

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
COUNCIL ON DENTAL HYGIENE  
AGENDA**

**Call In Number (888) 670-3525, Participant Pass Code: 4552635641  
January 31, 2018  
6:00 p.m. EST**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ms. Cathy Cabanzon, RDH, Chair  
Dr. Claudio Miro, DDS  
Ms. Karyn Hill, RDH  
Ms. Holly Tara LeBuhn, RDH  
Ms. Jan Barrett, RDH

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jessica Sapp, Program Administrator  
Jennifer Wenhold, Executive Director

**BOARD COUNSEL**

David Flynn, Esq.  
Assistant Attorney General

**II. RULE DISCUSSION**

- a. Rule 64B5-16.001, F.A.C.  
Discussion on the use of Laser Technology**

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

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#### **64B5-16.001 Definitions of Remediable Tasks and Supervision Levels.**

##### **CURRENT WORDING**

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##### **PROPOSED WORDING**

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#### **64B5-16.002 Required Training.**

(1) Formal training which is required for the performance of certain remediable tasks consists of a dental hygienist's or dental assistant's successful completion of an expanded duty course or program which meets one of the following requirements:

(a) The course or program is administered or was developed as a part of the regular curriculum at a school of dentistry, dental hygiene or dental assisting accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation, its successor agency or any other nationally recognized accrediting agency; or

(b) The course or program has been approved by the Board for the purpose of providing expanded-duties training for dental hygienists and dental assistants; or

(2) For the purpose of positioning and exposing radiographs by dental assistants, formal training may consist of having received certification as a dental radiographer pursuant to Rule 64B5-9.011, F.A.C.

(3) The Board shall approve a course or program specified in paragraph 64B5-16.002(1)(b), F.A.C., in expanded duties only upon the application of the entity seeking to offer the course or program which establishes compliance with the following requirements. Failure to adhere to these requirements shall subject the course or program to revocation of Board approval.

(a) The course or program curriculum reflects appropriate didactic and clinical training in each remediable task which requires completion of Board-approved formal training and shall be designed to meet specifically stated educational objectives;

(b) Documentation of the training and experience of faculty members which establishes their qualifications to teach specified subject areas. Dentists and dental hygienists shall have a minimum of one year experience in expanded duty functions and expanded duty dental assistants shall have a minimum of 5 years of hands-on experience prior to approval. The student/teacher ratio shall not exceed one instructor to ten students. Applicants who have had a professional license revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, in Florida or in another jurisdiction, may be disqualified from participation as instructors;

(c) Submission of a detailed syllabus of the course or program which specifies the educational objectives for participants, the manner of achieving these specified objectives, including subject matter, hours of instruction and choice of instructional method (clinical or didactic) and the method of assessing a participant's performance. Any course offered shall also include instruction regarding sterilization and disinfection procedures as stated in Rule Chapter 64B5-25, F.A.C., and instruction in the dental practice

act and administrative code as it relates to dental auxiliaries.

(d) The course or program requires participants to pass clinical or written examinations which adequately test competency in each subject area. Participants must obtain a score of at least 75% out of a possible score of 100%. The choice of a clinical or written examination shall be based on the specified objectives for each subject area; and

(e) Each participant who successfully completes the course or program is issued a certificate which contains the following information: name of course or program sponsor; title of course; date course offered; number of hours of instruction; participant's name; signature authorized by the sponsor which attests to the certificate's validity; and a list of all remediable tasks in which the participant has received formal training.

(f) Any clinical course in which patients are treated during instruction must be supervised by a dentist licensed pursuant to Chapter 466, F.S.

(g) Facilities and equipment for each course in which patients are treated during instruction shall be adequate for the subject matter and method of instruction.

(4) On-the-job training required for the performance of certain remediable tasks consists of training in those tasks by a licensed dentist who assumes full responsibility for assuring that the dental hygienist or dental assistant has completed hands-on training in order that he/she is competent to perform the tasks.

(5) A licensee who is a laser user must first successfully complete training that covers at a minimum laser physics, safety, and appropriate use prior to utilizing the laser. The course must be a minimum of twelve (12) hours in length, contain a hands-on opportunity, and a learning assessment instrument. At least three (3) of the twelve (12) hours must include clinical simulation laser training similar to the procedures that the hygienist will perform.

(a) Training must be obtained through a course provided or recognized by any of the following organizations (or a successor organization):

- i. A Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited institution;
- ii. The American Dental Association (ADA) Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP); or
- iii. The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE).

(b) A dentist who supervises a dental hygienist in the use of lasers must have laser education and training sufficient to adequately supervise the dental hygienist, including but not limited to meeting the training requisite of dental hygienists in subsection (5) of this section.

*Rulemaking Authority 466.004, 466.024 FS. Law Implemented 466.023, 466.024 FS. History—New 4-30-80, Amended 8-20-80, 1-28-81, 3-4-81, 4-20-81, Formerly 21G-16.02, Amended 6-30-86, 12-31-86, 7-5-87, 2-21-88, 7-12-88, 1-18-89, 11-16-89, Formerly 21G-16.002, 61F5-16.002, Amended 6-12-97, Formerly 59Q-16.002, Amended 1-29-07, 4-27-09, 11-16-11, 5-2-12.*

The council also discussed moving the proposed changes of A-C to Rule 64B5-16.002(2) and removing the proposed subsection (d).

Dr. Becky Smith addressed the Board and she explained the outcome of the workgroup which included Dr. Low, Dr. Rashkind, and Angie Mott-Wallace.

Dr. Calderone would like to see more research and possibly a task force formed to gather additional information.

Ms. Sissine expressed concerns that the proposed language does not specify wavelengths and types of lasers.

The rule would need to go back to the Council for the development of a task force.

Dr. Fatmi agrees that this should be under direct supervision and that language needs to be added to include wavelengths.

Ms. Cabanzon indicated that she will not move forward with the rule if the Board requests this task be moved under direct supervision.

Dr. Miro believes patients can benefit from this and doesn't want to see the proposal die. Mr. Andrade would like to see more evidence about how it effects the consumer. After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Ms. Cabanzon to bring back to the hygiene council for further discussion Second: by Dr. Fatmi

Ms. Cabanzon invited Dr. Tejera to participate on the call as well as Ms. Angie Mott-Wallace Vote: Unanimous.