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**To:** NJDHA  
**From:** Paul J. Bent  
**CC:** Amy Mauro / Russell F. Bent  
**Date:** January 23, 2019  
**Re:** NJ State Board of Dentistry Public Session

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On Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, I had the pleasure of attending the meeting of the NJ State Board of Dentistry Public Session. The meeting was held at the Board Office in Newark and covered the following:

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** December 19, 2018

Approved with minor changes.

**II. PROPOSED REGULATION:**

**1. N.J.A.C.13:30-8.24 – Animals and pets in dental setting.**

The Regulations subcommittee is recommending that changes be made to allow for certified therapy dogs (not emotional support animals), that are owned by the dentist or contracted with a handler, be allowed in the dental office. Patient owned animals would not be allowed.

Currently, only guide or service animals are allowed as provided for by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Several members of the board had concerns about liability, maintaining sanitary conditions, and the negative impact it could have on patients that do not like dogs.

The board voted to table this matter for the Regulations subcommittee to have a look at possible changes to limit where in the office these dogs would be allowed and how to handle situations where a patient may take issue with having a dog in the office.

### **III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Continuing Education:

No report at this time.

### **IV. REPORTS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.8:**

1. Dr. Yuan Hung – Patient experienced a seizure during care that included the administration of NO. The Board would like more information and moved this to Executive Session.
2. Dr. Brian C. Bialiy – 80 year old female became dizzy, vomited and experienced an increased BP following LA. Patient was taken to the ER which later determined it was a “vasovagal” response. The Board accepted this as informational.
3. Dr. Patricia Grantham – 27 year old male reporting for an extraction “passed out”, experienced a seizure, and upon standing up struck his head. Board moved this to Executive Session for further discussion.
4. Dr. Joseph Ricciardi – 68 year old female was hit in the head by the x-ray unit and subsequently taken to the ER. Board instructed staff to get more information, particularly on a reference in the report to the administration of lidocain.
5. Dr. Annika Lucarelli – 54 year old male 2 days post visit with the dentist (care provided was not specified) complaining of pain went to the ER where a tooth was ultimately extracted. The Board accepted this as informational.

## **V. ORDERS FILED WITH THE BOARD:**

1. Gregory Keiser, DMD – Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of Dental License filed on December 5, 2018.

2. Amy Rojas, DMD – Order Imposing Temporary Limitations on Practice filed on December 19, 2018.

Board Accepted as informational with no other details provided.

## **VI. OTHER MATTERS:**

1. Inquiry from Dr. Matthew Homsi questioning whether a dental hygienist can perform an oral cancer screening and use a velscope as part of oral cancer screening.

The Board (after a lengthy discussion prompted by Dr. Elizabeth Clemente that an RDH cannot diagnosis) will reply “yes”, a dental hygienist may perform oral cancer screenings and use a velscope. They must, however, report any findings to the dentist as is currently done with any assessment performed by the hygienist.

2. Inquiry from John P. Bitting, Esq. concerning the Board’s minimal and moderate sedation rules.

The Board will respond that these sedation rules are currently under review and that they will advise when the review is complete.

## **Handouts:**

The Board received a question if there are any rules or regulations with regard to the sale of various products (i.e. toothbrushes, toothpaste, probiotics, vitamins, etc.) in the dental office. The Board will respond that there are currently no rules or regulations, however, they would expect the dental office to act in a “professional” manner.

The Board received a question if a dental assistant can use an “Itero Scanner”. The Board will respond yes as the regulations allow dental assistants to use an intraoral camera. It will be noted, however, that

the dentist is responsible for approving any final scans used in the crafting of any appliances.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

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