

Newsletter

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A Message from The Presiding Officer. Dr. David Yu, DDS, MS

Collaboration Yields Results

On May 5, 2023, something remarkable happened. During the Texas Dental Association (TDA) annual meeting in San Antonio, the TDA House of Delegates overwhelmingly approved a resolution supporting hygienists to administer local infiltration anesthetic under certain conditions. The action by the House of Delegates was in response to TDA and Texas Dental Hygienists' Association (TDHA) meeting at the table to develop an understanding. Both organizations used great political capital to get HB 3824 from the House to the Senate and to the Governor's office by May 28th— only days before the 88th legislative session concluded. The bill would have easily died in the waning few days of session without the help of Rep. Klick and Sens. Hughes and Kolkhorst who sponsored the bill. The bill was given priority because of the collaborative and dedicated work from stakeholders. With this shared effort of lawmakers and stakeholders, Texas narrowly averted becoming the last state to allow administration of local anesthetic by hygienists.

This spirit of collaboration truly demonstrates the political process at its finest. In 1971, the State of Washington was the first to ratify a bill to permit registered dental hygienists to administer local infiltration anesthesia. While it took decades of effort to pass a bill in Texas, through the dedicated effort of TDA, TDHA, and the Texas State government this landmark bill is an exciting new beginning for dentistry in Texas.

I am a proud witness to how stakeholders who meet on common ground can bring about meaningful change in our profession. We are all stronger together because collaboration with tireless effort will always yield results. I am proud of the work being done by the TSBDE to uphold the intent of HB 3824 in its rule-making process. This is how a representative government should work.

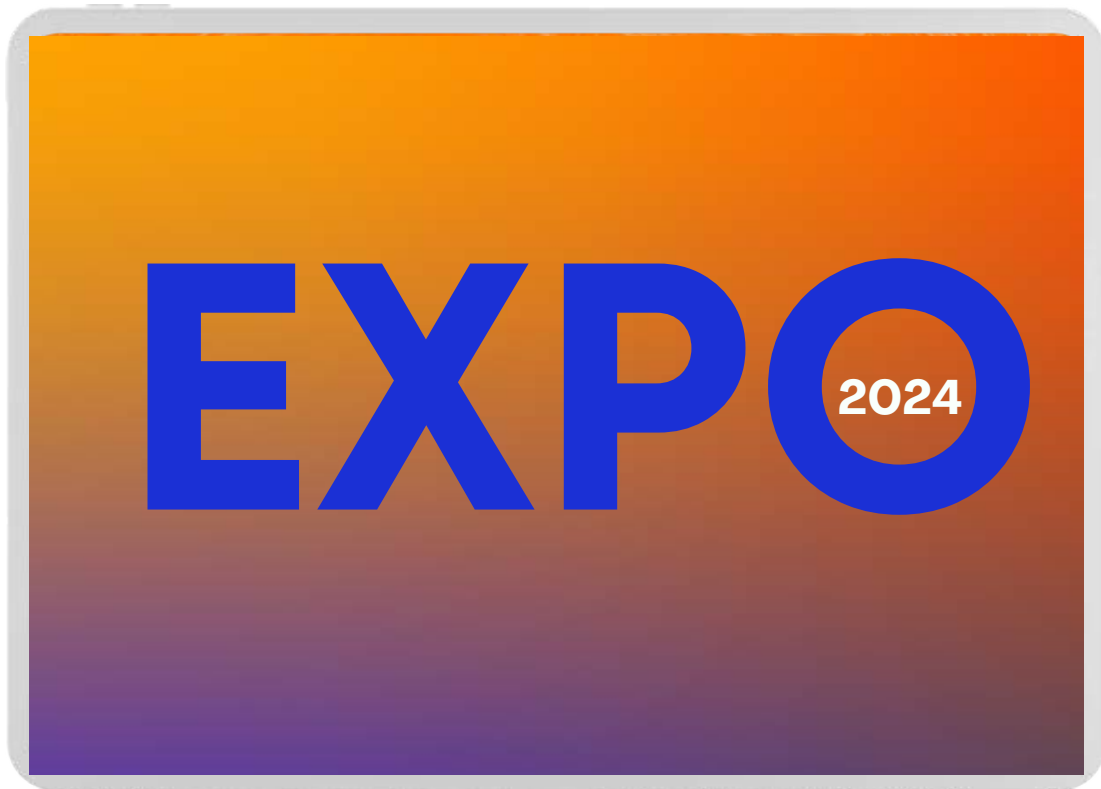
In this edition of the TSBDE newsletter, the following articles may be of special interest to you-

- The draft of [§110.15 Administration of Local Anesthesia by Hygienists](#)
- Draft of [§114.5 Coronal Polish](#) rule update
- Amended [§111.5 Electronic Prescribing Waivers](#)
- Spotlight on our new board members, Ms. Sarah Lamb and Dr. Brady Morehead
- Exciting news on our 2024 Licensing Expo

Respectfully submitted,

David H. Yu, DDS, MS
Presiding Officer of the TSBDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES



TSBDE is pleased to announce a three-day licensing expo event!

