

## BOARD REGULATION NUMBER 39--INFECTION CONTROL

*Purpose: To provide standards and policies for infection control within the clinical facilities and for preventing the transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Hepatitis B Virus to patients.*

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 41-34-3, the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners hereby establishes the following regulations for protecting the public from the transmission of Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) in the practice of dentistry.

All professionals licensed by the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners must meet or exceed the current Recommended Infection-Control Practices for Dentistry as published by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It is the responsibility of all licensed dentists to ensure that their auxiliary staff who may be exposed to blood and other body fluids are familiar with and adhere to the aforementioned recommendations.

Pursuant to authority granted in Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-13, any member of the Board of Dental Examiners, its agents, investigators, and employees, upon reasonable cause as defined below, may enter any dental office, clinic, or dental laboratory during regular office hours to inspect all records, equipment, and facilities for the purpose of determining whether a licensee is in compliance with this regulation. During said inspection, representatives of the Board may conduct tests of all appliances and equipment to ensure proper sterilization and disinfection capabilities and to remove for inspection and testing any and all items deemed necessary, including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. All sterilization or disinfection instruments (hot and cold), including, but not limited to, autoclaves and sterile containers.
- b. Medical and surgical instruments used for dental purposes, including, but not limited to, forceps, scalpels, bone chisels, scalers, burs, aspirators, mirrors, amalgam condensers, syringes, needles, blades, etc.
- c. All sterilization chemicals, including, but not limited to, disinfectants, liquid germicides, antimicrobial surgical hand scrub, soaps, bleaches, and tuberculocidal hospital disinfectants.
- d. Single-use disposable instruments, including, but not limited to, prophylaxis angles, prophylaxis cups, brushes, saliva ejectors, high-speed air evacuators, and airway syringes.
- e. Solid waste disposal bags or other containers for disposal.
- f. Laboratory material, dental appliances, or other items that may be used in the mouth, including, but not limited to, impressions, bite registrations, fixed and removable prostheses, and orthodontic appliances.

- g. Equipment and other appliances used for protection of dental health care workers, including, but not limited to, medical gloves (latex and/or vinyl), face shields, surgical masks, or protective eyewear.
- h. Operatory equipment not otherwise specified above.
- i. Biohazard records/logs and infection control policy or protocols.
- j. Patient records reflecting sterile procedures, if any used, and existence of infection(s).

Prior to any inspection, the Board shall make a determination that reasonable cause exists to conduct said inspection based upon either complaints or information received from reliable sources. Whether reasonable cause exists shall be determined by the Executive Director and President of the Board, and documentation of that determination shall be provided to the dentist, dental clinic, office, or laboratory before entry for inspection as provided herein.

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