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**BEFORE THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

IN REGARDS TO THE MATTER OF:  
  
Request for Advisory Opinion regarding  
administration of OraVerse by registered dental  
hygienist

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On May 1, 2009, pursuant to agenda item 5c at a properly noticed public meeting held at the Board's offices in Las Vegas the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners (the "Board") issued the following advisory opinion.

Dr. Tony Guillen	Present
Dr. M. Masih Soltani	Excused
Dr. Donna Hellwinkel	Present
Dr. Michael Lloyd	Present
Dr. Willaim Pappas	Present
Dr. Jade Miller	Present
Dr. J. Stephen Sill	Present
Mrs. Rosanne "Missy" Matthews	Present
Mrs. Leslea Villigan	Present
Mrs. Bonnie Bryan	Excused
Mr. James "Tuko" McKernan	Present

**ADVISORY OPINION**

**I.  
BACKGROUND**

1. As set forth in NAC 631.279<sup>1</sup> through authority of NRS 631.190 and NRS 233B.120, the

<sup>1</sup> NAC 631.279 Proceedings to determine applicability and construction of statutes and regulations.

1. Any applicant or licensed dentist or dental hygienist may obtain a determination or advisory opinion from the Board as to the applicability of any provision of chapter 631 of NRS or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto by bringing an action for a declaratory judgment before the Board.

2. The Board will construe any statute or regulation reviewed pursuant to this section in a manner consistent with

1 Board is authorized to provide advisory opinions.  
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3 2. It was requested, pursuant to NAC 631.279, the Board issue an advisory opinion  
4 regarding the administration of OraVerse by registered dental hygienist.  
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6 3. Public notice of the above-referenced request for an advisory opinion was provided in  
7 accordance with state law.  
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9 **II.**  
10 **DISCUSSION**

11 Ms. Lancette VanGuilder, RDH, was present and indicated she was requesting an  
12 Advisory Opinion by the Board regarding whether hygienists could be allowed to use OraVerse.

13 Dr. Guillen inquired if the medication would be used after every use of local anesthetic.  
14 Ms. VanGuilder indicated that due to the cost per cartridge of OraVerse, the use would be rather  
15 restricted. Some of the Board members expressed concern of possible paresthesia. Dr. Pappas  
16 commented that anytime a dentist or hygienist reintroduces a needle they run the risk of clipping  
17 a nerve, and therefore, causing paresthesia, nevertheless, there's always a risk whenever anyone  
18 reintroduces a needle. Dr. Sill indicated that he felt that it would be appropriate for hygienists to  
19 use.  
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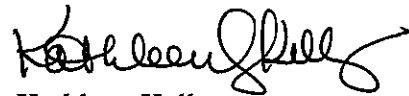
21 **III.**  
22 **CONCLUSION**

23 After considering and discussing public comment pursuant to the authority set forth in  
24 NAC 631.279, NRS 631.190 and NRS 233B.120, Board Member, Dr. J. Stephen Sill motioned  
25 to allow hygienists to use OraVerse under direct supervision of a dentist. The motion was  
26 seconded by Board Member Dr. Tony Guillen. After opportunity to discuss the motion a vote  
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28 the declared policy of the State of Nevada.

1 was taken wherein the motion passed unanimously.

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