

Greetings

From The Licensing Unit

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Our goal is simple; to offer exceptional customer service to the state's licensees and citizens. The unit processes initial license and renewal applications, and responds to inquiries from potential licensees who are considering practicing in Maryland.

THE LICENSING UNIT TEAM

Deborah A. Welch
Licensing Unit Coordinator

Ms. Welch is responsible for training, coordinating, and managing the unit. There are approximately 25,000 dentists, dental hygienists, and dental radiation technologists in Maryland whose licenses or certificates must be renewed every two years. Ms. Welch insures that applications are handled in an expeditious manner so that our licensees do not experience unnecessary delays in receiving their license. Additionally, Ms. Welch and her unit provide administrative support for the Board's Applications Committee.

Sandra Sage
Dental Hygienist
Licensing Coordinator

Ms. Sage's primary task is licensure of dental hygienists as well as the issuance of local anesthesia and nitrous oxide certificates for hygienists. She also processes applications for dental organizations seeking to obtain temporary dental clinic permits which allow out of State licensees to participate in pro bono programs in Maryland. Ms. Sage is also one of the Board's computer specialists.

Debbie M. Wurster
Dental Assistant Coordinator

Ms. Wurster is responsible for all tasks related to dental assistants, including dental radiation technologists, dental assistants qualified in general duties, and dental assistants qualified in orthodontics. Ms. Wurster also handles the Board's continuing education audits as well as applications for continuing education course approval.

Summary of Recent Developments in the Law Regarding the Administration of Nitrous Oxide

Ali Behnia, DMD

Editor

During the 2016 legislative session the Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 470, chapter 106, which permits licensed dental hygienists to administer nitrous oxide to dental patients under certain prescribed circumstances. The following is a summary of the law and the recently enacted regulations.

It is not intended to be exhaustive. Please refer to the actual law and the regulations.

- Under House Bill 470 a dental hygienist must complete the educational requirements established by the Board through an accredited dental hygiene program.
- A dental hygienist who is recognized by the Board to administer nitrous oxide will be able to do so only under the supervision of a dentist who is physically on the premises and who prescribes the administration of nitrous oxide by the dental hygienist.
- The dental hygienist may not leave the operatory during the administration or monitoring of the nitrous oxide except in emergency circumstances.
- To be recognized by the Board to administer nitrous oxide to a dental patient a Maryland licensed dental hygienist must:
 - Complete a six-hour Board-approved course of instruction on the administration of nitrous oxide through an accredited dental hygiene program; and
 - Submit proof of having passed the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (or its successor organization) Nitrous Oxide Examination for Dental Hygienists; and
- Submit a Board-approved application along with a one-time \$50 application fee. The recognition will not expire.
- A dental hygienist licensed in Maryland who is licensed or certified in another state to administer nitrous oxide may administer nitrous oxide in Maryland without completing the 6-hour Board-approved course under certain prescribed circumstances. Those affected should call the Board for additional information.
- Those who hold Board recognition to monitor nitrous oxide may continue to monitor the administration of nitrous oxide by a dentist but they may not administer nitrous oxide until they meet the Board's requirements and receive Board recognition to administer nitrous oxide.

If you are a dental hygienist and are interested in becoming recognized to administer nitrous oxide, or you are a dentist and have any questions, you are urged to contact either Ms. Sandra Sage, Dental Hygienist Coordinator at 410-402-8510, or Ms. Debbie Welch Licensing Coordinator at 410-402-8511.



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Chief Dental Officer's Corner

Patrice McLeod, D.D.S.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Chief Dental Officer. I am a graduate of Howard University College of Dentistry, D.D.S., and The University of Hartford, M.B.A. Having spent my general dentistry career in both the public & private sectors, I am delighted to be a resource to assist the Board in achieving its mission of ensuring patient safety and public protection.

The Board would like to see all of its licensees fulfill the requirements of the Maryland Dentistry Act and the Board's regulations. I encourage all dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, and dental radiation technologists to know and comply with Maryland's dental laws, particularly as they pertain to patient record keeping and CDC/OSHA guidelines for Infection Control and BioSafety.

I am available to provide outreach programs and continuing education resources to the dental community. Please feel free to contact me for further information at patrice.mcleod@maryland.gov. I look forward to meeting and speaking with you over the coming months.

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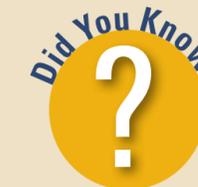
Message from the PRESIDENT

Arthur Jee, D.M.D.

