Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners
The Mission of the Board of Dental Examiners is to protect the citizens of Maryland and to promote quality health care in the field of dentistry.
MISSION #1

- Licensing and regulating the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental radiation technology
MISSION #2

- Receiving and resolving complaints against licensees who may have violated the Dental Practice Act and its regulations
MISSION #3

- Setting standards for the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental radiation technologists that reflect new and emergent developments in the profession through regulations and legislation
VISION

- A State that provides citizens qualified dental care to further the good health and well-being of the citizens of Maryland
Board Member Composition

- 9 Dentists
- 4 Hygienists
- 3 Consumers
Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners

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Nomination and Balloting Process
Board Meetings

Open Session
Every first Wednesdays of the month
Also third Wednesdays
from January to April during
the Legislative Session

Closed Session
Every first and third Wednesdays
Dental Board Committees

- Discipline Review Committee
- Case Management Committee
- Dental Hygiene Committee
- Rules and Regulations Committee
- Legislation Committee
- Application Committee
Other Committees

- Bloodborne Pathogens Committee
- By-Laws Committee
- Case Resolution Conference Committee
- Anesthesia Evaluation Committee
- Emergency Response Committee
- Nominations Committee
- Scope of Practice Committee
Where are people licensed?
Dental Hygienists with Maryland Addresses

As of April 1, 2012
Dentists with Maryland Addresses

As of April 1, 2012
Dental Radiation Technologists with Maryland Addresses

As of April 1, 2012

Howard, 245
Montgomery, 840
Kent, 15
Washington, 179
Calvert, 119
Harford, 375
Not Listed, 156
Garrett, 12
Talbot, 50
Dorchester, 35
Caroline, 45
Somerset, 15
Queen Annes, 69
Prince Georges, 580
Worcester, 55
Frederick, 328
Cecil, 72
Charles, 174
Saint Marys, 154
Allegany, 58
Baltimore City, 449
Baltimore, 945
Anne Arundel, 794
Wicomico, 108

Legend:
- Howard
- Montgomery
- Kent
- Washington
- Calvert
- Harford
- Not Listed
- Garrett
- Talbot
- Dorchester
- Caroline
- Somerset
- Anne Arundel
- Carroll
- Baltimore City
- Frederick
- Cecil
- Charles
- Allegany
- Saint Marys
- Prince Georges
Densest Population of Dentists and Hygienists

- **Dentists:** 29% Montgomery County  
  14% Baltimore County  
  11% Prince Georges County

- **Hygienists:** 15% Montgomery County  
  15% Baltimore County  
  13% Anne Arundel County
Counties With More Hygienists Than Dentists

- Allegany
- Calvert
- Carroll
- Cecil
- Frederick
- Garrett
- Harford
- Kent
- Queen Anne’s
- St. Mary’s
- Washington
Counties With More Dentists Than Hygienists

- Prince Georges County  ➞  3 X more dentists
- Montgomery County  ➞  3 X more dentists
- Baltimore City  ➞  2.5 X more dentists
Licensing Distribution

- Hygienists with Maryland addresses: 2704
- Hygienists outside of Maryland: 560
- Total: 3264

- Dentists with Maryland addresses: 4182
- Dentists outside of Maryland: 940
- Total: 5122

- Radiation Technologists with Maryland addresses: 6159
- Radiation Technologists outside of Maryland: 590
- Total: 6749
Renewal of Dental and Hygiene Licenses

- **May 1, 2012 - June 30, 2012**  
  On-Line Renewal of License

- **July 1, 2012 – July, 31, 2012**  
  Late On-Line Renewal of License. Renewal fee plus late fee.

- **August 1, 2012 and thereafter** - Considered to be practicing without a license. Candidate must apply to reinstate license. Subject to informal or formal Board discipline.
Continuing Education Requirements to Renew a License

30 Continuing Education Hours Every Two Years

- 2 hours in infection control (*counts toward the required 30 hours*)
- 2 hours in abuse and neglect as it relates to Maryland law every other renewal cycle
- CPR certification (*does not count toward the required 30 hours*)
For hygienists who renew this year, continuing education hours will be counted for the years of 2010 and 2011.

A random continuing education audit of licensees is conducted each October for those who are scheduled to renew their license by the following June 30th.
Applying for an Extension

- Dentist and Hygienists who did not complete the required 30 hours may request a **six month extension**.
- The request for an extension must be in writing.
- A **six month extension** runs from January 1st to the June 30th expiration date of the license. A licensee cannot “Double Dip” continuing education hours for the subsequent renewal period.
- Remember continuing education courses must be Board-approved.
New Continuing Education Opportunities

Pro Bono Dental and Dental Hygiene Services

- 8 hours for pro bono work
  - Must provide pro bono care at a Board-approved program or a non-profit entity

- A licensee may provide pro bono services for continuing education credit at a dentists’ office provided:
  - The patient is referred by a board-approved non-profit entity
  - The hygienist applies to the Board for approval and receives approval prior to treatment
  - The hygienist must work under the direction of a dentist
Cultural Competency

- 4 hours for Board-approved courses in cultural competency
- Defined as courses or programs that teach a defined set of values, principles, demonstrated behaviors, attitudes, policies, and structures that will increase a licensee's ability to work effectively in a cross-cultural manner
Formal and Informal Discipline

- Board’s Disciplinary Functions are Complaint Generated
  - Case Closed
  - Letter of Education
  - Advisory Letter

- Consent Agreement for Late Renewal*
  (pro bono hours and anonymous donation to a Board-approved non-profit entity)
  - Dental assistants = 10/$100
  - Dental hygienists = 20/$200
  - Dentists = 40/$400

- Public Orders

*Licensee is subject to formal disciplinary action depending upon the length of time that they have practiced after their license has expired.
Discipline for Hygienists

- Hygienists with a Public Order
  7 or .20% of dental hygienist licensees

- Hygienists with an open complaint
  5 or 0.15% of dental hygienist licensees
Nitrous Oxide

- The Regulations are in the promulgation process and are subject to change
- Dentist must administer nitrous oxide and remain on premises
- Dentist may allow dental hygienists to monitor the patient which includes reducing the flow of nitrous oxide
Local Anesthesia

- HB 172 and SB 344 effective October 1, 2012

- Permits a dental hygienist to administer local anesthesia by inferior alveolar nerve block for the purpose of anesthetizing soft tissue to facilitate the performance of dental hygiene procedures
General Supervision – Private Dental Office

- Allows hygienists, under certain prescribed circumstances, to perform dental hygiene services in a private dental office without a dentist on the premises.
THANK YOU!