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Greetings from the Chair!

We had a good year with strong committed members of the Board. It has been a privilege to work with them and our excellent support staff.

I would like to remind you of the Board's website: <http://vtprofessionals.org/opr1/dentists/>.

This can keep you informed as it relates to proposed changes in rules, upcoming meetings, activities from previous meetings, and other issues before the Board. There is also a section on how to avoid complaints which we encourage everyone to read.

The Board has completed revising some of the rules, most of which are housekeeping changes. We are now in the process of doing the same thing to the statutes. This is a long process taking many months. It will, in the long haul, make things clearer and hopefully make decision making easier.

Sincerely,
John Langfeldt, D.D.S., Chair

New Member of the Board

The Board welcomes Katherine A. Silloway D.D.S. to the Board. Dr. Silloway is a native Vermonter. Before becoming a dentist, she graduated from the University of Vermont with a Bachelors of Nursing degree in 1980. As a nurse for 12 years, Katherine worked at NVRH in the Special Care unit then became the Assistant Director of the Department of Education where she served as a clinical instructor. After returning to school, Katherine graduated from the University of New York at Buffalo school of Dental Medicine in 1992. Katherine worked with her father, Frederick C. Silloway DMD until he died in 2003. She then became the President of St. Johnsbury Dental

Associates in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Dr. Silloway is a past president of the Board of Dental Examiners. Dr. Silloway currently serves on numerous boards and committees both locally and state wide. She is an avid tennis player and teaches spinning at her local health club. Her husband R. Gerald Webber is an investigator with the Department of Justice in Concord, NH and her daughter, Kaitlin is a nurse in Manhattan Beach, California.

Guidelines for periodic oral evaluation

D0120 Periodic oral evaluation

This is an examination performed on a patient by a dentist to determine any changes in his/her dental health. This includes an oral cancer evaluation and periodontal screening where indicated. Additional diagnostic procedures may be interpreted as well.

Dentists have a responsibility to see those patients who receive dental services in their practice periodically. The laws do not define how frequent these examinations should be; however, they should be regular in nature. The Board considers regular to be at least annually.

It could be considered fraudulent to bill an insurance company for an oral evaluation done by a hygienist. Some parts of the examination can be delegated, but the dentist is responsible for the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment planning.

Local Anesthesia Examination

A subcommittee of the Board recently reviewed the written examination for dental hygiene local anesthesia privileges, its administration protocol, and available options. As a result, the Board has determined that, effective 1/1/2010, it will no longer administer this examination. In its place, the Board will require the Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners' Local Anesthesia Examination for Dental Hygienists.

This examination consists of a 50 question multiple-choice computer based examination administered at a Prometric Testing center.

There is a testing center at: 600 Blair Park Road, Suite 326, Williston, VT. Applicants must provide proof that they have graduated or are in their senior or final year at an accredited Dental Hygiene Program in the U.S. or Canada. Those individuals who are still in school must provide documentation from the school that they are expected to complete all academic requirements and graduate. The cost of the exam is \$120.00.

Information about the examination may be found at www.nerb.org. Application to take the exam may be made by calling the NERB central office at: 301-563-3300.

Licensees as of July 1, 2009

License Type	Total
Dentist	512
Dental Hygienist	701
Assistant - Traditional	750
Assistant – Certified	122

Disciplinary Actions

The complete text of any disciplinary actions taken can be found on the web at: <http://vtprofessionals.org/opr1/searchdiscipline.htm>

Office Hours: Monday - Friday / 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Dates - are the second Wednesday of each month and are open to the public. All meetings are posted on the Office's web site at: <http://www.vtprofessionals.org/meetings/meetingslist.htm>