It is an honor to be your Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners 2017-2018 President. The Dental Board is undergoing significant transition. First, there has been a name change. Effective July 1, 2017, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene became the Maryland Department of Health. This year, the Board is transitioning to a new software program that will be both secure and user friendly. Unfortunately, as a result, many of you were inconvenienced during the previous renewal period, having been required to submit paper renewal applications. We apologize and anticipate that the new systems will result in greater efficiency for everyone.

Digital on-line applications and renewals will return once the software is implemented. Additionally, the Board's website will undergo significant updating. This year the Dental Board will resume electronic distribution of its Newsletter. We hope that these and other changes will enhance the Board's functions and communications.

I look forward to serving as your Dental Board President, and would appreciate any comments you wish to make.



- You must complete your continuing education requirements by December 31st of the year preceding your license renewal.
- You must maintain, for 5 years, accurate records of your continuing education courses or programs in which you have participated.
- A dentist has the right to retain original dental records which includes treatment notes, models, diagnostic casts, radiographs, and billing records. However, a patient is entitled to a copy of their records, or the patient may request that the copies be forwarded to another health care provider.

THE DENTAL BOARD'S MISSION

The Dental Board is a regulatory body whose sole mission is to protect the public and promote quality health care in the field of dentistry.

The Board of Dental Examiners protects the citizens of Maryland by:

1. Licensing and regulating the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental radiation technology.

The Board fulfills this mandate by reviewing every initial application that is sent to the Board. All candidates for licensure must have the necessary educational credentials and work related experience.

2. Resolving complaints against licensees who may have violated the Dental Practice Act and its regulations.

The Board receives approximately 300 complaints each year. The Board investigates each complaint that alleges facts which if true, would constitute a violation of the dental laws. Outcomes of board actions include closing the complaint, writing a letter of education or an advisory letter wherein the licensee is informed of shortcomings in their practice, to formal charges after the opportunity for a hearing, and revocation of a license if warranted.

3. Setting standards for the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene and dental radiation technology that reflect new and emergent developments in the profession through legislation and regulation.

Attending Dental Board meetings is a good way to stay up-to-date on Board actions. The public is invited to the Board's open session meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. Also, visit us at <https://health.maryland.gov/dental> to learn more about the Board.

Disciplinary Actions Taken (June 1, 2015 - June 30, 2017)

All Board orders are public documents. To view any of these orders, please go to the Board's website.

License Name	License #	Summary of Action Taken
Mohammed Warshanna, D.D.S.	11884	Effective 06/03/2015-Summary Suspension of Class II Sedation Permit.
David Lewis, D.D.S.	6523	Effective 06/11/2015–Summary Suspension Lifted. CDC Violations.
David Lewis, D.D.S.	6523	Effective 06/11/2015–Probation for Two (2) years. CDC Violations.
Mark Kawczynski, D.D.S.	9350	Effective 06/24/2015-\$1,000 Fine.
Ronald Leven, D.D.S.	3923	Effective 07/02/2015–Consent Order with Termination of Suspension, followed by Probation for Ten (10) Years, with Pro Bono Services.
Michael Marchese, D.M.D.	16041	Effective 07/15/2015–Consent Order with Probation for Three (3) Years and Four (4) Months.
Amisha Shroff, D.D.S.	13054	Effective 07/15/2015-Consent Order with Termination of Suspension, followed by Probation for One (1) Year.
Darnetia Walton	N/A	Effective 07/15/2015–Final Denial of DRT Application
Joseph L. Dyson, Jr., D.D.S.	8597	Effective 07/24/2015–Summary Suspension for CDC Violations and Violation of Consent Order.
Joseph L. Dyson, Jr., D.D.S.	8597	Effective 08/06/2015–Consent Order with Termination of Suspension, followed by Probation for Three (3) Years for CDC Violations.
Ronald Manzer, D.D.S.	5919	Effective 08/10/2015–Consent Order with One (1) Year Suspension (Stayed), followed by Probation for Two (2) Years.
Richard Batz, D.D.S.	9944	Effective 09/10/2015–Summary Suspension for CDC Violations.
Mitchell Weiner, D.D.S.	9976	Effective 09/10/2015–Summary Suspension for CDC Violations.
Richard Batz, D.D.S.	9944	Effective 09/16/2015-Summary Suspension Lifted. CDC Violations.
Mitchell Weiner, D.D.S.	9976	Effective 09/16/2015–Summary Suspension Lifted. CDC Violations.
Richard Batz, D.D.S.	9944	Effective 09/16/2015–Consent Order with Reprimand, Probation for Two (2) Years for CDC Violations.
Mitchell Weiner, D.D.S.	9976	Effective 09/16/2015–Consent Order with Reprimand, Probation for Two (2) Years for CDC Violations.
Rubeena Hosain, D.M.D.	13117	Effective 10/21/2015–Consent Order with Probation for One (1) Year and Two (2) Months for CDC Violations.
Mark Kawczynski, D.D.S.	9350	Effective 12/02/2015–Termination of Probation.
Paula Tyson, D.R.T.	15726	Effective 12/04/2015–Consent Order with Thirty (30) Days Suspension.
Frank Snell, II, D.D.S.	14155	Effective 12/16/2015–Summary Suspension for CDC Violations.
Erin Reedy, D.D.S.	13803	Effective 01/20/2016–License Revoked.

