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Ethics in Dentistry According to the ADA

According to a survey taken by the American Dental Association (ADA) in 2015, 69% of patients when choosing a dentist were more likely to choose a dentist who is a member of the ADA. A dentist who is a member of the association makes a pledge/promise to their patients.

There are 5 pledges dentists make in the ADA Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct. They are listed below for your review:

Do No Harm

It is your duty as the dentist to keep your patients safe and healthy. Keeping your knowledge and skills current and referring patients to specialists when necessary plays an important part. "To Do No Harm" is the Gold Standard. Dentists can practice 'Do No Harm' in many ways, but one universal expression is dedication to keeping their knowledge and skills up-to-date. To assist with that, dentists complete a tremendous number of hours in continuing education to provide patients with the highest level of science-based effective and safe care.

Respect a Patient's Wants and Needs

A patient has the right to be involved in decisions about their treatment and to expect privacy and confidentiality. The code reminds all dentists that they have the duty to put the patient first, involve the patient in all treatment decisions and to take into account the patient's desires, as long as those desires are within the standard of acceptable dental care.

Do Good

A dentist should always provide high-quality and timely treatment, while considering the need, desires and values of the patient. To "Do Good" means to consider each patient as an individual and whatever is in their best interest. Discuss treatment options (i.e. risks, benefits and alternatives) together so you can come to an agreement about what is best for the patient's dental needs.

Be Fair

As a dentist you should not discriminate and you should provide dental care without prejudice. "Everyone is treated fairly, regardless of race, creed, religion, socioeconomic background, ethnicity and current health conditions."

Be Truthful

The best doctor-patient relationships are based on trust, honesty and communication. "Truth in diagnosis and treatment planning is vital. Once you and your patient have that trust, you can be partners, which will help you both gain so much going forward."

ADA's Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE)

In February 2017 the American Dental Association Board of Trustees voted to approve the development of the Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE). The examination's purpose will be to "assess a licensure candidate's entry-level clinical knowledge, skills and competency — while averting the potential ethical issues involved in the use of patients for dental licensure examinations."

Current ADA policy supports the elimination of patients from the dental licensure examination process. Both the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure and the ADA/American Dental Education Association Joint Licensure Task Force, which have been working closely on licensure issues over the past couple of years, endorsed the initiative.

According to the timetable adopted by the ADA Board of Trustees, a pilot of the exam will be available in 2019 with examination deployment in 2020. The DLOSCE is intended to be a high-stakes exam evaluating clinical and critical thinking skills. Exact details are still developing through the activities of a DLOSCE Steering Committee. This committee has been asked to:

- Identify and establish content areas and test specifications for the examination.
- Conduct a practice analysis.
- Establish general structure for examination (number of stations) and permissible item formats (manikin, haptic feedback device, etc.).
- Identify and contract with key vendors, including technology and administration, in support of the exam.
- Identify and establish test construction committee structure.
- Develop the candidate guide.
- Call for test constructor applications.
- Identify appropriate governance structure for DLOSCE administration.
- Identify first state(s)/region(s) for the DLOSCE field test.

The ADA's intent is to create a third-party national examination that is uniformly applicable for licensure regardless of the region of the country in which it is

administered. It will likely parallel the existing Canadian licensure OSCE. At present the DLOSCE, when deployed, should probably be best viewed as another licensing option for states to consider. Each state will need to assess the DLOSCE's validity, reliability, applicability and value before advocating and adopting its use.

Currently, only Colorado accepts an OSCE for initial licensure with no restrictions. Minnesota accepts the OSCE administered by the National Dental Examining Board of Canada for initial licensure, which is administered annually at the University of Minnesota for their graduates only. The Board will keep you updated of any new developments.



BOARD ACTIONS

OCT. 2016 - MAR. 2017

Kenneth Duffie, DDS	Lic 4737
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It's Here...Renewal Time!!!

Dentists and Limited License holders are required to renew your licenses on or before June 30, 2017. As you are aware, failure to renew by June 30, 2017 results in the automatic suspension of your license effective July 1, 2017. To reinstate a suspended license for non-renewal there is a required reinstatement fee of \$300.00.

The Board offers two methods of renewal. One is through the online portal and the other is by paper form. The Board has a new licensing system so the on-line portal will be different. Please read the instructional guide before renewing your license.

NSHE Regents Approve DDS Program for Foreign-Trained Dentists

The University of Nevada Las Vegas, School of Dental Medicine received approval from the NSHE Board of Regents for the implementation of its Doctor of Dental Surgery Program in the summer of 2017. The Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) program is a two-year (6-semester) program for dentists who graduated from non-U.S. accredited dental schools. It enables dentists who were trained in foreign institutions to gain the skills and knowledge necessary to practice in the United States. The goal of the program is to create, implement, and sustain an effective customized Doctor of Dental Surgery curriculum in the UNLV School of Dental Medicine. The students, who are foreign-trained dentists in their respective countries, will enrich the patient experience at the dental school through the diversity they bring to the program. The maximum number of participants is eight per academic year. Specific application requirements can be found on the UNLV School of Dental Medicine website.

The School of Dental Medicine does not expressly or implicitly guarantee a license to practice dentistry upon admission to or graduation from the school. Licensure is the exclusive right and responsibility of the State Boards of Dentistry in each state. Students must satisfy the requirements of each state's regulatory body independently of any college or school requirements for graduation.

From the Desk of

Byron M. Blasco, DMD, President



John A. Hunt, Esquire

The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners would like to thank John A. Hunt, Esquire for serving as General Counsel to the Board for over 26 years. Over the years, Mr. Hunt's representation to Board staff and Board Members has been invaluable. His administrative law experience and private law firm resources has been a great asset to the citizens of the state of Nevada as well as to the Board.

Mr. Hunt consistently reminded the Board Members that the mission of the Board is to protect the public. Recently, Mr. Hunt was recognized by the University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine for his dedication to the dental community. He was honored by receiving a "White Coat." Again, thank you for your service and you will be missed.

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Thank you

Leslea R. Villigan, RDH

The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners would like to thank Leslea Villigan, RDH for the many years of service as a Board Member. Leslea was an instrumental member of the Board and participated on many committees. Leslea's dedication to her profession as a dental hygienist and her desire to ensure the citizens of the state of Nevada are protected is something Leslea always took seriously. Again, thank you for your service and you will be missed.

Stephanie Tyler, Public Member

The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners would like to thank Ms. Tyler for her service. Although limited, the Board appreciates your dedication to protecting the public. We wish you well.



John P. Kelleher, Esquire

Mr. Kelleher was appointed General Counsel to the Board on March 24, 2017. Mr. Kelleher has served as counsel to the Office of the Attorney General and to the Nevada Division of Insurance. Mr. Kelleher brings regulatory experience. The Board Members and Staff look forward to working with you.

Mary "Terri" Chandler, RDH

Ms. Chandler has been a licensed dental hygienist in the state of Nevada since 1999. In addition to her dental hygiene license Ms. Chandler holds a special health endorsement. Ms. Chandler has dedicated much of her career to the access of care facing Nevada and is the founder and Executive Director of Future Smiles. The Board Members and Staff look forward to working with you.