

New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care

Jurisprudence Exam

Name: _____ Date: _____

Special Instructions:

The purpose of this examination is to test the familiarity with the law and rules that govern the practice of dentistry in New Mexico. Your responsibility is to read the entire Dental Health Care Act and the Rules which are Chapter 5, Title 16, of the NM Administrative Code.

The exam may be returned to the Board office with your application or anytime following submission of your application. Exams received prior to the receipt of the application and fees will not be maintained in the Board office.

This is an “open book” exam based on the Dental Health Care Act, the Impaired Dentists and Hygienists Act, and the NM Administrative Code (NMAC), Title 16, Chapter 5, Dentistry (Dentists, Dental Hygienists, ect.)

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED IN BLUE OR BLACK INK.

Section 1: Matching-Based on the New Mexico Dental Health Care Act, please match the following definitions.

1. ____ General supervision
2. ____ Direct supervision
3. ____ Indirect supervision
 - a. Means a dentist is present in the treatment facility while authorized treatments are being performed by a dental hygienist, dental assistant or dental student.
 - b. Means the authorization by a dentist of the procedures to be used by a dental hygienist, dental assistant, expanded function dental auxiliary, community dental health coordinator, or dental student and the execution of the procedures in accordance with the dentist’s diagnosis and treatment plan at a time when the dentist is not physically present in the facility.

- c. Means the dentist is physically present throughout the performance of the act; orders, controls, and accepts full responsibility; evaluates and approves the procedure performed before the patient departs the dental setting.

Section 2: Multiple Choice-Please circle the letter for the correct answer.

- 4. A Community Health Care Coordinator, under the general supervision of a dentist, is certified to provide:
 - a. Dental education
 - b. Limited palliative care
 - c. Will typically work in settings other than the traditional dental offices and clinics
 - d. All the above

- 5. The purpose of the New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care includes all but the following, except:
 - a. Issue licenses to qualified dentists, owners of dental practices, and dental hygienists
 - b. Negotiate financial disputes/complaints between a patient and the dentist
 - c. Discipline incompetent dentists or unprofessional dentists
 - d. Certify qualified dental assistants, expanded function dental auxiliaries, and community dental health coordinators

- 6. Certified Expanded Function Dental Auxiliaries scope of practice as allowed under the direct supervision of a dentist includes all but the following, except:
 - a. Place and shape restorative materials
 - b. Impress for permanent fixed or removable prosthodontics for single teeth
 - c. Impress for permanent fixed or removable prosthodontics for multiple teeth
 - d. Cement permanent or provisional restorations with temporary cement provided a dentist will monitor the patient within six months.

7. Continuing education requirements for dentists per triennial period include all but the following, except:
 - a. Sixty hours total CE credits
 - b. Proof of an Infection Control course
 - c. Maximum of 30 hours CE credits may be online webinars or internet self-study
 - d. 10 hours of CE credits for all levels of sedation permits including courses in medical emergencies, anesthesia, and/or pharmacology
 - e. Proof of Basic Life Support course certification by the American Heart Association (AHA) or American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI)

8. As related to Non-Dentist Owners, all the following are true, except:
 - a. Shall be a United States citizen or legal US resident with a valid social security number
 - b. Shall be a resident of New Mexico or a corporation registered in New Mexico
 - c. The owner/agent must pass the New Mexico Jurisprudence exam with 75% or better
 - d. Shall not be responsible for reporting adverse events or actions

9. Prerequisites for a Community Dental Health Coordinator Certification (CDHC) include all the following, except:
 - a. Applicant must have a degree in a dental-related field
 - b. High school diploma or equivalent and/or college degree
 - c. Successful completion of a Board-approved CDHC program
 - d. Certification by the Board in radiography, coronal polishing, and fit and fissure sealants

10. All the following are required for proper advertising by a dentist on promotional material, except:
 - a. Dentist's name/s
 - b. License number

- c. Only Board-recognized Specialty designation, if applicable
 - d. Office address and telephone number
11. A dentist may be disciplined (to include license revocation, suspension, fines, stipulation, or limitation of license) if found guilty of all the following, except:
- a. Violation of the Controlled Substances Act
 - b. Failure to use appropriate infection control techniques and sterilization procedures
 - c. Failure to report to the Board any adverse action taken by a licensing board, peer review body, or malpractice carrier
 - d. All of the above
12. The following vital sign is NOT required to be recorded in the patient's chart when nitrous oxide analgesia is administered:
- a. Temperature
 - b. Pulse
 - c. Respirations
 - d. Blood pressure

Section 3: True or False-Please mark T or F:

13. The definition of "palliative care" as it relates to the Community Dental Health Care Coordinator (CDHC) scope of care includes nonsurgical, reversible procedures that are meant to alleviate pain and stabilize acute or emergent problems. _____
14. According the Rules, license renewal must be postmarked by July 1st to avoid working illegally under an expired license. _____
15. "Cosmetic Dentistry" is a recognized Board specialty in New Mexico. _____

16. Dental Hygienists in New Mexico may work as collaborative practice hygienists only with a written agreement with a collaborative dentist.

17. A dental assistant with a C.D.A. certificate from Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) does not require expanded function dental assistant certification from the Dental Board. _____
18. Universal barrier precautions are mandatory in all dental care settings.

19. The minimal requirement for all dentists and auxiliary personnel who monitor the use and administration of nitrous oxide is Advanced Life Support certification. _____
20. A Non-Dentist Owner must post all of the dental employees' names, licenses, and the Non-Dentist Owner's name in a prominent location in the dental office. _____
21. Licensees must maintain proof of their continuing education courses for two years following their triennial renewal year. _____
22. Study clubs are an avenue to obtain continuing education credits, but have specific organizational requirements. _____
23. The Department of Health provides the Board of Dental Health Care with recommended practice restrictions following evaluation of providers with transmissible blood-borne diseases. _____
24. A dentist who wishes to retire their license must request retirement status in writing to the Board office prior to the expiration of the current license.

25. Tele-dentistry is an allowable form of communication between a supervising dentist and a Community Dental Healthcare Coordinator. _____
26. The Expanded Function Duty Auxiliary may shape and prepare a preparation using an automated method such as a slow speed. _____
27. A Temporary/Public Service dental license can be granted upon request to those who meet the Board's approved qualifications for charitable work, clinical education, and public health service in New Mexico. _____
28. Dental Assistants can take X-rays without a Board-issued Dental Radiography certification. _____
29. In New Mexico, before a dentist can administer Botox or dermal fillers, a dentist must receive a minimum of 16 hours of continuing education, of which, 8 hours shall be on live patients. _____
30. Dental Assistants that place and shape restorative material require an Expanded Function Duty Auxiliary certification. _____
31. A dental assistant may utilize dental lasers with proper supervision. _____
32. Hygienists may perform local anesthesia under general supervision with proper certification. _____
33. Starting in 2014, all dentists applying for triennial renewal are also required to report the following: pain management course completion (3 hours) and amalgam separator information in addition to CE course information.

34. Applications for dental licensure are valid for six months from the date of receipt. _____

