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Stakeholder comments regarding Board discussion on use of Benzodiazepines

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Dr. Chad Evans. I am a Texas license dentist that has been practicing for about 15 years.

I help support and manage over 30 dental practices in the state of Texas, Which includes overseeing the care provided by over 50 dental providers and over 150,000 dental visits a year.

I am a sedation level two certified provider, and have been for years. Oral conscious sedation is a large part of my personal practice, and I have personally performed thousands of level two sedation's. In addition, most of the dentist that I work with are also level two sedation certified, and collectively we have safely performed tens of thousands of dental sedation's.

I am submitting these comments in regards to the board discussion about the use of benzodiazepines as an anxiolytic compared to use as a sedative agent.

It is my understanding, having reviewed the previous board meeting, that there have been no adverse patient events related to using benzodiazepines as an anxiolytic. It is also my belief and understanding that the board has adequate investigative and authoritative powers to regulate the administration of sedation or censure those that provide sedation without the proper certification.

This current line of discussion to me appears as if the Board is looking for a problem to solve rather than using its current authority to solve existing problems.

I am opposed to the Board creating any additional authority as it relates to sedation as Sedation was already addressed ad nauseam last year and the entire body sedation authority, requirements, and certification rewritten. There is no need for additional sedation authority at this time, especially in light of no manifest threat to the public.

The Board has and can use its current authority to address anyone providing sedation without proper certification.

Sincerely,

Dr E Chad Evans DDS

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