

1 Board of Dentistry

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3 Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Continuing Education in
4 Infection Control

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6 Rules as Adopted

7 3100.0100 DEFINITIONS.

8 [For text of subps 1 to 5, see M.R.]

9 Subp. 5a. Blood borne diseases. "Blood borne diseases"
10 means diseases that are spread through the exposure to,
11 inoculation of, or injection of blood; or exposure to blood
12 contained in body fluids, tissues, or organs. Blood borne
13 diseases include infection caused by such agents as the human
14 immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis B virus (HBV).

15 [For text of subps 6 to 12a, see M.R.]

16 Subp. 12b. Infection control. "Infection control" means
17 programs, procedures, and methods to reduce the transmission of
18 agents of infection for the purpose of preventing or decreasing
19 the incidence of infectious diseases.

20 [For text of subps 13 to 21, see M.R.]

21 3100.4100 CONTINUING DENTAL EDUCATION.

22 Subpart 1. Evidence of attendance. Each licensee and
23 registrant shall provide evidence of attendance at, or
24 participation in, continuing dental education (CDE) as required
25 by parts 3100.4100 to 3100.4600. Such evidence must be
26 presented to the board on preprinted cards supplied by the board.

27 Subp. 2. Required credit hours. The minimum number of
28 required hours of CDE for each five-year cycle shall be: for
29 dentists, 75 hours; for dental hygienists, 40 hours; and for
30 registered dental assistants, 25 hours. Of these hours,
31 dentists must complete a minimum of 60 hours, dental hygienists
32 a minimum of 32 hours, and registered dental assistants a
33 minimum of 20 hours on clinical subjects relating to the
34 practice of dentistry.

35 Clinical subjects are those subjects directly related to

1 the provision of dental care and treatment to patients.

2 Nonclinical subjects relating to the practice of dentistry
3 are those subjects which are not directly related to, but are
4 supportive of, the provision of clinical services to patients.
5 Examples of nonclinical subjects are patient management, the
6 legal and ethical responsibilities of the dental profession, and
7 stress management.

8 Examples of subjects that are not eligible for CDE credit
9 are estate planning, financial planning, marketing, investments,
10 personal health, and personal growth.

11 Subp. 2a. Required credit hours on infection control.
12 During each five-year cycle, licensees and registrants must
13 complete a minimum of five clinical hours of CDE in the subject
14 of infection control, including blood borne diseases. The
15 requirement for CDE clinical credits on infection control is
16 effective beginning ~~July~~ September 1, 1993. For licensees and
17 registrants with less than five years remaining in their current
18 CDE cycle, one clinical infection control CDE credit per full
19 remaining year is required.

20 Subp. 3. Five-year cycles. The five-year cycles shall be
21 established as follows.

22 The first five-year cycle for each licensee or registrant
23 shall commence on July 1 following the date of initial licensure
24 or registration. Each five-year cycle shall end on June 30, and
25 a new five-year cycle shall commence on July 1. Five-year
26 cycles will continue in this fashion from the date of initial
27 licensure or registration even if there is a CDE exemption under
28 subpart 4, or even if the license or registration is revoked,
29 suspended, conditioned, or not renewed for any reason for any
30 length of time.

31 Subp. 4. Exemptions. A licensee or registrant who pays an
32 annual license or registration renewal fee is exempt from the
33 CDE five-year cycle credit hour requirement, by filing with the
34 board an affidavit specifying that the licensee or registrant
35 does not practice, including on a volunteer or free basis,
36 within the state.

1 Subp. 5. Removal of exemption. A licensee or registrant
2 claiming exemption under subpart 4 who subsequently would like
3 the exemption removed to resume practice within the state or for
4 any other reason shall submit to the board, a written notice of
5 the intent to have the exemption removed and evidence of having
6 completed CDE credit hours equivalent to what the total credit
7 hours would have been if the licensee or registrant had not
8 claimed the exemption. Any CDE credit hours taken to have the
9 exemption removed shall not count towards meeting the
10 requirement of the current five-year cycle. Or, the licensee or
11 registrant may have the exemption removed by successfully
12 completing part 3100.1850, subpart 2, if the licensee or
13 registrant had been exempt for less than five years or by
14 successfully completing part 3100.1850, subpart 3, if exempt
15 more than five years.

16 The licensee or registrant will be notified by the board
17 that the evidence submitted was approved by the board and the
18 exemption removed.