

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**Rules Committee Meeting**  
**2 Peachtree St., N.W., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Atlanta, GA 30303**  
**January 11, 2019**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**The following Committee members were present:**

Dr. Tom Godfrey, Chair  
Dr. Greg Goggans  
Dr. Tracy Gay

**Staff present:**

Eric Lacefield, Deputy Executive Director  
Max Changus, Assistant Attorney General  
Ryan McNeal, Chief Investigator  
Kimberly Emm, Attorney  
Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I

**The following Board members were present:**

Dr. Richard Bennett  
Ms. Becky Bynum  
Dr. Logan Nalley  
Dr. Parag Soni  
Dr. Antwan Treadway  
Dr. Bert Yeargan

**Visitors:**

Scott Lofranco, GDA  
Charles Craig, GDHA  
John Watson, ADSO  
Lauren Pollow, JL Morgan Co  
Alan Furness, DCG  
Pam Wilks, Help A Child Smile

Dr. Godfrey established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**Introduction of Visitors**

Dr. Godfrey welcomed the visitors.

**Discussion Topics**

**Rule 150-14-.01 Definitions:** Dr. Godfrey read the proposed changes to this rule.

Section (6) has been amended to read: “Fabricate” means to create, design or construct, including any evaluation or task incident to creating, designing or constructing, any structure, whether artificial or naturally occurring, defined by this rule as a dental appliance, cap, covering, prosthesis or cosmetic covering.”

Section (7) has been amended to read: “Impression” means a physical negative imprint or digital image of the oral cavity, maxillofacial area, or the adjacent and associated structures, or any combination thereof, used for the purposes of evaluation, diagnosis, and/or fabrication of a dental appliance, cap, covering, prosthesis or cosmetic covering, as defined by this rule.

**Rule 150-14-.02 Fabrication of Dental Appliances, Caps, Coverings, Prostheses and Cosmetic Coverings is Practice of Dentistry:** Dr. Godfrey read the proposed changes to this rule.

Section (2) has been amended to add language stating “or perform an evaluation service or task incident to such fabrication.”

Section (3) has been amended to read, “An in-person physical evaluation, performed by a dentist licensed in this state, shall be required prior to recommending any patient for a dental appliance, cap, covering, prosthesis or cosmetic covering, as defined by this chapter.”

**Rule 150-9-.01 General Duties of Dental Assistants:** Dr. Godfrey read the proposed changes to this rule.

Section (3)(a) has been amended to read, “Make impressions for ~~diagnostic~~ study models and opposing models.”

**Rule 150-9-.02 Expanded Duties of Dental Assistants:** Dr. Godfrey read the proposed changes to this rule.

Section (3) has been amended to read, “Dental assistants shall perform their duties only under the direct, personal supervision of a licensed dentist as outlined in O.C.G.A. § 43-11-81.”

Section (4)(e) has been amended to read, “Make impressions ~~to be used to~~ fabricate or repair a damaged prosthesis a dental appliance, cap, covering, prosthesis or cosmetic covering, as defined by rule 150-14-.01. All adjustments must be performed extraorally. Final adjustment must be made by the dentist.”

Sections (h), (p) and (aa) have been stricken.

Dr. Godfrey made a motion for the Committee to refer Rule 150-14-.01 Definitions, Rule 150-14-.02, Rule 150-9-.01 General Duties of Dental Assistants, and Rule 150-9-.02 Expanded Duties of Dental Assistants to the full Board for posting. Dr. Nalley seconded. Discussion was held. Dr. Goggans requested clarification on the striking of section (aa) on Rule 150-9-.02. He asked if this is saying a dental assistant cannot scan for fabrication of orthodontic appliances. Ms. Emm responded by stating it is getting absorbed into section (e).

Dr. Gay requested clarification on whether or not an Expanded Duties Dental Assistant (EDDA) needs to be the one to make the impression. Dr. Nalley responded by stating that an EDDA has more experience and more training. He stated that it is not that difficult to get the training if they decide to do it. Dr. Gay stated he can make the impression regardless of what it is used for. Dr. Bennett responded by stating that what you can delegate and to whom you delegate is the issue. Dr. Treadway stated whatever medium or technique they are essentially the same. Dr. Gay stated he does not have an issue if that is what the Board decides, but he asked why does the Board differentiate. Dr. Godfrey responded by stating because the Board had a number of people come in and talk about it. Dr. Godfrey stated that he believes if the Board votes to post today, it can hold a public hearing at the March meeting. Ms. Emm clarified that after the Board votes to post, she will send the rules to the Attorney General’s office to review for authority. She stated that once she gets approval from the Attorney General’s office, she will be able to post for a hearing. With no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **Miscellaneous**