The 2024 Licensing Expo will provide onsite application processing for all recent dental graduates! Applicants have the opportunity to walk-in with the required documentation for on-site processing and approval.

Monday, June 17, 2024: Dental Hygiene Graduates

Tuesday, June 18, 2024: Dental Graduates

Wednesday, June 19, 2024: Dental Assistant Registrations

Detailed information can be found here: [EXPO](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Advisory Committee on Dental Anesthesia

TSBDE is pleased to welcome Dr. Penelope Duke, MD, PA, to the Advisory Committee on Dental Anesthesia. Dr. Duke was appointed at the February 2024 TSBDE meeting.

The Advisory Committee on Dental Anesthesia meeting is:
Friday, March 1, 2024 at 1pm

LICENSE RENEWAL UPDATE

You now have the ability to renew your license sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date! Previously you could not renew your license until forty-five (45) days before the expiration date. TSBDE will continue to send license renewal postcards in the mail to your address of record sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date. Please log-in to your TSBDE online licensing account portal to update your address.

E-PRESCRIBING WAIVER UPDATE

Please note the Electronic Prescribing Waiver Form was updated in February 2024. The updated form removes the requirement that a dentist submit supporting documentation describing the circumstances necessitating a waiver, and instead requires a dentist to attest to the circumstances necessitating a waiver. Please ensure you are submitting the updated form, which can be found on the website here: <https://tsbde.texas.gov/e-prescribing-waiver/>

Please use the TSBDE Public License Search link (below) to verify a prescriber's electronic prescribing waiver status. Dentists with an approved waiver will have its expiration date displayed under "Electronic Rx Waiver Expiration Date:"

[TSBDE Public License Search](#)

REMINDERS

STAFF CREDENTIALS- A REMINDER TO DENTISTS

Please verify your staffs' credentials before allowing them to perform certain procedures. For example, a hygienist must have a nitrous oxide monitoring permit issued by TSBDE to monitor nitrous. Please visit the public license search function on the TSBDE website, to ensure that your staff holds the appropriate permit. <https://tsbde.texas.gov/resources/public-license-search/>

Year Graduated	2008
Dental School	Tarrant County College
Year of Birth	1986
Sealant Certification	Yes
Nitrous Oxide Monitoring	Yes

NITROUS OXIDE MONITORING- A REMINDER TO HYGIENISTS

If you monitor nitrous oxide, you must have the appropriate TSBDE permit. To qualify for a nitrous oxide monitoring permit, an applicant must have completed a minimum of 8 hours of didactic education and testing in monitoring the administration of nitrous oxide through a CODA-accredited dental, dental hygiene or dental assisting program, approved by TSBDE. The course is valid for five (5) years from the date the course was completed for the purposes of applying for a TSBDE permit. For additional information, please visit <https://tsbde.texas.gov/licensing/nitrous-oxide-monitoring/>

CORONAL POLISHING

Friendly reminder that pursuant to TSBDE rule 114.5, coronal polishing performed by a registered dental assistant may not be billed as a prophylaxis.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REMINDER

Please remember that in order to get credit for your continuing education hours, you must take a course by one of the approved providers listed in TSBDE Rule 104.2. TSBDE approved continuing education providers include:

American Association of Dental Boards - Accredited Continuing Education Program (AADB-ACE)
American Dental Association--Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP)
American Dental Association, its component, and its constituent organizations
Academy of General Dentistry, and its constituents and approved sponsors
Dental/dental hygiene schools and programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association
American Dental Association approved specialty organizations
American Dental Hygienists' Association, its component, and its constituent organizations
American Medical Association approved specialty organizations
American Medical Association approved hospital courses
National Dental Association, its constituent, and its component societies
National Dental Hygienists' Association, its constituent, and its component societies
Medical schools and programs accredited by the Standards of the Medical Specialties, the American Medical Association, the Advisory Board for Osteopathic Specialists and Boards of Certification, or the American Osteopathic Association
*The Commission on Dental Competency Assessments-The Western Regional Examining Board-
The Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CDCA-WREB-CITA), States Resources for Testing and Assessments (SRTA), and Central Regional Dental Testing Services Inc.*
American Academy of Dental Hygiene
American Dental Education Association
American Heart Association
Texas Dental Hygiene Educators' Association
Dental Laboratory Association of Texas
Dental Assisting National Board
American Dental Assistants Association and its constituent organizations
The Compliance Division, LLC
Dental Compliance Specialists, LLC
Texas School of Sleep Medicine and Technology
Boyd W. Shephard, DDS, JD
Dental Risk Solutions, LLC



