



NEWS FROM THE Idaho State Board of DENTISTRY

•••Overview of the Board of Dentistry•••

The Idaho Board of Dentistry is governed by the State of Idaho and is a separate and distinct entity from any professional association. The mission of the Board is to assure the public health, safety and welfare in the state of Idaho by the licensure and regulation of dentists and dental hygienists. The Board is self-supporting whose funding is primarily derived from the collection of application and licensing fees. The Board does not receive any general fund monies.

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Message from the Outgoing Chairman, Dr. Kevin T. Stock

What an honor it has been to serve on the Idaho State Board of Dentistry. These last 5 years have gone by so fast and I am just now starting to feel comfortable with understanding the function, policy and procedures of the Board. I suppose that comfort means that it is time to move on. I appreciate those that give so much time in assisting the Board of Dentistry.

First is Susan Miller, our new Executive Director. She has been an anchor of stability and the key person to go to for information since I have been on the Board. In the last five years I have worked with three Executive Directors. Susan just recently moved into the Executive Director's chair and we on the Board are excited that she elected to make this move. Stephanie Seal has been working in the dental board office for several years and has become a vital part of the staff. We appreciate her dedication and service. She is a real asset and vital to the daily operations of the Board. Julie Morgan is the newest addition to the team working in the ISBD office. We are excited to have her help in keeping things moving and flowing smoothly. I'm sure she will quickly become an integral part of the team.

Michael Kane has given the Board legal advice and his input has been invaluable in keeping the Board on track and focused in the right direction.

It has been a pleasure to work with the Attorney General's office, the PATP, State Dental Hygiene Association, ISDA, and the various colleges and universities with their hygiene and auxiliary programs.

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As I mentioned before, after five years on the board I am just now starting to feel like I understand the extent of the function of the Dental Board. Along with serving on the board, I have had the opportunity to serve extensively on the Western Regional Examining Board. It has been a real pleasure to meet with, and get to know on a personal level, what I feel are some of the finest dentists in the country. They have so many combined years of experience that I can nearly always find someone that has been through any situation that I may need help with.

I guess that if I could leave with a single bit of advice from my experiences on the board it would be this, "If it isn't written down, it didn't happen. "

I know that after serving on the Board, my records are much more complete. Even here in Idaho, a signed informed consent can save a lot of trouble and anxiety. It is an adjustment requiring retraining of staff to have the forms ready and to find the correct time to visit and have the patient review and sign the forms. If you aren't doing this now, I would urge you to start. It is an "ounce of prevention" to avoid the" pound of cure. " I think that we in Idaho are lucky to have so many high quality dentists providing care to the public. My advice is to, and for those providing this care.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve and thank you to all of the board members and staff.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kevin T. Stock

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided by the Board

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Initial Licenses Issued:				
Dentists	83	83	83	84
Dental Hygienists	<u>97</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>128</u>
Total	180	213	207	212
Professional Licenses Renewed:				
Dentists	1,429	Biennial Cycle	1,432	Biennial Cycle
Dental Hygienists	<u>1,298</u>		<u>1,435</u>	
Total	<u>2,727</u>		<u>2,867</u>	
Dental Offices Inspected:	53	60	57	51
Patient Complaints Received (Written):	107	67	75	116
Complaints Investigated/Reviewed by Board of Dentistry (Action Taken):	40	44	42	53
Administrative Hearings Conducted:	4	0	0	2



Pending Revisions to Administrative Rules

The following proposed revisions to the Administrative Rules of the Board of Dentistry were filed by the Board in July of this year:

Rule 004 Incorporation by Reference: Updated versions of the following documents:

- 7th Edition of the AAOMS Office Anesthesia Evaluation Manual
- October 2007 ADA Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists and Dental Students; Guidelines for the Use of Sedation and General Anesthesia by Dentists; ADA Policy Statement: The Use of Sedation and General Anesthesia by Dentists
- January 2009 ADA Principles of Ethics, Code of Professional Conduct and Advisory Opinions
- June 2009 ADHA Code of Ethics for Dental Hygienists

The following documents are additions to Rule 004:

- March 2008 ADHA Standards for Clinical Dental Hygiene Practice
- June 2009 AADB Dental Patient Record Guideline

Several existing rules (12, 30, 31, 35, 54, 55, 57, 60, 61 and 63) were also revised in order to provide for changes in nomenclature regarding sedation.

The proposed changes were published in the State of Idaho's Administrative Bulletin in September, the publication provided a specified period of time for comment and a date was set in October for a public hearing. The Board then had the opportunity to conduct a final review of the rules and comments received at their October 29-30, 2010 meeting. At that meeting, the Board voted to proceed with the process to revise the rules, voting to publish the rules as pending. The next and final phase in the process requires review and approval by the legislature. This typically occurs during the first few weeks of the session and assuming the rules are approved by concurrent resolution, the effective date will be on the last day of the 2011 legislative session. A complete copy of the rulemaking docket (19-0101-1001) is available at <http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/>

License Renewals to Go Online!!

Online renewal of licenses will begin with the upcoming dental hygienist license renewal in March 2011. Postcards will be mailed to hygienists the end of February and will include instructions on how to access the online system. Please keep the Board informed of your current address! Correspondence from the Board is always sent to the last address of record.

