

**Dental Hygiene Committee Meeting
Minutes
March 6, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Davidson, M.P.H., R.D.H, E.P.P., Chair
Matt Tripp, R.D.H., E.P.P.
David J. Dowsett, D.M.D., ODA Representative
Kristen L. Simmons, R.D.H., M.H.A., E.P.P., ODHA Representative
Mary Harrison, C.D.A., E.F.D.A., E.F.O.D.A., ODAA Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Patrick D. Braatz, Executive Director
Paul Kleinstub, D.D.S., M.S.
Teresa Haynes, Licensing Manager

ALSO PRESENT: Lori Lindley, Sr. Assistant Attorney General via phone

VISITORS PRESENT: Brandon Schwindt, D.M.D., Board Member; Lynn Ironside, R.D.H., ODHA; Gail Aamodt, R.D.H., E.P.P., Pacific University; Lisa Rowley, R.D.H., Pacific University; Scott Hansen, O.D.A.; Jerry Slaughter, Advantage Dental

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:05 p.m. at the Board office; 1500 SW 1st Ave., 7th Floor Conference Room, Portland, Oregon.

Minutes

Ms. Harrison moved and Dr. Dowsett seconded that the minutes of the October 10, 2013 Dental Hygiene Committee meeting be approved as amended. The motion passed with Ms. Davidson, Mr. Tripp, Dr. Dowsett, Ms. Simmons and Ms. Harrison voting aye.

Local Anesthesia Reversal Agents

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association request that all Oregon Dental Hygiene licensees be allowed to use local anesthesia reversal agents.

Ms. Harrison moved and Ms. Simmons seconded that the Committee recommend the Board consider amending OAR 818-035-0040(1) as follows to allow dental hygienists to administer local anesthesia reversal agents. The motion passed with Ms. Davidson, Mr. Tripp, Dr. Dowsett, Ms. Simmons and Ms. Harrison voting aye.

818-035-0040

Expanded Functions of Dental Hygienists

(1) Upon completion of a course of instruction in a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or other course of instruction approved by the Board, a dental hygienist who completes a Board approved application shall be issued an endorsement to administer local anesthetic

agents **and local anesthetic reversal agents** under the general supervision of a licensed dentist.

Dental Hygienists with an Expanded Practice Permit use of emergency kits

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association request that dental hygienists with an expanded practice permit be allowed to receive a prescription from a dentist who they have a collaborative agreement to obtain Epinephrine for their emergency kit. The Committee determined that any hygienists should be able to purchase and administer emergency medications to save a patient's life and should be able to purchase Epinephrine, Nitroglycerin, IM Benadryl, and a Bronchodilator for an emergency kit. Mr. Braatz stated that he and Ms. Lindley will review statutes to determine if the Board has statutory authority to allow dental hygienist to purchase those medications, and if so would draft rules for the Board to review.

Ms. Simmons moved and Dr. Dowsett seconded that the Committee recommend to the Board to amend current rules and allow dental hygienists to purchase and administer emergency medications to patients in an emergency. The motion passed with Ms. Davidson, Mr. Tripp, Dr. Dowsett, Ms. Simmons and Ms. Harrison voting aye.

OAR 818-035-0030 - Additional Functions of Dental Hygienists

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association request that OAR 818-035-0030 be amended to allow dental hygienists with a restorative functions endorsement to use a high-speed hand piece to finish and polish restorations. It was determined that current rules already allow for dental hygienists with a restorative function endorsement to finish restorations with a high-speed hand piece.

Update Anesthesia Committees Recommendation

The Committee was updated by Mr. Braatz regarding the Anesthesia Committee's recommendation regarding OAR 818-026-0055.

Additional business:

OAR 818-035-0030 - Additional Functions of Dental Hygienists

The Committee reviewed and discussed amending OAR 818-035-0030 to allow dental hygienists to use a high-speed hand piece to remove adhesive material. Ms. Simmons moved and Mr. Tripp seconded that the Committee recommend to the Board to amend OAR 818-035-0030 as follows to allow dental hygienists to use a high-speed hand piece to remove adhesive material. The motion passed with Ms. Davidson, Mr. Tripp, Dr. Dowsett, Ms. Simmons and Ms. Harrison voting aye.

818-035-0030

Additional Functions of Dental Hygienists

(1) In addition to functions set forth in ORS 679.010, a dental hygienist may perform the following functions under the general supervision of a licensed dentist:

(a) Make preliminary intra-oral and extra-oral examinations and record findings;

(b) Place periodontal dressings;

(c) Remove periodontal dressings or direct a dental assistant to remove periodontal dressings;

(d) Perform all functions delegable to dental assistants and expanded function dental assistants providing that the dental hygienist is appropriately trained;

(e) Administer and dispense antimicrobial solutions or other antimicrobial agents in the performance of dental hygiene functions.

(f) Prescribe fluoride, fluoride varnish, antimicrobial solutions for mouth rinsing or other non-systemic antimicrobial agents.

*(g) Use high-speed handpieces to polish restorations. **and to remove cement and adhesive material.***

(h) Apply temporary soft relines to complete dentures for the purpose of tissue conditioning.

(i) Perform all aspects of teeth whitening procedures.

(2) A dental hygienist may perform the following functions at the locations and for the persons described in ORS 680.205(1) and (2) without the supervision of a dentist:

(a) Determine the need for and appropriateness of sealants or fluoride; and

(b) Apply sealants or fluoride.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 679 & 680

Stats. Implemented: ORS 679.025(2)(j)

Hist.: DE 5-1984, f. & ef. 5-17-84; DE 3-1986, f. & ef. 3-31-86; DE 2-1992, f. & cert. ef. 6-24-92; OBD 7-1999, f. 6-25-99, cert. ef. 7-1-99; OBD 1-2001, f. & cert. ef. 1-8-01; OBD 15-2001, f. 12-7-01, cert. ef. 1-1-02; OBD 1-2004, f. 5-27-04, cert. ef. 6-1-04; OBD 2-2005, f. 1-31-05, cert. ef. 2-1-05; OBD 3-2007, f. & cert. ef. 11-30-07; OBD 1-2008, f. 11-10-08, cert. ef. 12-1-08; OBD 2-2009, f. 10-21-09, cert. ef. 11-1-09

Ms. Harrison asked about allowing dental assistants with a restorative functions certificate being able to use a high-speed hand piece to polish restorations. Mr. Braatz stated that this wasn't something the Dental Hygiene Committee would review or recommend, and he asked Ms. Harrison to send him an email and he would put it on the Board's agenda for review and to possibly refer to Licensing, Standards and Competency Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.