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President's Message (Allen Reavis, DDS)

I am often asked, "How are things going at the Board?" or "What's the Dental Board up to these days?"

It's never clear to me if everyone is really concerned about the Dental Board or if they want to make sure the Dental Board isn't overly concerned with THEM!

All indications are that the citizens of Kansas are blessed with many Dentists, Hygienists, and Assistants that are doing their best everyday. This makes the Dental Board's duties much easier, and for that we thank you.

There are three important issues I would like to discuss. First and foremost, I would like to welcome our new Executive Director, Larry Williamson. From all indications Larry will do a great job and we all look forward to a long and productive relationship.

Next, I want to congratulate our Dental Hygiene community. We have all agreed there is a shortage of Hygienists. We now understand Wichita State University (WSU) is planning to expand their clinic and class size, along with now offering a refresher course. There are possibilities of a "Hygiene Program" in Fort Scott (Thank you Dr. Rupp). Also with the Extended Care Permits and the efforts on Access to Care by Head Start and United Health Ministries we are going forward on several fronts.

Finally, with the legislative session just around the corner, I believe there will be some statute proposals. Not to worry, I believe the direction the Dental Board is heading is to bring some changes to reflect standard of care. They are in line with both the ADA position and several other states. Primarily, the areas I see updated include the ADA specialty definitions and the

Anesthesia statute to include current standards for sedation. So...that's what's going on at the Dental Board. Please contact the Dental Board if you have any questions or concerns, I think you'll find we are working for all Kansans!

Dentist License Renewals

Please be aware that all licensed dentists will need to **renew your licenses by December 1, 2004**. In the previous years there have been dental professionals that have not renewed in a timely manner as dictated by the regulations and have faced penalties or loss of licenses. Help us, and yourselves, by renewing in a timely manner.

New Board Member Appointed

On August 26, 2003, Governor Kathleen Sebelius announced the appointment of Karen Callanan, DDS; Wichita, to the Kansas Dental Board.

Dr. Callanan is a dentist in Wichita. She earned a Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1980 from Maryland University. Dr. Callanan's appointment will expire on April 30, 2007. Welcome to Dr. Karen Callanan.

Just a reminder:

In pursuant to KAR 65-1430 Display of name and license, all DDS, DMD and RDH are required to display your license and current license renewal certificate in each office that you work.

New Executive Director

The Kansas Dental Board is pleased to announce the selection of Larry A. Williamson as Executive Director. Larry comes to us with experience in public affairs, government relations, monitoring of legislative issues, lobbying, and public policy issue management. Larry's most recent professional experience includes four years as Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Maryville University, St. Louis; Director of Governmental Relations, Director of the Foundation, Assistant to the President, and Advancement Operations Officer at the University of West Florida; District Representative for US Congressman Earl Hutto, First Congressional District of Florida; Force Logistics Office and Assistant Chief of Staff, Commander Amphibious Group Two (US Navy) during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Larry holds a Bachelor's degree in Communication Arts and English Literature from Baylor University and is a retired Captain in the United States Navy. Larry brings an extensive background in senior management, administrative and leadership skills. Welcome, Larry!

Dental Hygiene Refresher Course

The Kansas Dental Board has recently approved Dental Hygiene Refresher Courses at both Wichita State University and Johnson County Community College. The courses offered are for dental hygienists who have previously been licensed and in practice but have let their license lapse. The hygienist must complete a board-approved course that includes a minimum of 48 clock hours, 32 of which must be clinical hours. Upon completion of the course, hygienists may apply for licensure without repeating a regional or state clinical examination. For more information contact either Johnson County Community College, Dental Hygiene Program at 913-469-8500 or Wichita State University, Dental Hygiene Department at 316-978-3614.