Anesthesia Permit Holders User Group Formed

Dr. Lynn Blaisdell of Boise has partnered with other area dentists in order to provide continuing education courses for anesthesia permit holders. The group volunteered their time this past June and offered a 4 hour continuing education course in Boise. They are planning to offer a full day of continuing education in Ketchum in July 2011. Those interested in attending the course may contact Dr. Blaisdell at (208) 377-9696.



NOTICE - Limited Conscious Sedation Permit Office Evaluations

The Board will be requiring all limited conscious sedation permit holders to complete an in-office anesthesia evaluation prior to renewal of the permit. Most dentists holding this level of permit applied and received the permit in 2006, therefore the office anesthesia evaluation must be completed prior to the five-year renewal in 2011. In order to build a team of qualified evaluators, the Board's anesthesia committee members will be conducting new evaluator training in 2011. Dentists with a limited permit who are interested in serving as an evaluator are invited to contact the Board of Dentistry office to obtain further information about evaluator training.

Reminder – New Continuing Education Rules Effective 3/29/2010

The Board office has received several inquiries regarding the new limit on self-study hours. The implementation date for dentists was October 1, 2010, and dental hygienists is April 1, 2011. This means that a dentist renewing a license on October 1, 2012 will be allowed to report not more than 8 hours of self-study continuing education courses, and a dental hygienist renewing on April 1, 2013 will be allowed to report not more than 6 hours of self-study continuing education courses. A complete copy of the continuing education rules (Rule 050-051) is available on the Board's website at www.isbd.idaho.gov

Idaho Board of Pharmacy Patient Prescription History Database

Since 1997, the Idaho Board of Pharmacy has maintained a prescription history database of all controlled substance prescriptions dispensed by Idaho community pharmacies and Idaho licensed mail service pharmacies. A patient's prescription history is available to a practitioner who holds an Idaho Board of Pharmacy controlled substance registration and a DEA registration and who is prescribing or considering prescribing controlled substances to that patient.

In 2008 the Board made the prescription information available online to practitioners and pharmacists who register with the Board. The prescription information is available online 24 hours a day, seven days a week and may be useful to a prescriber to ensure the patient is not receiving duplicate prescriptions or to verify the patient has been seen in the practice. The practitioner is issued a password and username to access the online system.

Please contact Teresa Anderson at the Idaho Board of Pharmacy by calling 208-334-2356 or by email at Teresa.Anderson@bop.idaho.gov if you have questions or would like to register for online access.

2011 Board of Dentistry Meetings

- January 14-15, Boise
- April 29-30, Boise
- July 27-28, Sun Valley

Complaint Corner

The Board of Dentistry receives complaints against licensees primarily from patients and occasionally from other practitioners and governmental entities. In addition, the Board of Dentistry can process complaints against licensees on its own initiative. Complaints received are initially screened in order to determine whether a violation of the Dental Practice Act or the administrative rules has been alleged and whether there has been an attempt to resolve the complaint with the licensee. Following receipt by the Board of Dentistry of a written complaint, the licensee is contacted and requested to provide a written response and copies of the applicable patient dental records. Following receipt of the licensee's written response, the complaint may be assigned to a Board of Dentistry consultant/investigator for additional fact-finding and review. The Board of Dentistry members review complaints at their quarterly meetings. Upon review by the members of the Board of Dentistry, a determination is made as to whether a violation of the Idaho Dental Practice Act or the administrative rules occurred and, if so, what additional action, whether disciplinary or otherwise, is required in the case. Certain violations may be resolved in an informal manner without the initiation of disciplinary action against the licensee. If disciplinary action is required, the Board of Dentistry will cause an administrative complaint to be prepared and served upon the licensee. If the administrative complaint is not resolved by a consent agreement, the matter will be taken to administrative hearing for adjudication.

A matter of particular concern to the members of the Board of Dentistry is adequacy of patient dental records. Given the number of patient records reviewed by the Board, there is a sense that the quality of record keeping in many offices falls measurably short of that required of dental professionals. When a complaint is made to the dental board, the patient record becomes a vitally important document that is used when addressing the complaint. It is the dentist's and dental hygienist's report made at the time of treatment. The dental record entries document patient concern/reason for appointment, findings, diagnoses, treatments and plans for treatment as well as information given about possible outcomes, and patient progress. While the primary purpose of good record keeping is to facilitate good patient treatment, it is also the licensed dental professional's best defense.

The Board of Dentistry believes this to be an area of dental practice that is readily susceptible to improvement without placing undue burden on a dental practice. Practitioners should consult their risk management professional regarding the legal sufficiency of their patient records and understand and comply with state and federal standards regarding patient confidentiality issues.

Board Revises Policy on Dental Advertising Complaints

The Board members reviewed the current policy and rules on advertising at their October 2010 meeting. As a result of that review, the Board will not consider advertising complaints that are filed anonymously. On the advice of counsel, the Board will consider signed complaints regarding false advertising and complaints of misleading advertising that show potential harm. The members will continue their review of existing advertising rules and policies at future meetings of the Board.



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