



1 **Dr. Ranier Adarve and Gingival displacement and soft tissue management**

2 Dr. Adarve submitted his course outline for dental assistants and hygienists and explained  
3 his course. It would be approximately four hours long and divided into two parts: lecture  
4 (1-1.5 hours) and hands-on (2 hours). Goals were listed in order to help students to  
5 define the techniques of gingival displacement in different clinical contexts. A hand-out  
6 was provided to the community participants describing the course.

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8 Dr. Karl Self commented that dental therapists already use materials for gingival  
9 displacement for restorative procedures. The Committee agreed that dental therapists are  
10 already providing this treatment.

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12 Community participants were reminded that this duty is not allowed by Allied staff at this  
13 time. Ms. Jeanne Anderson was interested in knowing the website location of the  
14 proposed rules.

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16 In discussing the specific requirements for gingival displacement from other states, Ms.  
17 Youngdahl stated that the information available was very limited.

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19 **MOTION:** The Committee moves to approve both courses regarding gingival  
20 displacement as presented by the U of M and MEDA.

21 Motion: Neal Benjamin

Seconded: Nancy Kearn

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23 Further discussion: Ms. Kearn asked about this duty being taught in hygiene schools.  
24 Ms. Anderson stated that the course does not need to be in the curriculum. Mr. Shragg  
25 shared his concern that an issue exists and should be brought to CODA's attention if  
26 adopted rules are not being taught in the educational facilities. Dr. Benjamin also  
27 expressed his concern regarding the authorizing this new duty for hygienists and not  
28 knowing how the information will be communicated. Ms. Anderson added that there are  
29 several items that are not taught in the hygiene curriculum; e.g. orthodontic duties.

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31 The course will be added to the basic curriculum for dental assistants. Hygienists?

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33 Ms. Anderson confirmed that Restorative Function duties are part of the regular  
34 curriculum for hygienists at the University of Minnesota. Ms. Youngdahl requested that  
35 this situation regarding gingival displacement be brought to the hygiene educators for  
36 their discussion. Ms. Anderson stated that she would bring the topic forward to the  
37 educators meeting this spring but could not confirm if the duty would be taught.  
38 Comments were made regarding the placement of antibiotics and cord placement by  
39 hygienists already. Ms. Anderson added that hygienists have subgingival expertise.

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41 The question was asked if "train the trainer" was possible prior to approval in the rule.  
42 Mr. Shragg seemed to think this would be possible. There would be no way for the  
43 trainers to get actual clinical experience.

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45 Vote: Unanimous

Result: Carried

1 **Dental Therapists be allowed to participate in the Allied Sedation Courses**

2 The question arose as to the length of time to accept the dAANCE certification. AAOMS  
3 requires a recertification of the dAANCE every 5 years.

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5 Ms. Bonnell volunteered to contact AAOMS regarding this 5-year time limit and confirm  
6 the need to retest.

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8 Mr. Shragg felt that having therapists involved in this treatment seemed logical, but felt  
9 that re-opening this statute would not be advantageous at this time. Scope of practice for  
10 dental therapists cannot be expanded within rule.

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12 Dr. Self commented that the Board should have statutory authority to be able to create  
13 rules for dental therapists. However, Mr. Shragg stated that the Board does not have  
14 statutory authority regarding the scope of practice concerns for dental therapists.

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16 Dr. Self added that the initial issue was allowing dental therapists the ability to participate  
17 in sedation procedures; however, the Allied Dental Education Committee does not have  
18 the authority to add duties to the therapists' scope of practice. He added that a  
19 mechanism should be formulated to start the process.

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21 **ACTION ITEM:** Mr. Shragg will contact the AGO for discussion of Rule 150A.04,  
22 sub. 5. Does this give the Board authority to write /change rules regarding the dental  
23 therapist's scope of practice? Mr. Shragg will report back to the Committee.

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25 *"Subd. 5. Rules. The board may promulgate rules as are necessary to carry out and*  
26 *make effective the provisions and purposes of sections 150A.01 to 150A.12, in*  
27 *accordance with chapter 14. The rules may specify training and education necessary for*  
28 *administering general anesthesia and intravenous conscious sedation."*

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30 **PROMETRIC Concerns**

31 The Dental Assistant Education Committee will be meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2014  
32 at 7 p.m. in conjunction with the Star of the North meeting. Topics for discussion will  
33 include the concerns with PROMETRIC and the issues surrounding the duplication of the  
34 radiology exam. The suggestion was made to poll MEDA members regarding the DANB  
35 examination for radiology and the state of Minnesota's radiology examination.

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37 **Review of expanded functions**

38 The Committee agreed to split the Allied expanded duties written in rule looking for  
39 overlap, duplication or questionable items. Ms. Youngdahl will review duties for  
40 licensed dental assistants; Ms. Kern will study the hygiene duties; and Dr. Benjamin will  
41 review any sedation rules as they apply to both licensed dental assistants and dental  
42 hygienists and compare them to the sedation rules.

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44 Dr. Self commented that dental therapy was noted on tonight's agenda but was not  
45 mentioned. Ms. Kern stated that is the difference between rule and statute.