Wichita State University to Renovate Dental Hygiene Clinic and Expand Program

Kansas' largest dental hygiene program is preparing to get bigger and better. Plans are underway for the renovation of Wichita State University's dental hygiene clinic and expansion of the class size. The renovation calls for the addition of four operatories, a central sterilization unit and a complete remodeling of the existing clinic. The original clinic was built in 1980 with some equipment that dates back earlier than that so this renovation and modernization is a welcome change. This \$1.3 million dollar project is being supported totally through private contributions. Pledges for 10 of the 24 operatories have been received and a major gift of \$100,500 from the United Methodist Health Foundation has been committed. Contributions are encouraged. Contact Lynette

Murphy, Director of Development, WSU, at 316-978-3441, email lynette.Murphy@wichita.edu, or Denise Maseman, Chairperson of the Dental Hygiene Department at 316-978-3614, email denise.maseman@wichita.edu.

Keep the KDB Informed of Your Address

Kansas Statutes require that every licensed dentist and hygienist must inform the Board of a change of their practice location within 30 days of such a change. The penalty for failure to notify the Board of a change in practice location is a fine of \$50.00.

"Interim" Extended Care Permits Now Available for Hygienists

During the last session of the Kansas Legislature the statutes were amended to allow hygienists to practice at public schools, head start programs (with the consent of a parent or legal guardian), state correctional institutions, local health departments or indigent health care clinics, with persons who meet the requirements of Medicaid and selected similar patients (see K.S.A. 65-1456). The Kansas Dental Board is developing appropriate regulations in support of this legislation. Until such regulations are adopted, applications for "interim" Extended Care Permits are available from the Board.

Applications for an Extended Care Permit must substantiate the following:

- 1—The hygienist has performed a minimum of 1,800 hours of dental hygiene care or has been an instructor at an accredited dental hygiene program for four semesters during the three years prior to applying for the permit.
- 2—The hygienist must show proof of professional liability insurance.
- 3—The hygienist is sponsored by a licensed dentist in Kansas, including a statement that the dentist shall monitor the dental hygienist's activities.

Having been issued the "interim" Extended Care Permit, the hygienist must inform the patient and/or legal guardian that the services are preventive in nature and do not constitute comprehensive dental diagnosis and care.

The statute further authorizes dental hygiene to be performed at an adult care home, hospital long-term care unit, state institution or at the home of a homebound person who qualifies for the federal home and community based service (HCBS) waiver. To provide this care a hygienist must apply for an Extended Care Permit II, also issued by the Kansas Dental Board on an "interim" basis pending formal regulations being adopted. In addition to the requirements previously stated the application must document a minimum of 6 hours of training on the care of special needs patients.

Examination Changes for 2004

The Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) has informed the dental schools and dental hygiene schools in the central region of significant changes to examinations being administered during 2004. These changes will be incorporated in the candidate's manuals but are summarized here for your reference.

Summary of changes for the CRDTS Dental Examination:

There has been a modest fee increase for 2004.

1. The fee for the dental examination is \$1,005.
2. Materials that are available for patients, such as health histories, consent forms or letters regarding the examination, will be available only in English. Candidates are allowed to have interpreters if necessary to communicate with patients.
3. CRDTS has advised the schools that a Friday-Saturday-Sunday examination schedule may assist some schools in minimizing loss of clinical income in this constrained economy.

PROSTHODONTICS:

1. Format for the Prosthodontic Examination will not change in 2004.

RESTORATIVE:

1. The Candidate's Manual has been clarified to say that caries detection agents may **NOT** be used.
2. The meaning of resistance in the criteria for crown preps has been clarified; and the definition for resistance has been updated in the glossary.
3. The protocol for patients with latex allergy has been clarified in both manuals and orientations. An alert will still be posted on the Progress Sheet, but it will also be attached to the patient's bib to alert both examiners and assistants that special precautions are necessary.
4. The manuals have been revised to allow finger extensions for cervical decalcification. If a direct restoration preparation is completed and decalcification is found along any cavosurface, instead of creating overextensions to eliminate the decalcification, it may be removed with a small finger-like extension. Cervical decalcification and permission to extend needs to be documented by the candidate on the Progress Sheet and initialed by the CFE.
5. The criteria for Margin Integrity/Surface Finish have been modified for Finished Composite Restorations, clarifying that marginal excess in the criteria is also defined as flash or overhang.
6. The criteria for External Outline of the Amalgam Preparation have been clarified regarding the width of the isthmus.

