



E-Forum

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Introducing the E-Forum

The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners will no longer publish a paper version of “The Dental Board Forum.” This electronic newsletter serves as its replacement and will be posted regularly on the Board’s website.

It will include current events and topics of interest to those in the field of dentistry. Issues discussed

at the monthly Board Meetings may be shared with licensees and the general public via this format.

All E-Forums from here forward will be available on the website, so that you may refer back to the previously posted information should future questions arise.

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ADEX Examination

In September 2013 the NC Dental Board became a member of the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) and now accepts the results of the ADEX clinical dental examination. ADEX has 33 member states and results of the test are accepted in 44 states and territories. This greatly increases mobility for North Carolina students who pass the ADEX examination and at the same time

provides a pathway for students in the 33 member states to seek licensure in North Carolina. The Council on Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) will continue to administer the ADEX examination in North Carolina and several other states. Plans are ongoing to begin accepting the ADEX dental hygiene examination in the near future.

Upcoming Board Meetings

- February 7-8, 2014 Morrisville
- March 21-22, 2014 Morrisville
- April 11-12, 2014 Morrisville
- May 14-15, 2014 Thistle Golf Club, Brunswick County
- June 13-14, 2014 Morrisville
- July 11-12, 2014 Greenville

Sedation Rules Review Conferences Planned



Two recent sedation-related deaths in North Carolina have prompted the Board to begin a review of sedation regulations. After several practitioners contacted our office to offer sound advice on possible pathways to improvement, the Board decided to provide an opportunity for dentists to comment more fully before enacting any changes.

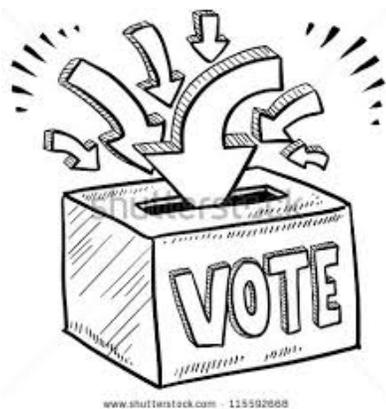
Plans are in the works to offer one conference in the Greensboro/Winston-Salem area and another in Greenville. As soon as the details are confirmed, an announcement will be posted on the Board's website.

Intramuscular Antibiotic Injections

At its January 2014 meeting the Board dealt with the issue of dentists giving intramuscular antibiotic injections to patients who require antibiotics as part of their dental treatment

plan. Since there is no statute or rule governing this particular issue, the Board decided this was a matter of professional clinical judgment. Those dentists who consider their

clinical training and experience sufficient to inject appropriate dosages of antibiotics may do so when necessary.



Board Elections

Those interested in running for Board positions may do so by filing an appropriate petition between January 1st and midnight May 20, 2014. Two dentists and one dental hygiene position will be eligible for election this year. (One dentist member and the current registered dental hygiene member are eligible to run for a second term.) Interested parties must submit a petition before the deadline signed by not less than

10 dentists or dental hygienists respectively who are licensed to practice in North Carolina and residing or practicing in this state. Since signatures are often difficult to read and the identity of those signing the petition must be verified, please ask signatories to include their license number and print their names.

The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. The Federal Trade Commission

As the investigation and subsequent lawsuit brought by the FTC against the Dental Board enters its seventh year, the case is nearly at its end. The case involves the unauthorized practice of

dentistry through the provision of teeth whitening services by non-licensed individuals. The Board has filed a petition with the U.S. Supreme Court seeking a review of the U.S. 4th Circuit decision

that sided with the FTC. Although there is no definitive date, court watchers agree that the Supreme Court should decide if it will take the case by late February 2014.

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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.

Statistics – December 31, 2013

Dentists licensed and actively practicing in
North Carolina 4,617

Registered Dental Hygienists licensed and
actively practicing in North Carolina
5,727

Current Board Members

| <u>Current Board Member</u> | <u>Term Expires</u> | <u>Hometown</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| David A. Howdy, DDS (President) | 2016 | Washington, NC |
| Stanley L. Allen, DDS (Sec/Treas.) | 2014* | Greensboro, NC |
| Kenneth M. Sadler, DDS (Past Pres.) | 2015 | Winston-Salem, NC |
| Millard W. "Buddy" Wester, DDS | 2014 | Henderson, NC |
| Clifford O. Feingold, DDS | 2015* | Asheville, NC |
| William M. Litaker, DDS | 2016* | Hickory, NC |
| Carla J. Stack, RDH | 2014* | Charlotte, NC |
| James B. Hemby, Jr, PhD (Consumer) | 2015 | Raleigh, NC |

**Eligible to run for a second term.*