TSBDE INVITATION TO TEXAS EDUCATORS

The Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) would like to connect with Texas educators and hear updates from dental, hygiene and dental assisting programs. The Board invites a representative from your university, school or program to provide a brief ten (10) minute presentation at an upcoming meeting. Board members are interested in learning about class sizes, curriculum, graduation statistics, educational concerns, and how the Board can better assist educators. The Board will schedule two representatives to speak per meeting on a first come, first served basis. Speakers have the option to attend in person or virtually.

The TSBDE Board meets on a quarterly basis. The 2024 TSBDE Board meeting dates (May dates are full):

August 8-9, 2024

November 7-8, 2024

If you are interested in addressing the Board or if you have additional questions, please contact Wendy Richardson at wrichardson@tsbde.texas.gov. Please provide your name, title, school/program affiliation and your preferred Board meeting date.

TEXAS EDUCATORS



The Texas State Board of Dental Examiners heard from stakeholders at its February 2023 meeting that it is difficult to find coronal polishing programs for dental assistants. If your school or program is interested in providing coronal polishing education, you can find the course requirements in [board rule §114.5](#).

NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

The Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) will approve and certify any health organization or other organization qualified to contract with or employ dentists upon submission of an application meeting board rule 107.205 requirements. To learn more about becoming a nonprofit corporation and to see a list of approved nonprofit health organizations, please visit: [TSBDE Non Profit Organizations](#)

LICENSING CERTIFICATES

TSBDE no longer issues separate certificates of registration for the following dental acts:

- Coronal Polishing,
- Pit and Fissure Sealant, and
- Nitrous Oxide Monitoring

The dentist is responsible for all dental acts delegated to a registered dental hygienist and registered dental assistant. This includes ensuring the hygienist and dental assistant both have an active license or registration with the TSBDE.

- Dental assistants taking patient x-rays must hold a current registration from the TSBDE.
- Dental hygienists and Registered Dental Assistants monitoring nitrous oxide must be registered with TSBDE.
- An application process is required in order for the specific N2O monitoring designation to be listed on the hygiene or registered dental assistant registration renewal certificate.
- Dentists cannot delegate coronal polishing or pit & fissure sealants to dental assistants unless the dental assistant completed the required education and training prior to the delegation. Dentists are responsible for verifying that the dental assistant has at least 2 years' experience, current basic life support, and completed the required 8 hours didactic and clinical education in coronal polishing and/or pit and fissure sealants prior to delegating those procedures.

Coronal Polishing: Board Rule §114.5

Nitrous Oxide Monitoring (NOM): Board Rules §114.4

Pit & Fissure Sealant: Board Rule §114.3 and §115.2

LICENSING VERIFICATIONS

[Click here](#) to verify a dental hygiene license

[Click here](#) to verify a registered dental assistant

[Click here](#) to verify a dental license

ANESTHESIA INSPECTION REMINDER FOR INACTIVE OR EXEMPT STATUS

If you are an anesthesia provider in an inactive or exempt-location status, you may forgo an inspection as long as you continue in that status. But if a permit holder wishes to resume administering levels 2, 3 or 4 sedation/anesthesia or provide services at a non-exempt location, that provider must first 1) notify the Board in writing and 2) complete a compliance/Tier 1 inspection. Failure to notify the Board and complete the inspection before providing sedation/anesthesia services, may result in the revocation of your dental license. Please review [TSBDE Rule 110.18](#).

ANESTHESIA INSPECTION SURVEY

The Texas State Board of Dental Examiners asks that you provide us with feedback regarding your anesthesia inspection process by completing the following survey.

Click Here: [Inspection Questionnaire](#)

Implementation of HB 3824

Administration of Local Infiltration Anesthesia

The Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) is pleased to announce that House Bill 3824 of the 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session (2023) allows for the administration of a local anesthetic agent by a dental hygienist. The Board is currently working on a new rule that will establish the standards for certification and administration. 22 TAC §115.10, Administration of Local Infiltration Anesthesia, was proposed at the November 2023 Board Meeting and was published in the Texas Register for public comment. At the February 2024 meeting, the Board made additional changes to rule 115.10 and it will be republished in the Texas Register for public comment. If there are no changes to the currently proposed rule, the Board plans to adopt the rule at the May 2024 meeting.

