

# KANSAS DENTAL BOARD

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2009 Board meetings: location Landon State Office Bdg. July 24 -Rm 108; Oct. 30 - Rm 108

## Statistics 4/1/09

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------------|------|---------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|
| <b>Total Dentists</b> | 2007 | <b>Total Hygienists</b> | 2188 | Level I Sedation Permits  | 25 | Extended Care I Permits  | 27 |
| Active                | 1771 | Active                  | 2018 | Level II Sedation Permits | 55 | Extended Care II Permits | 54 |
| Practicing in KS      | 1370 | Practicing in KS        | 1545 |                           |    |                          |    |

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER

On March 9, 2009 Governor Sebelius appointed Mr. Jim Showalter, Topeka, to succeed Ms. Korey Hensley as our public board member. He is a CPA for a local metal fabrication and assembly company. He will be helpful with his financial expertise and is interested in protecting the public. We welcome him and look forward to his participation on the Dental Board. His term will expire on April 30, 2010.

## JANUARY 30, 2009 BOARD MEETING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Board Orders are posted on the website, select "Board Actions" under the "What's New" heading.

**Brian Ahern, DDS Case 08-51** The Stipulation and Agency Order based upon a Missouri action for probation for failing to complete continuing education in Missouri for 2006. He will provide CE courses, take a jurisprudence examination and pay \$1000 fine.

**Eric Wisdom, DDS Case 08-31** The Stipulation and Agency Order based upon treating a patient from April 2001 – June 2004; when the patient and the board requested records, he was unable to locate the records of this patient, violating KSA 65-1436(a)(17) failure to keep adequate records. Fined \$500, must take jurisprudence exam.

## CHANGE IN LICENSURE APPROVAL

At the Jan. 30, 2009 board meeting, the board decided to approve the following regional clinical exams for licensure: ADLEX, SRTA, WREB, CRDTS, CITA and NERB.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED

The Kansas Dental Practice Act includes general standards for continuing education (CE) that must be met in order for the CE to be acceptable toward the minimum CE requirement for dentist and dental hygienist license renewal. The requirements are listed in KAR 71-4-2. The Dental Practice Act can be viewed online at: <http://www.kansas.gov/kdb/> Click on "Laws and Regulations" in the shaded menu on the left side of the home page. Only those courses which increase the dentist's or dental hygienist's clinical and theoretical dental knowledge or ability to provide care and treatment to patients qualify for credit in computing the required hours of continuing dental education. In addition to this requirement, the course must be offered by an organization the Kansas Dental Board has approved. Both of these requirements must be met for credit toward the minimum CE requirements. For example, a course offered by a state dental society (approved sponsoring organization) that does not increase the clinical and theoretical dental knowledge or ability to provide care and treatment to patients (therefore not approved), would not count toward the minimum required hours. If partial attendance at a course can be documented, the hours attended can be submitted for CE credit. Proof of attendance at an approved course is required for acceptance of CE hours for license requirements. Always request the attendance certificate and any applicable attendance verification codes from the course sponsor. Academy of General Dentistry official transcripts are also accepted as proof of attendance by the Kansas Dental Board. Keep the attendance certificates in your files after you report the CE hours on your license renewal. You should not submit the attendance certificates with the license renewal application. Audits of submitted CE hours are only done on a percentage

of license renewals every renewal cycle. If your application is audited, you will be notified and then asked to submit the proof of attendance and course information.

### NOMINATED WREB EXAMINERS

The board considered applicants for WREB examiners on April 10, 2009 and forwarded two dentists and three hygienists to WREB for their consideration.

### COMPLIANCE ISSUES JURISPRUDENCE EXAM QUESTION

True or False? Dental hygienists who have completed a course of instruction in local anesthesia and nitrous oxide which have been approved by the board may administer local block and infiltration anesthesia and nitrous oxide under the general supervision of a dentist. ANSWER: False. The supervision should be "direct" not general. See KSA 65-1456(h)(3). The latest Dental Practice Act can be downloaded from the website, [www.kansas.gov/kdb](http://www.kansas.gov/kdb).

### STATUS OF UNLICENSED PERSONNEL AND TEETH BLEACHING

A regulation has been drafted (below) and there will be a public hearing at the July 24, 2009 board meeting. The hearing is at 9:00 a.m. in room 108 of the Landon State Office Bldg. The new regulation is proposed as follows:

#### Article 11. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**71-11-1. Practice of dentistry.** *Each nonlicensed person who provides any service or procedure meeting either of the following conditions shall be deemed to be practicing dentistry, unless the person provides the service or procedure under the direct supervision of a dentist licensed and practicing in Kansas:*

- (a) Alters the color or physical condition of natural, restored, or prosthetic teeth; or*
- (b) requires the positioning and adjustment of equipment or appliances for the purpose of altering the color or physical condition of natural, restored, or prosthetic teeth. (Authorized by K.S.A. 74-1406(l); implementing K.S.A. 65-1422; effective P-\_\_\_\_\_.)*

### ANESTHESIA REGULATIONS

The Regulatory Review committee is working on the anesthesia permits regulations. They will be creating a level of anesthesia permit for those dentists who practice oral sedation in the dental office. Further refinements are being made regarding pediatric patients.

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