PERIODONTAL PROCEDURES:

1. The Candidate's Manual has been clarified that pocket depths of 7 mm or more should not be used in the treatment selection. However, candidates should be aware that if they submit surfaces of calculus that are adjacent to a 7mm pocket, examiners will evaluate them if it is absolutely necessary to qualify the treatment selection.
2. The periodontal radiography requirement has been revised to state either horizontal or vertical bitewings are acceptable if a minimum of 2 mm or crestal bone is visible. In addition, bitewings must extend 2 mm beyond the distal of the second molar and record at least 2 mm of the crest of the alveolar bone for the posterior teeth, excluding third molars.
3. A statement has been added to the Candidate's Manual regarding the schedule for periodontal group assignments. Candidates have been advised that CRDTS routinely analyzes failure rates by group assignments. The group assignments have no statistical significance related to the likelihood of completing the examination successfully.
4. Chief Examiners will remind candidates during their orientation that patients may be in a harried state when they arrive and if their blood pressure appears high, it should be repeated 2 or 3 times. The blood pressure readings the day of the exam must be acceptable for patients to be qualified.
5. There was some confusion in 2003 about the keratinization and gingival recession measurements being on the Treatment Selection Worksheet. It is the intention of the Perio Subcommittee that **pre-op** measurements should be recorded on the Treatment Selection Worksheet and **post-op** measurements should be recorded on the Progress Sheet.
6. It is reiterated in the Candidate's Manual and the periodontal orientation that candidates must leave no blank boxes on either the Treatment Selection Worksheet or the Progress Sheet.

2004 Summary of Changes for Dental Hygiene Examination:

1. There has been a modest fee increase for 2004. The dental hygiene examination is \$560.
2. Materials that are available for patients, such as health histories, consent forms or letters regarding the examination, will be available only in English. Candidates are allowed to have interpreters if necessary to communicate with patients.
3. As announced in 2002, the 2004 Hygiene exam has been re-weighted and the minimum passing score has been raised from 70 to 75 in order to make CRDTS' passing standards more comparable and interchangeable with other regions.

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4. As announced in 2002, all 2004 candidates who wish to treat their patient under local anesthesia and who are legally qualified to do so, will be **required** to administer the anesthetic themselves.
5. Any surfaces in the entire treatment selection may be evaluated for the categories *Plaque and Stain Removal, and Tissue Management*. These categories are no longer tied to the surfaces that are selected for scaling.
6. The requirements for pre-operative digital radiographs have been revised for dental hygiene candidates. The requirements for verification of authenticity by a regional school, and printing them on 8 ½ X 11 paper have been eliminated. The requirement that the radiographs be printed on photo-quality paper remains in force.

Disciplinary Actions

Linda Osborne, RDH, license No. 472 of Wichita, Sedgwick county, was disciplined for using a patient list of a former employer subjecting her to discipline pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1458. A fine of \$500.00 was imposed. (8/15/03 Final Order)

Robert A. Rosevear, DDS, license No. 4959 of Leawood, Johnson county, was disciplined because of records submitted to the KanBeHealthy Program by imposing an administrative fine of \$5,000.00 and requiring he provide pro bono orthodontic treatment. (8/15/03 Final Order)

Dental Board Website

The Kansas Dental Board's website address is www.accesskansas.org/kdb. Please visit the site when you have a chance. Staff has tried to make the site user friendly. All forms and applications are online, as well as the most current newsletter, and the dental board statutes and regulations. Our newest application is online license verification. Anyone can go to the website, click on License Verifications, and verify any dentist or dental hygienist licensed in Kansas by either license number or name for free!

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