

SPRING NEWSLETTER
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MARCH HEALTH OBSERVANCES

National Nutrition Month

Every March, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics sponsors [National Nutrition Month](#) to help people make informed food choices and develop positive eating habits. This year's theme is "Fuel for the Future." Eating with sustainability in mind is a tasty way to nourish ourselves during every phase of life and protect the environment.



Dental Assistants Recognition Week

The American Dental Assistants Association has designated March 5 - March 11, 2023 as Dental Assistants Recognition Week. It is a time to recognize the important contribution that Dental Assistants make to overall patient satisfaction and care. In Minnesota, we have over 7,415 licensed dental assistants! The ADAA has created [a toolkit](#) for clinics to use for ideas on how to honor Dental Assistants this week.



Patient Safety Awareness Week



March 12 - March 18, 2023 is patient safety awareness week. The Institute for Healthcare Improvement seeks to advance important discussions locally and globally, and inspire action to improve the safety of the health care system — for patients and the workforce. [Click here](#) to access more information on patient safety.



WHAT'S NEW AT THE BOARD



Trina Courtright, Board Member Hygienist/ Advanced Dental Therapist

My background in dentistry started over 27 years ago. Over the years I have achieved my educational success one milestone at a time.

I am a licensed dental hygienist, and dental therapist. I have been fortunate enough to have a few different roles in my career in dentistry thus far. I have been intrigued with furthering my learning with an emphasis on providing care to the most underserved individuals in our state. My passion is helping others to receive optimal oral and systemic health care.

In my spare time I enjoy traveling with family, gardening, and spending time with my two grandkids. I love fishing and enjoying our beautiful state of Minnesota. I look forward to this incredible opportunity to serve on the Board of Dentistry.

Degrees
AAS Dental Hygiene
Herzing University, 2004

Bachelors Healthcare Management
Herzing University, 2010

MS, Advanced Dental Therapy
Metropolitan State University, 2014

Investigator Supervisor

Joyce Nelson, LDA

Ms. Nelson has worked for the Minnesota Board of Dentistry since June 2000, and has served as Director of Licensing since 2009. Prior to working at the Board of Dentistry, she was actively engaged in clinical practice as a licensed dental assistant, as well as an instructor of dental assisting for several years.

As of March 15, 2023 Ms. Nelson will be taking a new position at the Board of Dentistry, as Investigator Supervisor. She is looking forward to serving in this new role and upholding the board's mission of promoting and protecting public health and safety.



DDH Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact

Have you heard of the dentist and dental hygienist license compact?

The Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact is a legally binding agreement among states that provides a pathway through which dentists and dental hygienists can obtain compact privileges which authorize practice in states where they are not licensed. A state must enact the compact model legislation via a state's legislative process to join.

The Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact is a mutual recognition model compact similar in form and function to professional licensure compacts for nurses, physical therapists and psychologists. Dentists and dental hygienists who are licensed in one compact member state can practice in another participating state by obtaining a compact privilege.

A compact privilege is the legal authorization for a dentist or dental hygienist to practice in a remote state where they are not licensed. A dentist or dental hygienist must hold an active and unencumbered license in a compact participating state and meet additional eligibility criteria to be eligible for a compact privilege. A dentist or dental hygienist applies for a compact privilege and may begin legally working in the new state when eligibility is verified, jurisprudence requirements are met and all fees are paid.

The Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact is the result of a partnership between The Council of State Governments, the American Dental Association and American Dental Hygienist Association, and Department of Defense.

Visit the [Council on State Government](#) website for other FAQ on the compact.

TO NOTE: The compact has not been enacted by any state legislatures yet at this time, as the model language was just released in January 2023. The language may be introduced in a bill in the state legislature this legislative session.



Introducing Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Project Firstline (PFL)



What is Project Firstline?

CDC's Project Firstline (PFL) is a collaborative of diverse healthcare and public health partners that aim to provide engaging and effective infection prevention and control training to frontline healthcare workers, staff and members of the public health workforce. Its innovative content is designed so that—regardless of role, previous training, or educational background— staff can understand and confidently apply the infection control principles and protocols necessary to protect themselves, their facility, their family, and their community from infectious disease threats, such as COVID-19.

The PFL Team

- Caramae S., BS, Project Firstline Team Lead and Planner Intermediate with Infection Control Assessment and Response Team (ICAR)
- Pamela P., RN, ND, PFL Planner Intermediate
- Amanda K., RN, MSN, PHN, PFL Nurse Specialist
- Britt B., MPH Epidemiologist with Infection Control Assessment and Response Team (ICAR)
- Callie F., PFL Health Educator
- Katie H. Communications Specialist, Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Prevention and Control Division (IDEPC)

Trainings

Live and recorded trainings are 30 minutes or less!
Designed to benefit those that interact with patients, residents, and clients and/or their environment. New sessions available on Recognizing Risk, How Germs Spread, Body and Healthcare Environment Reservoirs.
Additional training topics include COVID-19, basic infection prevention and control principles, science of viruses, and multidose vials.



MORE INFORMATION

[Project Firstline Website](#)

[PFL Email](#)

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Tasks Take a Turn!

Fidgeting Felix gets an IV

Activity: What's Wrong with This Picture?

Emergency Room

Nurses Station

Outpatient Exam Room

Thank You For Your Service



PICTURED: BOARD MEMBER CONNIE BYE
WITH BOARD PRESIDENT, DR. HASSAN
ISMAIL

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Board Members for their service and dedication to the people of Minnesota:

- Connie Bye
- Dr. Terry Klampe
- Dr. Ranier Adarve

REMINDER: COVID VACCINE FOR DENTISTS

A person licensed to practice dentistry under sections [150A.01](#) to [150A.14](#) shall be deemed to be practicing dentistry while participating in the administration of an influenza or COVID-19 vaccine.

The authority under this section to administer COVID-19 vaccines expired on June 1, 2022.

Dentists can continue to administer influenza vaccines.

WALL LICENSE



As of January 2020, licensees are only required to display their certificate card in practice. The wall license is no longer required, and it will not be sent out to new licensees either. If you wish to order a wall license anyway, please be advised that the new style does not look like the older version. It is now 8.5 inches by 11 inches, printed on a gray paper. You may [email us](#) to request the wall license order form.

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