

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**Sedation Committee Conference Call**  
**2 Peachtree St., N.W., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Atlanta, GA 30303**  
**January 7, 2022**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**The following Committee members were present:**

Dr. Glenn Maron, Chair  
Dr. Michael Knight (*joined at 2:08 p.m.*)  
Dr. Brent Stiehl

**Staff present:**

Eric Lacefield, Executive Director  
Kimberly Emm, Attorney

**Visitors:**

Thomas Beusse, GDA  
Suzanne Newkirk  
Emma Paris, GDA

Dr. Maron established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

**Introduction of Visitors**

Dr. Maron welcomed the visitors.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Stiehl made a motion to approve the December 3, 2021, minutes. Dr. Maron seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Discussion Topics**

Dr. Maron reported that at the full Board meeting held earlier that day, the Board voted to amend the sedation applications to include a question that asks how the applicant would handle post operative issues/complications if he/she were applying for more than one site. Additionally, Dr. Maron reported that the Board voted to post amendments to Rule 150-13-.01 Conscious Sedation Permits and Rule 150-13-.02. Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia Permits.

Dr. Maron stated that the Committee must start focusing on how the Board can comply with O.C.G.A. § 43-11-23, which requires dental assistants and dental hygienists to have proper training for venipuncture and phlebotomy procedures. He further stated that Mr. Scott Piper and Dr. Lee Whitesides have informed the Committee there is a course available in Florida. Dr. Maron continued by stating that he has reviewed that course and it does not address the issue of sedation assistants. He stated that it was his understanding that Dr. Whitesides and Mr. Piper feel they could create a course through the GDA.

Dr. Maron stated that Ms. Suzanne Newkirk provided the Committee with excellent research on courses offered in other states. He commented that the course in Kentucky would be sufficient; however, the two (2) day course would be better, although he was not opposed to a one (1) day course. He stated that the Kentucky course would be fairly easy to duplicate.

Dr. Maron provided the following summary statement:

*“To qualify for the Dental Anesthesia Assistant certificate, an applicant must meet the following educational requirements:*

- *Complete the DAANCE or subsequent program, provided by AAOMS, or*

- *Complete Surgery Assistants Course provided by the Georgia Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, or GDA.*
- *Possess substantially equivalent education and training approved by the Georgia Board of Dentistry.*
- *Provide evidence of completion of training in intravenous access or phlebotomy that includes 8 hours of didactic training and hands on experience starting and maintaining intravenous lines with at least ten successful intravenous starts on a human or simulator/manikin.”*

Dr. Knight commented that he utilizes a nurse and paramedic and inquired if this requirement would apply to them. Dr. Maron responded that it would not as the nurse and paramedic have other certifications.

Dr. Knight inquired if there has been much input from the public. Dr. Maron responded by stating that the GDA and Ms. Newkirk have been providing information. He added that the PRP (platelet rich plasma) course brought up at the December meeting did not seem strong enough to recommend as it is just drawing and spinning blood for PRP. He stated that he can forward the document he wrote to the Board as well as Ms. Emm and Mr. Lacefield.

Dr. Maron commented that he has given this matter much thought and realizes that it is not the Board's responsibility to create courses, but it is the Board's job to approve the courses. He stated that he and Dr. Knight stand ready to help provide input for the creation of these courses. He further stated that it is the Board's job to assess the safety and efficacy of a course to ensure patient safety. Dr. Knight responded that there will be private organizations and/or schools that will come up with courses fairly quickly for review.

Dr. Maron inquired if Ms. Newkirk had anything to add. She responded that she had enrolled in a sixteen (16) hour didactic course that includes eight (8) hours of clinical training and a four (4) hour hands on lab IV certification course. She stated that she planned to submit it to the Committee to see if the coursework met the new requirements. Dr. Maron commented that once a rule is in effect, it could give leeway for the Board to create its own course and approve other courses presented.

Ms. Emma Paris requested Dr. Maron provide the re-read the statement he provided. Dr. Maron read his previous statement.

Dr. Maron inquired as to what the process would be for this matter to go to the Rules Committee. Ms. Emm responded that the Board no longer had a Rules Committee, but the information Dr. Maron provided could be edited and presented to the full Board. Ms. Emm asked where the Committee felt this matter would fit into the current rule structure. Dr. Maron responded that it should be a new rule. Ms. Emm stated that O.C.G.A. § 43-11-23 effects dental hygienists and dental assistants. She added that Chapter 150-5 relates to dental hygienists and Chapter 150-9 relates to dental assistants. Dr. Knight suggested the Committee let Ms. Emm and Mr. Lacefield figure out where this topic belongs in the rules, and they can email the Committee later for review. Dr. Stiehl and Dr. Maron agreed. Dr. Maron commented that he will follow up with the Georgia Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons to see what Dr. Drew has in the works as well.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Kimberly Emm, Attorney  
 Minutes edited by Eric R. Lacefield, Executive Director