**Correspondence from Suzanne Newkirk: Coronal Polishing and Fluoride Powerpoint / Ethics and Jurisprudence Exam for Dental Assistants:** Dr. Godfrey discussed the coronal polishing course and jurisprudence exam for dental assistants previously submitted by Ms. Suzanne Newkirk. Dr. Godfrey stated that he has taken time to read the course and review the materials. He stated his first recommendation is to ask them to submit the answers to the jurisprudence course as the answers were not included. He stated that some questions can be answered multiple ways.

Dr. Godfrey stated his second recommendation pertains to the content itself. For example, there are multiple references to “Selective Polishing”. He stated it appears it would be taught that if there is no stain, you would not polish those teeth. He stated he has brought this up to multiple parties and none of them agree with this statement. Dr. Godfrey stated he does not want to work off of outdated information and two (2) studies when numerous others say something to the contrary.

Dr. Godfrey stated that Slide #3 reads in part, *“This board approved lecture/hands-on course satisfies the 8 hour CE requirement...”* He stated that the Board really needs to review everything in this course carefully.

Lastly, Dr. Godfrey stated that he cannot tell what study is being referenced and requested the print be larger so that it is readable. Mr. Craig asked if Ms. Newkirk removes the reference to the Board of Dentistry and resubmits the course, is that sufficient? Dr. Godfrey responded by stating that he also suggests making the print larger, and to submit the answers to the jurisprudence exam. Dr. Godfrey added that is not the unabridged list of everything as some of the slides did not comport with each other. He stated that he knows a lot of time was put into this. Mr. Craig stated that the Board asked her to submit the slides. He asked if the Board requires that of everyone. Dr. Godfrey responded yes. Dr. Nalley stated that the Board refers to it as a rubber cup prophy. Dr. Nalley stated that when talking about coronal polishing and rubber cup prophy, those are two different things. He asked if that is a definition issue. Dr. Godfrey responded by stating that one of the issues a periodontist brought up is that cleaning stains is not therapeutic and you cannot call this a therapeutic procedure. Dr. Bennett stated that he knows there are some new people on the Board. He stated that this change of philosophy was mandated by the legislature. Dr. Bennett explained that there are two (2) pathways to training: an approved eight (8) hour course and also the opportunity for a private practitioner to do in office training following the guidelines. He stated that the course being discussed at this time is one example of a course that is pending. There is the opportunity for a practitioner to offer a course.

In reference to the jurisprudence exam submitted, Dr. Nalley stated that he felt the questions were very misleading. Dr. Godfrey responded by stating that is why he is requesting to see the answers so he knows where they stand.

Discussion was held regarding the Committee needing to further define “rubber cup prophy” and “coronal polishing.” Ms. Emm added that the Committee will need to look at the rules and the Board policy. Mr. Lofranco clarified that coronal polishing is not an expanded duties function. He stated that the statute references patients with primary dentitions. He added that the Board needed to define an age limit. He stated that the Board’s policy says if there is any evidence of calculus, it can only be removed by a dentist or dental hygienist. He stated he thinks that is where the Board got the term coronal polishing.

Mr. Craig asked how this affects the course for training dental assistants. Dr. Godfrey responded by stating the Committee is trying to change the definition to be clear so there are not two interpretations. Dr. Bennett stated based on that the name of the course there may be an issue and some of the content may not be in line with the current accepted principles. He further stated that the Board needs the answers to the jurisprudence exam because it needs to see what GDHA considers a correct response.

Mr. Lofranco asked if this will affect GDA’s course approval? Dr. Bennett asked Mr. Lofranco when is the next course scheduled. Mr. Lofranco responded by stating they were going to start in February. Dr. Godfrey stated that it would be hard to “unapprove” something. He added that the Board must be consistent and fair to everyone. Mr. Lofranco stated that upon adoption of the new rule, GDA will resubmit its course for Board consideration.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Yeargan made a motion to approve the Public Session minutes for the December 7, 2018 meeting. Dr. Goggans seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Rules Committee of the Georgia Board of Dentistry will be held on Friday, March 1, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Community Health's office located at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Minutes recorded by Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I  
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