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The Chair's Message



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Season's Greetings!

It has been an honor serving as Chair to the Florida Board of Dentistry for 2016. It has been a challenging year, but we have many accomplishments in which to be proud. Earlier this year I said I was focused on reducing our year old disciplinary cases. I am happy to report that we saw a 41.85% decrease in the total number of disciplinary cases greater than one year old since February 2016.

In February of 2016, the year-and-older cases made up 46.42% of the inventory at that time (227 out of 489). Currently, the year-and-older cases make up only 39.05% of the current inventory (132 out of 338). Also, despite consistent intake numbers, the total caseload has been reduced by 35.37% since February 2016 (from 489 to 316).

One of the ways we achieved this goal was to transition to telephonic probable cause panel meetings. Not only has this saved the Board of Dentistry money, but we have been able to more efficiently move disciplinary cases through the process.

I would also like to recognize our invaluable Dental Sedation Consultants/Inspectors. We put the call out earlier this year that we were looking for more inspectors, and the dental community answered that call. The Florida Board of Dentistry's Anesthesia Committee hosted it's first-ever in-person training for the inspectors and discussed best practices that will be used to protect the citizens of Florida by ensuring the safe use of anesthesia in dentistry.

I would also like to express my appreciation to all of the Board members, our Executive Director (Jennifer Wenhold), Program Administrator (Jessica Sapp), Department of Health staff, and Board Counsel (David Flynn). As Mother Theresa said, "Having a grateful heart is the key to happiness." From my family to yours, we are wishing everyone a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert L. Perdomo III, DMD, Chair

YEAR IN PROGRESS

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The ten members of the Florida Board of Dentistry

BOARD NEWS & NOTES

MQA investigators meet with dental college to discuss insurance industry and dentistry

Investigators from MQA's Investigative Services Unit's (ISU) Ft. Lauderdale field office met with the Executive Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Services for the College of Dental Medicine at Nova Southeastern University, Hal Lippman, DMD.

During the meeting, Dr. Lippman shared his insights on how the insurance industry impacts the business of dentistry, which may have a direct correlation on the number of dental cases MQA's investigators will work. Sharing this information will increase our collective knowledge base and promote quality dental investigations.

Inspector Recruitment

Seeking Consultants with Sedation Permit for Inspections

Working as an inspector for conscious sedation offers a range of benefits from flexible working arrangements, receiving continuing education hours to networking and seeing how others in your profession work in your field. The Board of Dentistry is looking for dentists who hold a sedation permit to serve as dental consultants to perform new and routine inspections on sedation permit holders. Specifically, there is a need for inspectors in north and central Florida. Inspectors are compensated and receive two hours of continuing education. For more information or to request an application, please email the board at info@floridasdentistry.gov.



Leadership attending the American Association of Dental Boards meeting.

From left: Dr. Robert Perdomo III, Ms. Angela Sisine, Dr. Eva Ackley, Dr. Daniel J. Gesek, Jr.



Florida Board of Dentistry issues sedation dentistry letter

The Florida Board of Dentistry was established to ensure that every dentist and dental hygienist practicing in this state meets minimum requirements for safe practice. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information regarding the laws and rules governing sedation dentistry. One of the most frequently asked question is about having a physician anesthesiologist (MDA) who performs sedation in a dentist's office. According to the Florida Administrative Code 64B5-14.0032, if you have a physician anesthesiologist performing sedation in your office, you must notify the Board of Dentistry and be inspected at the general sedation permit level.

Another question frequently asked is about the use of CRNAs. Rule 64B5-14.0038 Use of Qualified Anesthetist (CRNA) states that CRNAs may administer anesthetic to a patient under the direct supervision of the permit holder for the dental office only at the level of sedation of the permit holder.

Depending on the level of sedation that will be administered, the dentist must have the correct and valid permit

along with the required office equipment and medical supplies. For Itinerate/Mobile Anesthesia, each location sedation is performed must be reported to the Board of Dentistry and properly inspected at the appropriate permit level.

As a requirement of the permit, an onsite inspection will be conducted by an inspector who is also a Florida-licensed dentist with previous sedation experience. The inspection will evaluate the facility, equipment and personnel. If a permit is issued, it must be renewed every two years and is valid only at the locations reported to the Board of Dentistry.

For the rules regulating your permit, go to [Florida Administrative Rule Chapter 64B5-14](#). To learn more about the various permits for [sedation dentistry](#) call the Board office at 850-245-4474. To report your locations or a change in location, email the Board of Dentistry at info@floridasdentistry.gov.

To receive updates on changes in the law and board rules, reminders about legal requirements that impact your profession, simply subscribe to the Board of Dentistry's email service at <http://floridasdentistry.gov/resources/>.

Anesthesia Committee hosts Inspector Workshop

Chair of the Florida Board of Dentistry's Anesthesia Committee, T.J. Tejera, DMD, MD, recently hosted the Anesthesia Committee's first ever in-person training for the Dental Sedation Consultant /Inspectors in Miami, Florida on November 17, 2016. They worked on standards for conducting initial and routine inspections for dentists who apply for or hold pediatric conscious sedation, conscious sedation or general anesthesia permits. The meeting produced best practices that will be used to protect the citizens of Florida by ensuring the safe use of anesthesia in dentistry.

The Inspector Workshop , which was held in Miami, Florida on November 17, 2016



Florida Board of Dentistry Statistics FY 2015 - 2016

Licenses	Dentists	Dental Hygienists
Active licenses	10,991	11,602
Inactive licenses	36	85
Delinquent licenses	276	528
Out-of-state active	1,977	1,549
Out-of-state inactive	128	158
Retired	809	498
Health access active licenses	28	NA
Expert witness certificate	10	NA
Initial applications received	793	743
Licenses issued	588	685
Complaints	Dentists	Dental Hygienists
Complaints received	915	25
Legally sufficient	328	9
No probable cause found	281	4
Probable cause found	41	1
Administrative complaints	38	0
Unlicensed Activity	Dentists	Dental Hygienists
Complaints	58	10
Cease & Desist	18	4
Referrals to law enforcement	19	4
Disciplinary Actions	Dentists	Dental Hygienists
Revocation	1	0
Voluntary surrender	3	0
Suspension	0	0
Probation	0	0
Fine	11	0
Reprimand	1	0
Citations	3	0

The Florida Board of Dentistry meets four times a year. The full Board meetings include disciplinary cases, licensure approvals, correspondence items, committee reports, policy discussion items and other necessary Board action.

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2017 Board Meeting Dates
May 19, Orlando
August 25, TBD
November 17, TBD

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