License Name	License #	Summary of Action Taken
Janay Blythers, D.R.T.	19051	Effective 02/03/2016–Order of Suspension-Child Support Enforcement.
Janeiro Williams, D.R.T.	18762	Effective 02/03/2016–Order of Suspension-Child Support Enforcement.
Frank Snell, II, D.D.S.	14155	Effective 02/11/2016-Summary Suspension Lifted. CDC Violations.
Frank Snell, II, D.D.S.	14155	Effective 02/11/2016–Consent Order with Reprimand, and Probation of Three (3) Years for CDC Violations.
Amisha Shroff, D.D.S.	13054	Effective 02/11/2016–Summary Suspension for CDC Violations.
Cheryl Butler, D.R.T.	15524	Effective 02/12/2016– Order to Lift Suspension-Child Support Enforcement.
Arden Bronstein, D.D.S.	10602	Effective 02/17/2016–Termination of Probation. CDC Violations.
Bilal Ahmed, D.D.S.	12614	Effective 02/26/2016–Summary Suspension.
Janeiro Williams, D.R.T.	18762	Effective 03/02/2016– Order to Lift Suspension-Child Support Enforcement.
Orville John, D.D.S.	7066	Effective 03/03/2016 –Consent Order with Probation for One (1) Year.
Diana (Stout) Colella, R.D.H.	2127 & 6480	Effective 03/16/2016–License Revoked.
Randall Yazhary, D.D.S.	11517	Effective 03/29/2016–License Surrendered in Lieu of Disciplinary Actions.
Margaret Kromah, D.D.S.	7439	Effective 03/23/2016–License Surrendered in Lieu of Disciplinary Actions – CDC Violations.
James Manwaring, D.M.D.	6645	Effective 04/02/2016–Termination of Probation.
Kyle Yoon, D.D.S.	13923	Effective 04/06/2016–Consent Order with Reprimand, One (1) Year Probation, \$5,000 Fine – CDC Violations.
Bilal Ahmed, D.D.S.	12614	Effective 04/06/2016–License Revoked.
Amisha Shroff, D.D.S.	13054	Effective 04/06/2016–Consent Order with Suspension for 90 Days retroactive to 02/11/2016.
Zachary Press, D.D.S.	N/A	Effective 05/01/2016–Consent Order: Licensure Requirements.
Amisha Shroff, D.D.S.	13054	Effective 05/11/2016–Consent Order with Suspension lifted followed by Probation for Three (3) Years.
Ann T. Bui, D.D.S.	10187	Effective 06/13/2016-Summary Suspension for CDC Violations
Linh H. Duong, D.M.D.	10972	Effective 06/13/2016-Summary Suspension for CDC Violations
Ann T. Bui, D.D.S.	10187	Effective 08/05/2016–Consent Order with Continuation of Summary Suspension for CDC Violations.
Michele Littlejohn Sampson, D.R.T.	17909	Effective 08/17/2016– Certificate Revoked..
Ann T. Bui, D.D.S.	10187	Effective 08/17/2016–Consent Order with Order Summary Suspension Lifted followed by Probation for Two (2) Years for CDC Violations.
Ana Tellez, D.R.T.	20013	Effective 08/23/2016-One (1) Year Probation, Well Being.
Kevin Spriggs, D.R.T.	16227	Effective 08/31/2016–Order of Suspension-Child Support Enforcement.
Walter Street, D.R.T.	16279	Effective 08/31/2016–Order of Suspension-Child Support Enforcement.
Wendy Davis Kelley, D.R.T.	9144	Effective 08/31/2016–Order of Suspension-Child Support Enforcement.
Ulysses Martin, D.D.S.	9713	Effective 09/21/2016–Termination of Probation. CDC Violations.
Angela Scarberry, D.R.T.	8112	Effective 09/30/2016–Consent Order with Probation for One (1) Year, \$1,000 Fine.
Fredrick Clark, D.D.S.	10125	Effective 10/05/2016–Termination of Probation. CDC Violations.
Randall Kawamura, D.D.S.	6738	Effective 10/20/2016–Consent Order with Reprimand, Probation for Two (2) Year Probation, \$2,500 Fine.

