

SECTION .0400 - ENTERAL CONSCIOUS SEDATION

21 NCAC 16Q .0401 MINIMAL CONSCIOUS SEDATION CREDENTIALS, EVALUATION AND PERMIT

(a) Before a dentist licensed to practice in North Carolina may administer or supervise a certified registered nurse anesthetist to administer minimal conscious sedation, the dentist shall obtain a Board-issued permit for minimal conscious sedation, moderate pediatric conscious sedation, moderate conscious sedation or general anesthesia. A permit is not required for prescription administration of DEA controlled drugs prescribed for postoperative pain control intended for home use. A dentist may obtain a minimal conscious sedation permit from the Board by completing an application form provided by the Board and paying a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Such permit must be renewed annually and shall be displayed with the current renewal at all times in a conspicuous place in the office of the permit holder.

(b) Only a dentist who holds a general anesthesia license may administer deep sedation or general anesthesia.

(c) Application:

- (1) A minimal conscious sedation permit may be obtained by completing an application form provided by Board, a copy of which may be obtained from the Board office, and meeting the requirements of Section .0400 of this Subchapter.
- (2) The application form must be filled out completely and appropriate fees paid.
- (3) An applicant for a minimal conscious sedation permit shall be licensed and in good standing with the Board in order to be approved. For purposes of these Rules "good standing" means that the applicant is not subject to a disciplinary investigation and his or her licensee has not been revoked or suspended and is not subject to a probation or stayed suspension order.

(d) Evaluation:

- (1) Prior to issuance of a minimal conscious sedation permit the applicant shall undergo a facility inspection. The Board shall direct an evaluator qualified to administer minimal sedation to perform this inspection. The applicant shall be notified in writing that an inspection is required and provided with the name of the evaluator who shall perform the inspection. The applicant shall be responsible for successful completion of inspection of his or her facility within three months of notification. An extension of no more than 90 days shall be granted if the designated evaluator or applicant requests one.
- (2) During an inspection or evaluation, the applicant or permit holder shall demonstrate competency in the following areas:
 - (A) Monitoring of blood pressure, pulse, pulse oximetry and respiration;
 - (B) Drug dosage and administration (by verbal demonstration);
 - (C) Treatment of untoward reactions including respiratory or cardiac depression (by verbal demonstration);
 - (D) Sterilization;
 - (E) Use of CPR certified personnel;
 - (F) Monitoring of patient during recovery (by verbal demonstration); and
 - (G) Sufficiency of patient recovery time (by verbal demonstration).
- (3) During an inspection or evaluation, the applicant or permit holder shall verbally demonstrate competency to the evaluator in the treatment of the following clinical emergencies:
 - (A) Laryngospasm;
 - (B) Bronchospasm;
 - (C) Emesis and aspiration;
 - (D) Respiratory depression and arrest;
 - (E) Angina pectoris;
 - (F) Myocardial infarction;
 - (G) Hypertension/Hypotension;
 - (H) Syncope;
 - (I) Allergic reactions;
 - (J) Convulsions;
 - (K) Bradycardia;
 - (L) Insulin shock; and
 - (M) Cardiac arrest.

- (4) The evaluator shall assign a grade of pass or fail and shall report his recommendation to the Board, setting out the basis for his conclusion. The Board is not bound by the evaluator's recommendation and shall make a final determination regarding whether the applicant has passed the evaluation. The applicant shall be notified of the Board's decision in writing.
- (e) Educational/Professional Requirements:
 - (1) The dentist applying for a minimal conscious sedation permit shall meet one of the following criteria:
 - (A) successful completion of training consistent with that described in Part I or Part III of the American Dental Association (ADA) Guidelines for Teaching the Comprehensive Control of Pain and Anxiety in Dentistry, and have documented administration of minimal conscious sedation in a minimum of five cases;
 - (B) successful completion of an ADA accredited post-doctoral training program which affords comprehensive training necessary to administer and manage minimal conscious sedation;
 - (C) successful completion of an 18-hour minimal conscious sedation course which must be approved by the Board based on whether it affords comprehensive training necessary to administer and manage minimal conscious sedation;
 - (D) successful completion of an ADA accredited postgraduate program in pediatric dentistry; or
 - (E) is a North Carolina licensed dentist in good standing who has been using minimal conscious sedation in a competent manner for at least one year immediately preceding October 1, 2007 and his or her office facility has passed an on-site inspection by a Board evaluator as required in Paragraph (d) of this Rule. Competency shall be determined by presentation of successful administration of minimal conscious sedation in a minimum of five clinical cases.
 - (2) All applicants for a minimal sedation permit must document successful completion of a Basic Life Saving (BLS) course within the 12 months prior to the date of application.

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