It is my great honor to serve as your Chair. Our present Board has truly embraced the meaning of dentistry by making history and electing the very first dental hygiene member as Chair. Our present Board recognizes that dentistry includes all persons who strive to care for the conditions within the oral cavity, and each board member brings value and input to assure public safety.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have suffered from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and Nate. We send our deepest condolences to the victims and their loved ones of the senseless tragedy that occurred in Las Vegas.

I would like to thank doctors Joseph Thomas and Robert Perdomo for their ten years of excellent service to the citizens of this great state. Their leadership and commitment to this Board has assured a high level of safety for the public by upholding a standard of regulation that is sensible and collective among all dental professionals. Their dedication will not end with their tenure; they will continue to serve the public on state and national committees.

We have worked hard this past year and will continue to develop rules that support our laws and support the highest standards in the art and science of dentistry. When addressing changes to rules, we spend countless hours researching evidence-based, best-practice models to ensure that our decisions promote the health and safety of the public we serve. There have been changes on anesthesia guidelines, supervision levels, and additions to delegable duties.

One of the major areas of focus for our board as the year draws to an end and we embark on the year ahead will be working closely with Florida’s State Surgeon General, Dr. Celeste Philip, MD, MPH, and the Governor’s office regarding the prescribing, dispensing, and use of opioids. Members of the anesthesia committee, working in collaboration with Board staff, are meeting on November 3, 2017, to serve on the Multidisciplinary Board Fact Finding Workgroup on Controlled Substances. The workgroup’s focus will be to find ways to engage providers in understanding their role in mitigating the overwhelming epidemic of opioid addiction.

I applaud present and past board and committee members for their work and dedication. Our Board members work tirelessly on many committees that take them away from their work, homes, loved ones, and friends. Their long hours of service are greatly appreciated. Additionally, there are many who work behind the scenes to make our regulatory process successful, I thank you all for your time and commitment.

Wishing you all a blessed, happy, and healthy holiday season.

Warmest regards,

Cathy Cabanzon

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Board of Dentistry Chair

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Members of the Florida Board of Dentistry’s Anesthesia Committee, Drs. Tejera, Miro and Fatmi, participated in a multidisciplinary workgroup established by the Department of Health’s Division of Medical Quality Assurance on June 2, 2017, in Orlando. Participating workgroup members form the boards of dentistry, medicine, osteopathic medicine, nursing and pharmacy gathered to discuss telehealth, wrong site surgery and retained foreign objects, prescribing of controlled substances, safe anesthesia practices and a legislative update with State Surgeon General, Dr. Celeste Philip. Because of this discussion, a subgroup was formed specifically to address the opioid epidemic in Florida. Dr. T.J. Tejera will be representing the Florida Board of Dentistry in an upcoming Multidisciplinary Board Fact Finding Work Group on Controlled Substances, which is scheduled for November 3, 2017, in Orlando. The focus of this workgroup will be to review the CDC’s new prescribing guidelines presented by Dr. Minda Reed, review an update from the PDMP (E-FORCSE), discuss education both pre-and post-licensure, discuss alternative treatment therapies, and develop strategies to combat this epidemic. They will then bring the information back to the full board for discussion.

Inspector Recruitment

 Seeking Consultants with Sedation Permit for Inspections

Working as a sedation inspector 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.

Not knowing does not alleviate accountability. Become familiar with the **Grounds for Discipline** found in **Section 456.072(1), Florida Statutes**, and possible **Grounds for Disciplinary Action** found in the **Dental Practice Act – Section 466.028, Florida Statutes**.
ATTENTION DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Changes to Dental Hygiene Supervision Requirements

Effective June 28, 2017, a dental hygienist who has received formal training can perform the following task under general supervision: placing subgingival resorbable chlorhexidine, doxycycline hyclate, or minocycline hydrochloride.

Effective June 28, 2017, dental hygienists are authorized to perform root planing under general supervision.

The supervision requirements to administer local anesthesia have not changed.

64B5-16.006 Remediable Tasks Delegable to a Dental Hygienist.