TSBDE staff will not accept applications or documentation for the administration of local anesthetic until rule 115.10 is adopted. While we understand that licensees have waited a long time for the ability to administer local anesthetic, TSBDE staff cannot accept, review or process documentation until the standards for the certification process are finalized.

Thank you.

ANESTHESIA

Anesthesia Application Document Requirements

The following is required to be mailed to the TSBDE:

1. Anesthesia Permit Application. Current application date is 18 September 2023.
2. Required fee.
3. If applying for Levels 2-4, provide a copy of PALS or ACLS certification. ACLS or PALS if treating adults and children 13 years of age or older (Note: PALS is required if treating children under the age of 13 years old).
4. Official proof of completion of a qualifying course and case management experience. Training and case management experience is found on each application. See TSBDE Rules and Regulations, Chapter 110 and/or the application for specific training requirements.
5. Proof of Jurisprudence Assessment completion for dentist with sedation permit. Pursuant to 22 Tex. Admin. Code § 110.9, a permit holder for nitrous oxide, level 1, level 2, level 3, or level 4 sedation/anesthesia must take and pass the online jurisprudence examination of Chapter 110 (relating to Anesthesia and Sedation). An applicant for a sedation/anesthesia permit must have passed the Chapter 110 (relating to Sedation and Anesthesia) component of the jurisprudence examination for the highest level for which you are applying, within one year immediately prior to application.

Jurisprudence Assessment for Dentists with a Sedation Permit Reminder:

Permit holders must take and pass the online jurisprudence assessment of Chapter 110 related to their highest permitted level. This assessment must be retaken every 5 years as long as the dentist holds an approved permit. A dentist applying for a sedation/anesthesia permit must have taken and passed the jurisprudence assessment of Chapter 110 for the highest level for which they are applying, within one year immediately prior to application approval. If any questions, please contact the Anesthesia Specialist at either: (512) 305-6725 or anesthesiainfo@tsbde.texas.gov.

Jurisprudence Assessment for Dentists Reminder:

If you hold a level of sedation, Nitrous Oxide included, you MUST complete the Jurisprudence for Dentists with your highest permitted level of sedation every five (5) years. If any questions, please contact the Anesthesia Specialist at either: (512) 305-6725 or anesthesiainfo@tsbde.texas.gov. Not sure what your highest level of sedation is? You may verify your information [here](#).

If you do not hold a level of sedation, you are required to take the Jurisprudence for Dentists without sedation every four (4) years. If you would like an email confirmation of your LAST assessment completion, please click here: [Assessment History Report](#)

Registered Dental Assistants

A dental assistant may not position or expose dental x-rays unless the dental assistant holds a dental assistant radiology registration issued by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners. To be eligible for a registration, an applicant must have;

- Paid all application, examination, and licensing fees
- Have graduated from an accredited high school or hold a certificate of high school equivalency, General Equivalency Diploma (GED)
- Submit fingerprints for the retrieval of criminal history record information
- Have successfully completed a current hands-on course in basic life support (BLS), and have taken and passed a course of instruction and an examination administered by an approved TSBDE provider ([click here](#) for the current list of approved courses/exams), or
- Hold a current certificate from the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) and have taken and passed the TSBDE Jurisprudence Assessment within one year from the date the application is submitted.
- Complete a course in human trafficking prevention approved by the executive commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and submit proof of completion with their application. This will be in addition to all required documentation that needs to be submitted to the TSBDE. For information on where to find approved courses, please [click here](#).

****In order for TSBDE to process the registration application, please ensure that you have taken a course and examination by a TSBDE approved program.****

Using a New or Out-of-State Dental Laboratory?

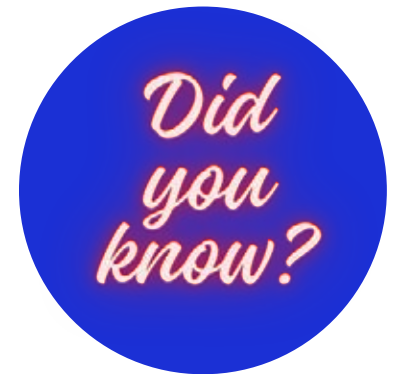
All dental laboratories that receive a prescription or work order from a dentist licensed in Texas, even dental laboratories that are not located in Texas, are required to be registered with TSBDE and must provide you with their Texas dental laboratory registration number in writing. This provides you as the practitioner, with the assurance that the dental laboratory meets Texas' standards and requirements and provides accountability.

