

**SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
TELECONFERENCE DENTAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

August 12, 2022 at 1:00 pm

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COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT:

Elizabeth Marchi, RDH, Committee Chair
Harold Eddy, DMD
Chad Tingen, RDH
Barbara Ard, RDH
Amy Natolia, RDH
Lindsay Sherrill, RDH

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Meredith Buttler, Administrator

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Travis McCloud, Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Marchi, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda.
Natoli/Tingen/Approved.

REVIEW: SUMMARY OF PROCEDURES FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS, DENTAL ASSISTANTS AND EDDA

Ms. Marchi presented the Summary of Procedures for Dental Hygiene, Dental Assistants and EDDA as currently published. The document was last revised in November 2009. The committee reviewed Part I. Private Dental Office under Direct Supervision section, noting the need to add in procedures reflecting the recently ratified regulations pertaining to lasers.

Motion: To add Arestin to the list of subgingival therapeutic chemicals.
Natoli/Ard/Approved.

Motion: To revise "Intra-oral camera (does not include scanner for final impressions)" as follows: Intra-oral camera as a diagnostic tool but not for definitive restoration.
Natoli/Ard/Approved.

The committee discussed the ability for dental hygienists to utilize lasers for bio-film reduction, tmj therapy, atlas ulcer treatment, and root sensitivity therapy as they are done with uninitiated tips and no cutting. Per Regulations 39-9, dental hygienists are limited to utilizing lasers for pocket disinfection. As a regulatory review is approaching Ms. Marchi and Dr. Eddy will bring the request to consider inclusion of other treatments to the Board.

Motion: To add "Utilize laser for pocket disinfection at settings that preclude hard and soft tissue removal, except for incidental gingival curettage".
Marchi/Tingen/Approved.

Motion: To revise “Complete prophylaxis to include scaling, root planning, performing clinical examination.” to include “polish of supragingival and subgingival tooth structure.”
Natoli/Ard/Approved.

The committee reviewed Part II. Private Dental Office under General Supervision with authorization by supervising dentist.

Motion: To revise “Intra-oral camera (does not include scanner for final impressions)” to match wording with previous motion.
Sherrill/Tingen/Approved.

The committee reviewed Part III. School Settings under General Supervision. The committee discussed including the wording “including varnish” to “Apply topical fluoride”. The wording for this section come from SC Code of Law 40-15-80 which does not include the allowance of varnish.

The committee reviewed Part IV. Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Long Term Care Facilities under General Supervision. Ms. Natoli stated the Board discision regarding silver diaflouride needed to be included in the document.

The committee reviewed Part V. Public Health Setting Working with DHEC.

LEGAL COMMENTS

No comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

NEXT MEETING

Ms. Buttler will compile the revisions and send out to the Committee. Ms. Marchi noted the Board approved for the committee to review the Board examinations administered for Nitrous Oxide and Infiltration Anestheisa certifications. Committee member were encouraged to invite dental hygiene instructors to be a part of the committee meeting during this review to provide expertise.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn.
Sherrill/Tingen/Approved.

The meeting was adjourn at 2:01 pm.