisville, NC Board Office
December 9-10	Morrisville, NC Board Office

ADEX Hygiene Examination

North Carolina now accepts the ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination along with the CITA Dental Hygiene examination as pathway to the Registered Dental Hygiene license. However, only ADEX examinations successfully completed after November 21, 2015 will be accepted. **ADEX Examinations taken before this date are not considered.** Candidates who elect to take the ADEX

examination must successfully complete the written, clinical, and computer simulated clinical exam (CSCE) portions in order to be eligible for a license. Two regional testing agencies, CITA and CDCA (formerly NERB), offer the ADEX Dental Hygiene examination. CITA also continues to offer the CITA Dental Hygiene Examination.

Silver Diamine Fluoride

This liquid is applied directly to teeth and is viewed by many as a low cost option to treat decay and delay or prevent the need for restorations. However, the solution turns black any tooth to which it is applied. The Board determined that the application of silver diamine fluoride is not a delegable duty and must be applied to teeth only by a dentist.



Death and Taxes

Both are certain and now, thanks to the newly amended general statute 105-251.2(a), so is the reporting necessary for licensing boards to convey information directly to the Secretary of the NC Department of Revenue. Effective July 1, 2016 each occupational licensing board must report the certain required information for both dentists and registered dental hygienists when requested. Here is what the statute requires:

§ 105-251.2. Compliance information requests.

Occupational Licensing Board. - An occupational licensing board must give information to the Secretary when the Secretary requests the information. The Secretary may not request the information more than one time per calendar year. The Secretary may request the board to provide on a return, a report, or otherwise, a licensee's name, license number, tax identification number, business address, and any other information pertaining to the licensee in possession of the board that the Secretary deems necessary to determine the licensee's compliance with this Chapter. For purposes of this subsection, the term "occupational licensing board" has the same meaning as defined in G.S. 93B-1.

Disciplinary Actions

Recent disciplinary actions are reported on the Board's website under the "Disciplinary Action" tab. Actions involving revoked or suspended licenses remain posted until the revocation or suspension is lifted. All past disciplinary action can be accessed by searching by name or license number under the "License Verification" tab.

http://www.ncdentalboard.org/license_verification.htm

Update Our Address!

As of August, 2015 the Board's office address is:

**2000 Perimeter Park Dr., Suite 160
Morrisville, NC 27560-8442**

Please cease sending any correspondence to the old address!!

The Latest Numbers :

Dentists:

Licensed by NC	5,571
Licensed and Living in NC	5,122
Licensed and Active in NC	4,822

Registered Dental Hygienists

Licensed by NC	7,609
Licensed and Living in NC	6,690
Licensed and Active in NC	5,876

Sedation/General Anesthesia Permits

General Anesthesia	174
Moderate IV	202
Moderated Limited to Oral	91
Pediatric	97
Minimal	93

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The purpose of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners is to ensure that the dental profession merit and receive the confidence of the public and that only qualified persons be permitted to practice dentistry and dental hygiene in the state of North Carolina.

Board Elections and Officers

The results of the recent Board elections are in. Dr. William Litaker, Jr. of Hickory, NC, was elected to a second term. Dr. Kenneth Sadler of Winston Salem, NC, was elected to fill the seat of Dr. David Howdy, Washington, NC, whose term ended July 31, 2016. The Board wishes to express its deepest appreciation to Dr. David Howdy for his six years of service on the Board including terms serving as the Board's Secretary/Treasurer, President, and member of the Executive Committee. Dr. Howdy's service was exemplary and he will be greatly missed by his fellow Board members and office staff.

Current Board Members (as of August 1, 2016)

	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
William M. Litaker, DDS (President)	2019	Hickory, NC
Merlin W. Young, DDS* (Sec./Treas.)	2017	Wendell, NC
Clifford O. Feingold, DDS (Past. Pres.)	2018	Asheville, NC
Stanley L. Allen, DDS	2017	Greensboro, NC
Millard W. "Buddy" Wester, III, DDS*	2018	Henderson, NC
Kenneth M. Sadler, DDS*	2019	Winston Salem, NC
Carla J. Stack, RDH	2017	Charlotte, NC
E. Clark Jenkins* (Consumer)	2018	Asheville, NC

**Eligible to run for a second term.*