Ref. RULE §116.4

(b) A dental laboratory shall furnish each licensed dentist from whom prescriptions are accepted with its permanent registration number and the expiration date of such registration,

The following can be completed via your online licensing account:

- Renew your dental, dental hygiene, registered dental assistant license.
- Update your address.
- Print your certificate from your online licensing account.
- Submit your designation of records request (dentists only).
- Request for a verification of licensure - letter of good standing, from Texas to be sent to another state or organization (a fee is required).
- Submit your request for a name change (legal documentation required).
- Request for a duplicate license (a fee is required).
- Apply for Nitrous Oxide Monitoring for active registered dental assistants and registered dental hygienists.



Be sure you are not on a hand held device; you will need to be on a desktop or laptop. Also, if you have a pop up blocker enabled it will need to be turned off.

All of the above requires a registration to the [Online Licensing System for Texas](#). If you have registered but have not accessed your account since 2011 or longer, you will need to re-register.



A Message from the Board Secretary, Dr. Robert G. McNeill, DDS, MD, MBA

At a recent board meeting we have had several licensees lose their ability to practice based on receiving felony convictions for a DUI/DWI with a minor in the vehicle. Others had a suspension based on non-compliance with substance abuse recovery programs. It is difficult to see our colleagues have their career and lives torn apart. As a profession we are called to help one another and seek care for ourselves when needed so that we can provide the best care for our patients. We have recently removed stigmatizing questions from our licensing and renewal applications to remove barriers to seeking help.

The conversation on mental health and well-being has become a priority within healthcare. Recently the American Dental Association hosted a Health and Well-being Summit that included the Federation of State Medical Boards, the American Medical Association, State Dental Boards, State Dental Associations, and many other groups interested in finding solutions to the mental health problem.

We encourage our dental family to continue to check in with your colleagues. If you are struggling, we encourage you to reach out for help. There is hope and change is possible. One example, the President-elect of the American Dental Association has just celebrated 25 years in recovery from substance abuse. Change and healing is possible but it requires you to take the first step.

Be well,

Robert G. McNeill, DDS, MD, MBA
Board Secretary

If you or someone you know is struggling with a mental health condition, please visit MentalHealthTx.org for education and treatment opportunities for those coping with mental health conditions and those who support them.

This resource is sponsored by the Texas Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council and is designed to equip you with knowledge, resources, and a sense of hope for the future – for yourself or someone else you care about. To learn more, please visit mentalhealth.org.

Prior to prescribing or dispensing opioids, benzodiazepines, barbiturates, or carisoprodol, a dentist must access the patient's prescription drug history through the Texas Pharmacy Board's Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) pursuant to board rule [111.3](#).

Additionally, a yearly self-query through PMP must be done pursuant to board rule [111.2](#).



The Professional Recovery Network (PRN) is the peer assistance program for the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE). PRN helps to identify, assist, support, monitor and advocate for Texas-licensed dental professionals who may be struggling with substance abuse and/or mental health issues. PRN adheres to a dual philosophy that provides an opportunity for confidential recovery while protecting the public from unsafe professional practice.

- ▶ PRN accepts self-referrals, third-party referrals, and referrals from TSBDE. All concerned third-party sources are kept confidential.
- ▶ Information about a participant's enrollment in the PRN program is kept strictly confidential.
- ▶ If you or a dental colleague are experiencing impairment due to substance use or mental illness, PRN provides confidential support and an opportunity for confidential recovery.

PRN Helpline: 800-727-5152

Visit us online: www.txprn.com

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Exception Tracking Numbers (ETN)

An exception tracking number (ETN) issued by the TSBDE is to be used solely for the purpose of applying for a controlled substances narcotics registration from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to prescribe, administer, or dispense controlled substances for a dental intern or resident. The application must be submitted through the school or program and not directly by the student.

The agency notifies the Texas Department of Public Safety and the DEA when an identification number is issued and when the identification number is voided. The application must be signed by the Dean or Program Director and once approved, the approval letter will be mailed to the school address. There is an \$83 application fee. The ETN is valid for a maximum of two (2) years, after that, the Dean or Program Director would need to request an extension if needed, at no additional cost.

If a dental intern or resident is no longer enrolled in a school or program, the Dean or Program Director must notify the TSBDE to void the exception tracking number, please email licensinghelp@tsbde.texas.gov.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: Advancing Interoperability and Improving Prior Authorizations

On December 6, 2022, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed a new rule on healthcare interoperability titled "Advancing Interoperability and Improving Prior Authorizations." The proposal would support enhanced patient and provider access to health information while improving the prior authorization process to reduce provider burden. For more information please visit www.cms.gov or

[CMS Advancing Interoperability and Improving Prior Authorization Proposed Rule \(CMS-0057-P\)](#) | CMS

RETIREMENT

Thinking about retiring?