(3) The following remediable tasks may be performed by a dental hygienist who has received training in these procedures in pre-licensure education or who has received formal training as defined by Rule 64B5-16.002, F.A.C., and who performs the tasks under general supervision:

(l) Placing subgingival resorbable chlorhexidine, doxycycline hyclate, or minocycline hydrochloride.

64B5-16.007 Levels of Supervision for Dental Hygienists.

By virtue of their training and licensure, dental hygienists are authorized to perform the following remediable tasks without additional training as defined in Chapter 64B5-16, F.A.C., under the following levels of supervision:

(3) General Supervision:

(c) Root Planing.

Changes to Dental Hygiene Remediable Tasks

Effective August 29, 2017, a dental hygienist who has received formal training may perform the following task under general supervision: Applying of topical fluorides that are approved by the American Dental Association or the Food and Drug Administration, including the use of fluoride varnishes and silver diamine fluoride.

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Quick Report

CE/CME Reporting Made Simple

WHEN DO I NEED TO SELF-REPORT CONTINUING EDUCATION / CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CE/CME) HOURS?
If the approved CE/CME provider does not report your hours into the tracking system, you will need to self-report your hours. Keep in mind that only Florida-approved providers are required by law to report your hours. Many providers are voluntarily reporting hours as a membership benefit.

CREATE AN ACCOUNT OR SIGN-IN
Visit [www.FLHealthSource.gov/AYRR](http://www.FLHealthSource.gov/AYRR) and click “START HERE.” Once on CEBroker.com, if you do not have an account, select the account type that is right for you. The Basic Account is free. Individuals who have already created an account should click “Log In.”

QUICK REPORT YOUR CE/CME
Once in your account, you can quickly report any remaining CE/CME hours by clicking “Report Hours/Exemptions” and selecting “Quick Report” to self-report multiple CE/CME activities completed with the same approved provider at one time.

RECORD YOUR HOURS
Enter the current date or the date that you completed your last course on the transcript and record your hours by subject area. Once you have recorded your hours, click “Continue.”

ANSWER QUESTIONS 1 AND 2
For Question 1, type the name of the organization that provided your transcript. As you type, a drop down list will appear. If your organization does not appear on the list, type the entire name into the box and click “Continue.” For Question 2, answer “Yes” or “No” and click “Continue.”

ATTACH DOCUMENTATION
You have the option to attach your transcript as proof of your completion or maintain your own documentation. Once you select your answer, click “Continue.”

To learn more, please visit your profession’s website by going to [www.FLHealthSource.gov](http://www.FLHealthSource.gov) and clicking the “Florida Boards” button.
Dr. Charles Llano, an Anesthesia Committee member, participated in a large volunteer effort to airlift food, water, and other supplies to The Keys after Hurricane Irma. More details on his work in the recovery effort are available in The Ledger’s online edition: http://www.theledger.com/news/20170915/volunteer-pilots-form-bridge-to-irmas-victims-on-keys.

**Dr. Miro, Sen. Rubio assist in Puerto Rico recovery effort**

Dr. Claudio Miro was able to assist the residents of Puerto Rico as they recover from the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. Miro, with assistance from Senator Marco Rubio, was able to make six trips to the island to deliver medical supplies, water, generators and other basic necessities.

“I am honored and humbled to have had the opportunity to help in a small way, under such tragic circumstances,” said Miro. “I believe that anyone with my abilities given the circumstances would have done the same thing.”

Miro’s next mission in the recovery effort will be to assist in filling a shortage of dentists in Vieques, Puerto Rico. Government officials there are organizing so that Miro can travel there with a group of other dental professionals.
The Department of Health will verify continuing education (CE) completion at the time of license renewal for all licensed dentists and dental hygienists. All course completion must be reported in your CE account prior to renewal. Your license expires February 28, 2018.

MQA is committed to making your reporting experience quick and easy. In an effort to expedite the reporting process we have added a Quick Report feature to the CE accounts. Using the Quick report feature will allow you to report all of your CE hours completed with the same approved organization at one time.

There are three CE/CME accounts to select from: Concierge, Professional and Basic. The Basic account is free and the only account the Department requires you to create; the other accounts are optional and available to you if you wish to take advantage of their services. Please visit www.flhealthsource.gov/ayrr to create the account that best fits your needs.

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