



# E-Forum

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## Monitoring of Controlled Substances

Legislation is currently making its way through the General Assembly that would require the Dental Board along with other state agencies and divisions, to develop statewide opioid prescribing guidelines by December 31, 2014 and adopt them formally by July 2015. If passed in its current form, the bill would also create a Prescription Drug Abuse Advisory Committee to implement a statewide strategic plan to combat the problem of prescription drug abuse. In ad-

dition, the bill would require the Dental Board and several other health care boards each year to mandate a one-hour continuing education course on controlled substance prescribing practices as a condition of license renewal.

To read the entire bill, click here:

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2013/Bills/Senate/PDF/S749v2.pdf>



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### Upcoming Board Meetings

Meetings begin at 8:30 am unless otherwise noted.

- August 15-16, 2014 Morrisville
- September 12-13, 2014 Morrisville
- October 17-18, 2014 Morrisville
- November 7-8, 2014 Morrisville
- December 12-13, 2014 Asheville

## The Board Responds

*From time to time licensees submit questions to the Board seeking guidance with specific issues. The answers provided by the Board are based on the specific facts submitted and should be considered as guidance only and not as an enforceable rule.*

*Is it within the scope of practice for a North Carolina dentist to treat TMJ using Lifeline Sciences, LLC, TMJ Next Generation® ear canal inserts?*

It is certainly within the scope of practice for a North Carolina dentist to treat temporomandibular joint disorder (TMD). It is a separate question, and

at this time the Board believes it lacks sufficient information, to determine if TMJ NextGeneration® ear canal inserts are efficacious in the treatment of TMJ disorders. The Board is not aware of this treatment modality being taught in the curriculum of accredited dental schools or of having been the subject of generally accepted peer-reviewed studies in scientific literature. Therefore, the Board refrains from any comment on or endorsement of the TMJ NextGeneration® ear canal devices as a treatment modality for TMJ disorders until more is known about these devices.

## Retiring Board Member

Dr. Millard “Buddy” Wester of Henderson, NC, is retiring from the Board after serving two consecutive three-year terms as allowed by statute. During his tenure, Dr. Wester served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board and as its President. He also served a valuable role as

the designated Board member assigned to deal with the investigation of corporate dentistry. We offer many thanks to Dr. Wester for his valuable service to the citizens of North Carolina, the Dental Board, and the dental community.

## Notification of Disciplinary Action by the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.

The Board office recently received notice from the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) of an individual who manufactured a false DANB certificate and held herself out as a dental assistant certified by DANB. Officials at DANB believe this person is seeking or has recently been employed in North Carolina. If you wish to verify the credentials of a DANB certified dental assistant

you may do so at: <https://www.danb.org/Home/The-Dental-Community/Credential-Verification>. Or, if a document purported to come from DANB looks suspect, you can contact Karen Capuano, DANB Sr. Coordinator, Professional Conduct and Board Services ([kcapuano@danb.org](mailto:kcapuano@danb.org) or 1-800-367-3262 ext. 463), for verification.



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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 Election Results

### Dentists

The recent election resulted in **Dr. Stanley Allen** of Greensboro and **Dr. Merlin Young** of Wendell being elected to the open dentists' seats on the Board. Each will be sworn in for a three-year term beginning August 1, 2014.

### Dental Hygiene

The dental hygiene election resulted in a run-off between the two top candidates since none of the three original candidates received a majority of the votes as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. 90-22(c)(9)(a). **Carla Stack** was declared the winner in the run-off election and will begin her second term as the dental hygiene representative to the Board on August 1, 2014.

## Current Board Members (as of August 1, 2014)

	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Stanley L. Allen, DDS (President)	2017	Greensboro, NC
Clifford O. Feingold, DDS* (Sec./Treas.)	2015	Asheville, NC
David A. Howdy, DDS (Past. Pres.)	2016	Washington, NC
Kenneth M. Sadler, DDS	2015	Winston-Salem, NC
William M. Litaker, DDS*	2016	Hickory, NC
Merlin W. Young, DDS*	2017	Wendell, NC
Carla J. Stack, RDH	2017	Charlotte, NC
James B. Hemby, Jr, PhD (Consumer)	2015	Raleigh, NC

*\*Eligible to run for a second term.*