Among all other things that go with retirement, be sure to submit your retirement form to the board. Otherwise, your license will expire and then cancel. Visit the board's website to obtain information on placing your dental or dental hygiene license on a retirement status.

[RETIRE A LICENSE FORM](#)

Texas Administrative Code TSBDE Rules & Regulations

Dental Practice Act Occupational Health Safety Code

Common Violations Organized by Subject Matter



Pertaining to Treatment Planning

TSBDE Rule 108.2 Fair Dealing (a) – Shall advise patient, before beginning treatment, of the proposed treatment, and any reasonable alternatives.

TSBDE Rule 108.2 Fair Dealing (b) – Such advice shall include, at a minimum: (1) the nature and extent of the treatment needed by such patient; (2) the approximate time required to perform the recommended dental treatment and services; (3) the terms and conditions of the payment of his fee; and (4) any further or additional service or returns by the patient or adjustments, repair, or consultation and the time within which this shall occur.

TSBDE Rule 108.8(c)(4) – Treatment plan with recommendations, and options. DPA Sec. 259.001. False statements to patients.

Pertaining to Diagnosis

TSBDE Rule 108.2 Fair Dealing (d) - Neither the Dentist nor his employee (s) shall mislead dental patients as to the gravity or lack thereof such patient's dental needs.

TSBDE Rule 108.2 (e) Fair Dealing - A dentist shall not flagrantly or persistently overcharge, overdiagnose, or overtreat a patient. For this rule the meaning of the term includes, but is not limited to, collecting or attempting to collect a fee without reasonable justification for any element of dental services provided to a patient that is in excess of the fee the dentist ordinarily charges to others for the same service

TSBDE Rule 108.8(c)(3) – Diagnosis recorded in chart.

DPA Sec. 259.001. False statements to patients.

Pertaining to Medications Given and Prescribed

TSBDE Rule 111.2 – Self-query of Prescription Monitoring Program

TSBDE Rule 110.10 Use of General Anesthetics – Prohibition of certain drugs and drug classes for use in Minimal and/or Moderate sedation.

TSBDE Rule 108.8(c)(6) – Record of Medication and dosages given to patient;

DPA Sec. 258.053 – Use of Certain Drugs.

HSC Sec. 481.071. – Prescribing, Dispensing, Delivering or Administering a Controlled Substance for non-medical purposes.

HSC Sec. 481.129- Prescribing for Non-Dental purposes.

HSC Sec. 483.045 – Forgery of a Prescription.

HSC Sec. 481.129 (2)– Fraud. Using a control substance registration issued to another.

HSC Sec. 483.022 – Failure to maintain designated agent list for telephonic prescriptions.

HSC Sec. 483.045 (5) – Forgery of a Prescription by telephonic means.

Board Meeting February 16, 2024

Adopted Rules

Rules Adopted at the February 16, 2024 Board Meeting:

Rule 114.8 RDA Retired Registration Status

Rule 111.5 Electronic Prescribing Waivers

Proposed Rules

Rules Proposed at the February 16, 2024 Board Meeting

Proposed Rules – Texas State Board of Dental Examiners

Consolidated Appropriations Act

Attention DEA-Registered Practitioners

In December 2022, Congress passed a bill that included the Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act. This new law requires prescribers of controlled substances, including dentists, to complete eight hours of one-time training on safely prescribing controlled substances (Schedules II, III, IV, and/or V) in order to receive or renew their registration with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). This new requirement will go into effect on June 27, 2023.

The bill requires controlled substances training focused on the treatment and management of those patients with substance abuse disorders. It's for all DEA-registered practitioners, except for veterinarians. This is a one time, eight-hour training requirement that will not be required on a cyclical basis.

To demonstrate compliance with this new requirement, practitioners will be asked to check a box on their DEA registration submission, this applies to both initial registrations and renewals. The practitioner will affirm that he/she has completed the required training. The training does not have to be completed in one eight-hour session, it can be cumulative across multiple sessions. The course must be taken through one of the DEA's approved providers listed [here](#).

As long as a Texas licensed prescriber takes a controlled substance course through one of TSBDE's approved providers found in Rule 104.2, it should fulfill the requirements for additional continuing education required pursuant to Rule [111.1](#) and the new DEA requirement.

BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF PHOTOS

Dr. Robert McNeill attends the ADA Health and Wellness Summit



Board Secretary Dr. Robert McNeill discussing well-being with Dr. Stephanie Ganter and actor Constance Wu at SmileCon 2023



BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF PHOTOS



AADB CONFERENCE

Dr. Bryan Henderson and
Ms. Lorie Jones

Dr. Bryan Henderson and
Ms. Lorie Jones
at the AADB conference



BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF PHOTOS



Board and Staff from left to right: Dr. Henderson, Dr. Morehead, Dr. Burke, Dr. Melchor, Ms. Jones, Ms. Lamb, Ms. Palermo, Ms. Kamp First Row: Dr. Maldonado, Dr. Yu, Ms. Nichols, Ms. Studdard absent: Dr. McNeill, Mr. Garcia



The TSBDE Licensing Department

New Board Member Spotlight



Sarah Lamb

Sarah Lamb of Dallas is a vice president of Brokerage at The Retail Connection and former registered dental assistant in the State of California. She is a member of the Leadership Cohort for the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) for Public Policy and is second vice president of the Board of Directors for Bryan's House and chairs its Development Committee. She is a member of The Real Estate Council (TREC), where she serves on its Public Policy Committee and PAC Board of Directors as the PAC treasurer. Additionally, she is a part of TREC's 2022 Associate Leadership Council alumni. Since 2019, she has served the City of Dallas as an appointee to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Lamb received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from San Francisco State University.

Brady Morehead, D.D.S.

Brady Morehead, D.D.S. of San Antonio is the clinical director at Dental Health Associates of Texas and has served as a general dentist for the United States Army since 2001. After four years of active duty service, he was honorably discharged in 1992 and has remained a member of the United States Army Reserves. He holds the rank of Colonel and is currently the Army Reserve Director for Regional Health Command East. He is a master and former chapter president of the San Antonio Academy of General Dentistry. Morehead received a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from the University of South Florida and a Doctor of Dental Surgery from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Additionally, he has received a certification in parenteral sedation from the University of Southern California.

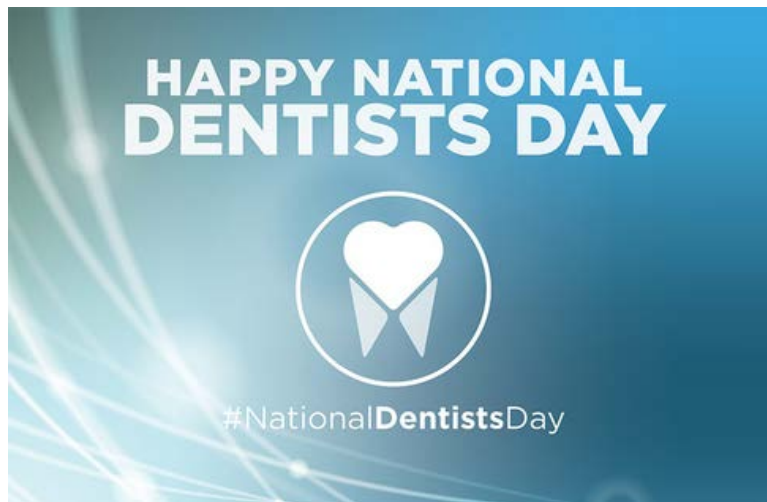


"I aspire to serve on a state board to give back to the profession that has profoundly impacted my life's trajectory. Through my journey, I've experienced firsthand the transformative power of this profession, and I'm driven to contribute my skills and insights to further its advancement and support fellow professionals on their paths to success."



Children's Dental Health Month

During the month of February, the American Dental Association celebrates National Children's Dental Health Month. This month-long national health observance reinforces the importance of oral health in children as well as helping parents with tips to keep their child's smile on track!



National Dentist's Day: March 6th

National Dentist's Day falls on March 6th annually. It was established as a way to show appreciation and thanks for dentists. Its also a way to bring awareness to dentistry to encourage people to care for their teeth.

Fun Dental Facts:

-Did you know that dentists ranked number one for top jobs in 2015?

-The University of Maryland School of Dentistry is the world's first dental college. It was established in 1840 by Drs. Horace H. Hayden and Chapin A. Harris.

-The average American spends 38.5 total days brushing their teeth over a lifetime.

-The most valuable tooth belonged to Sir Isaac Newton. In 1816 one of his teeth was sold in London for \$3,633, or in today's terms \$35,700. The tooth was set in a ring!

-In 1866, Lucy Beaman Hobbs became the first licensed female dentist.

For more fun facts and information about National Dentist's Day, please visit <https://nationaldentistsday.com/>



Dental Assistant Recognition Week: March 3-9, 2024

Dental Assistants Recognition Week™ (also known as DARW) is held the first full week in March every year. This year March 3-9, 2024, was designated by the American Dental Assistants Association as the perfect time to acknowledge and recognize the versatile, multi-talented member of your dental team.