License Name	License #	Summary of Action Taken
Rebecca Grooms-Wills, D.R.T.	19567	Effective 10/20/2016– Order of Suspension-Child Support Enforcement.
Rebecca Grooms-Wills, D.R.T.	19567	Effective 10/27/2016– Order to Lift Suspension-Child Support Enforcement.
Jennifer Lewis, D.R.T.	16592	Effective 11/02/2016–Certificate Revoked.
Jesse R. Weaver, D.D.S.	7164	Effective 11/16/2016 –Consent Order with Reprimand, Probation for Two (2) Years, \$5,000 Fine.
Taunya Jenkins, D.D.S.	13537	Effective 01/18/2017–Consent Order with Reprimand, Probation for Three (3) Years, \$2,000 Fine.
Rubeena Hosain, D.M.D.	13117	Effective 02/15/2017 –Termination of Probation. CDC Violations.
Mohammed Warshanna, D.M.D.	11884	Effective 03/01/2017 – Consent Order with Reprimand, Permanent Surrender of Class II Sedation Permit, Probation for One (1) Year.
Wendy Davis-Kelley, D.R.T.	9144	Effective 03/03/2017– Order to Lift Suspension-Child Support Enforcement.
Cynthia Slaughter, D.R.T.	17442	Effective 03/17/2017– Order of Suspension-Child Support Enforcement.
Angelina M. Baker, D.R.T.	13097	Effective 04/05/2017– Order of Suspension-Child Support Enforcement.
Johny E. Abarca, D.R.T.	20116	Effective 04/05/2017– Order of Suspension-Child Support Enforcement.
Orville John, D.D.S.	7066	Effective 04/05/2017– Termination of Probation.
Amal Rastogi, D.M.D.	14431	Effective 04/05/2017– Termination of Probation.
Linh H. Duong, D.M.D.	10972	Effective 04/05/2017 – Consent Order with One (1) Year Suspension effective 06/13/2016, Probation for Three (3) Years, \$5,000 Fine. CDC Violations.
Teresa Lynn Schriver, D.R.T.	17389	Effective 04/19/2017–Order of Suspension-Child Support Enforcement.
Kyle Yoon, D.M.D.	13923	Effective 05/03/2017–Termination of Probation. CDC Violations..
Terry Crocken, D.D.S.	12762	Effective 05/17/2017–Consent Order with Reprimand, \$5,500 Fine.
Angelina M. Baker, D.R.T.	13097	Effective 05/02/2017–Order to Lift Suspension–Child Support Enforcement.
Dennis Hatfield, D.D.S.	5951	Effective 05/26/2017–Summary Suspension.
Carol Orlando, D.D.S.	8804	Effective 05/26/2017–Consent Order with Reprimand, Probation for Eighteen (18) Months, \$1,000 Fine.
Arpan Patel, D.M.D.	13944	Effective 06/07/2017–Consent Order with Reprimand; Probation for One (1) Year, \$5,000 Fine.
Gary Warner, D.D.S.	12139	Effective 06/07/2017–Consent Order with Reprimand Probation for Eighteen (18) Months, \$1,000 Fine.
Gerry Dubin, D.M.D.	8457	Effective 06/20/2017–Termination of Probation. CDC Violations.
Kerry Crocken, D.M.D.	12762	Effective 06/21/2017-Termination of Consent Order.
David Lewis, D.D.S.	6523	Effective 06/21/2017–Termination of Probation. CDC Violations.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Tony W. Torain, J.D.

I would like to begin by expressing the Board staff's gratitude for your patience during our most recent renewal period. Dentists and dental hygienists were required to renew their licenses by completing paper applications and by making payment using checks. We are in the process of upgrading our management information system and we wanted to ensure that the personal information of our licensees was not compromised in the renewal process. Our hope is that we will complete the upgrading process before our next renewal cycle begins. Again, we appreciate your patience.

Secondly, I want to inform you that a new Chief Dental Officer has been appointed by the Board. She is Dr. Patrice McLeod. Dr. McLeod is a graduate of Howard University College of Dentistry where she earned her D.D.S., and of the University of Hartford where she earned her M.B.A. in Healthcare Administration. She holds a certificate from the Johns Hopkins University in public policy. She worked in the public sector as a dentist for the Frederick County Health Department. She was also in private practice. She is available to provide continuing educational programming for dental and dental hygiene groups.

If you need the services of the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners, feel free to call us at 410-402-8501. We are here to protect the citizens of Maryland by promoting good oral health practices.