



SUMMER 2012

# FLORIDA BOARD OF DENTISTRY

PROTECTING THE PUBLIC THROUGH LICENSURE,  
ENFORCEMENT AND INFORMATION



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I am honored to serve as the current Chair of the Board and would first like to express my sincere gratitude to my colleagues on the Board for the time and effort they so generously offer. Thank you for your dedication and your valuable contribution.

Next, I would like to discuss an issue of critical importance: the need for dentists and their staff to maintain accurate, comprehensive, legible, and detailed records. Failure to do so is a common thread among the disciplinary cases brought before the board. Maintaining complete dental charting and records results in a more professional service and can help prevent possible disciplinary action.

Finally, I would like to invite you to a future meeting of the Board. We meet quarterly in major cities around the State. Attending these meetings is an excellent way to keep abreast of activities as well as earning 3 hours of CE credit per meeting.

Best wishes,  
Wade Winker, DDS

## Florida's Drug Monitoring Program Having an Impact

One of Florida's major initiatives during the past year was to enforce regulation of facilities and practitioners involved with prescribing or dispensing controlled substances to reduce inappropriate and over-prescribing. EFORCSE, Florida's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, requires all health care practitioners who dispense controlled substances in schedule II, III, and IV to report to a centralized database. This information assists health care practitioners to identify patients who are "doctor shopping", a felony in Florida. It also assists law enforcement, regulatory boards and the Attorney General's Medicaid fraud unit with investigations into criminal activity. So far, five-hundred law enforcement officers have registered.

Since the law took effect, the Department of Health has seen a 51% reduction (from 921 to 451) in pain management clinics and a 160% increase in the number of revocations and disciplinary voluntary relinquishments relating to pain management clinics and practitioners. Since September 2011, over 38 million dispensed prescriptions have been entered into the database with more than one million patient-specific queries.

If you are a dispensing practitioner, and prescribe scheduled drugs to patients for chronic non-malignant pain for over 60 days, you must register. Dentists who administer a controlled substance to a patient during treatment or dispense a one-time, 72 hour re-supply of a controlled substance are not required to report.

For more information visit: [www.e-forcse.com](http://www.e-forcse.com).

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**STATISTICS FOR THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2010 – JUNE 30, 2011**

	Dentists	Dental Hygienists
<b>LICENSURE</b>		
Active Licenses – Florida	10,048	10,593
Inactive Licenses – Florida	32	69
Delinquent Licenses – Florida	125	306
Active – Out-of-State	1,895	1,717
Inactive – Out-of-State	90	132
Retired	487	249
Health Access Dental Licenses	38	NA
Initial Applications Received	432	724
Initial Applications Licenses Issued	279	315
Clinical Exam Pass Rate	84.98%	81.24%
Diagnostic Skills Pass Rate	98.23%	N/A
Laws & Rules Exam Pass Rate	92.99%	71.52%
<b>COMPLAINTS</b>		
Complaints Received	857	27
Administrative Complaints Files	71	1
Legally Sufficient for Investigation	330	13
No Probable Cause Found	232	9
Probable Cause Found	91	2
Civil Court Closed Claims Received	164	0
<b>DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS</b>		
Emergency Suspension Orders Issued	2	1
Revocation	5	0
Voluntary Surrender	12	2
Suspension	10	0
Probation	2	0
Fine	42	0
Reprimand	13	0
Citations	11	10
Unlicensed activity complaints	45	1

**Don't forget to renew your license by February 28, even years.**

## Board Members

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### Meeting Schedule\*

**2012-2013**

**August 17, 2012**

**November 16, 2012**

**February 22, 2013**

**May 17, 2013**

**August 23, 2013**

**November 15, 2013**

\*Check the website for meeting times and locations.



*July 2012 meeting of the Probable Cause Panel in Tallahassee.*

## Recent Legislative and Rule Changes

- The practical or clinical examination is now the American Dental Licensing Examination (ADEX) administered by the North East Regional Board for both dentists and dental hygienists
- Dental hygienists may administer local anesthesia to non-sedated patient over 18 years of age with training, as specified in s. 466.017(5)(a), F.S.
- Dental hygienists may apply bleaching solution, activate light source, monitor and remove in-office bleaching materials under direct supervision, 64B5-16.006(1)(i), F.A.C.
- Applicants for sedation permits must document actual clinical administration of anesthetics to 20 dental patients, 64B5-14.005, F.A.C.
- Specifies that Ketamine is not to be used unless dentist possesses a valid general anesthesia permit 64B5-14.002, F.A.C.

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