# Important Rules for Dental Hygienist

FREQUENT COMPLAINTS to the dental Board?

1. UNLISCENCED HYGIENISTS:

Failure of a hygienist to renew their license in a timely manner results in an expired license.

1. ANESTHESIA:

Failure of a hygienist to have the proper certification for local anesthesia administration under indirect or general supervision.

1. SUPERVISION:

Failure of a collaborative practice dental hygienist and collaborative dentist to properly follow board guidelines for patient treatments.

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**New MExico Dental Hygiene Committee**

COLLABOARATIVE PRACTICE HYGIENISTS & HYGIENISTS WHO OWN DENTAL PRACTICES:

Effective July 1, 2015 a collaborative practice hygienist and hygienists who own their own practices (i.e those who employ dentists) must register with the board. The registration form can be found online on the New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care website. The registration form will request: demographic information, ownership type, business type and licensure information. Once completed it must be notarized and turned into the board office. Where applicable, collaborative practice hygienist and hygienist who own dental offices must also

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be compliant with dental amalgam waste disposal and reporting, unless exempted as

stated in section NMAC 16.5.57.8&9.

ANESTHESIA CERTIFICATION:

The administration of local anesthesia is an expanded function for dental hygienist [NMAC16.5.1.1]. Certification is

granted for this procedure to be performed under *indirect supervision*. Provisions have been in place for hygienists to practice under *general supervision* provided that a signed affidavit has been completed by a supervision dentist along with an application which can be found on the NMDB website. For clarification, an addition to the rules now reads: “The signed affidavit is valid for subsequent or additional locations in which the license may practice.” A new affidavit does not need to be completed per employer/ employment. [NMAC 16.5.28.8 D]

For further information, please refer to the most current Rules and Regulations online.