The theme for 2024 is 100 Years Supporting Oral Health and acknowledges the importance of dentistry's role in health care and the contributions of dental assistants. Dental assistants are a key part of the dental practice year-round and strengthen the entire practice and enhance patient satisfaction. Dental assistants are committed to professional development and quality dental care.

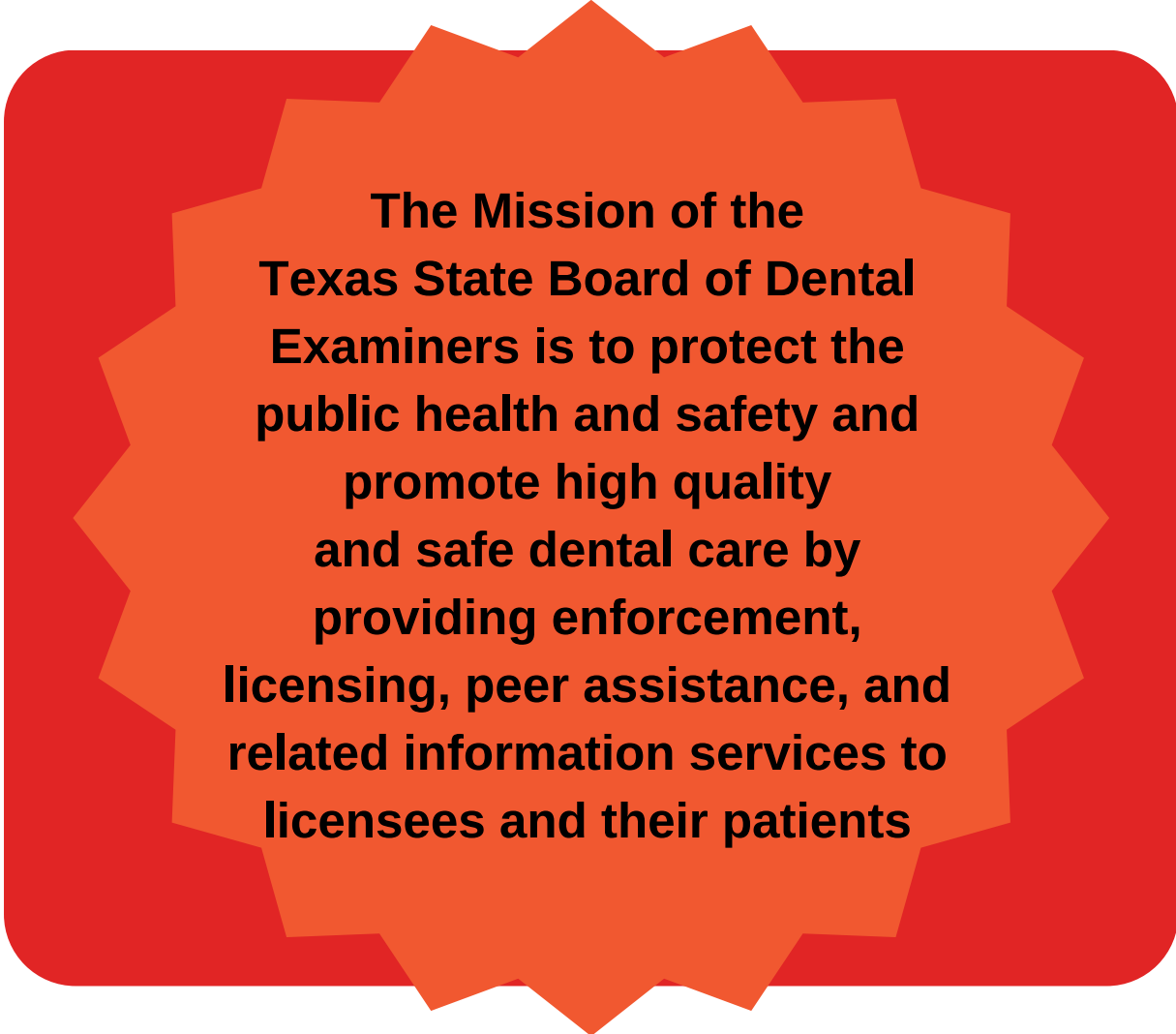
For more information please visit:
<https://www.adaausa.org>



Dental Hygienist Week: April 8-12, 2024

The second week of April has been designated as Dental Hygienist Appreciate Week! The passion, care and education hygienists put into our oral health is life saving and should be celebrated!

Fun fact: In the early 1900s, people typically went to the dentist to pull out their rotten teeth. Realizing that a better solution to this problem was at hand, Dr. Alfred Fones and his cousin Ms. Irene Newman began to study the cleaning of teeth. By 1907, Ms. Newman had become the first person trained and titled as a 'dental hygienist.'



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