



JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Our mission is to promote and protect public health and safety; and ensure that every licensed dental professional practicing in the state meets the requirements for safe, competent and ethical practice.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ANGELA RAKE, DDS



When I stepped into this role two years ago, I could have never imagined the challenge of facing the COVID-19 pandemic. I think we all hoped that by this time we would be returning to a sense of normalcy. Instead, we are now facing another wave and watching our numbers reach record highs.

I want to thank all the dentists, dental assistants, dental hygienists, and dental therapists for doing what you do for your patients, the public, and each other. I fully realize the dedication to the profession and recognize these last couple years have been challenging.

From the Board staff, I have witnessed exceptional dedication to our licensees, and an ongoing commitment to the public by working toward our mission to promote and protect public health and safety in dentistry. I want to provide my deepest gratitude and thanks. I want to thank Bridgett Anderson, Board Executive Director, for her service and friendship as I now move into the role of immediate past president.

I extend a heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Hassan Ismail, our new Minnesota Board of Dentistry president. I am confident he will provide excellent leadership, and I am looking forward to continuing to work with the Board. The experience of maneuvering through this pandemic as a health care provider has made me believe in the strength we have together, which I saw demonstrated many times in the last two years. Finally, my husband, daughter, and friends: I could not have fulfilled my obligations without all of you.

Sincerely,
Angie Rake, DDS

Reminders

Professional Development

- The CPR/ACLS/PALS requirement has been extended until July 31, 2022
- There will be no new self-assessment again in 2022

Firm Renewal

Professional firm renewals were due January 1st, 2022. If you need to register with the Board, contact our Licensing Analyst at amy.johnson@state.mn.us

2022 New Officers

President - Hassan Ismail, DDS

Vice President - Heidi Donnelly, LDA

Secretary - Ruth Dahl, Public Member

Immediate Past President - Angela Rake, DDS

Open Position

We would like to thank our Dental Hygienist Member, Priscilla Flynn, for her service to the Board. Interested applicants can learn more about the open Hygienist Board Member position by [clicking here](#).



CDC UPDATES QUARANTINE GUIDELINES



The Center for Disease Control has shortened the recommended time for isolation for the public. People with COVID-19 should isolate for 5 days and if they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours), follow that by 5 days of wearing a mask when around others to minimize the risk of infecting people they encounter.



Additionally, the CDC updated the recommended quarantine period for anyone in the general public who is exposed to COVID-19. (This recommendation does not apply to the dental profession and other healthcare workers. HCW's need to follow specific healthcare guidelines.)

For more COVID resources, [visit our website](#)



RULEMAKING UPDATE



The Board is moving along in the rulemaking process and expect that the rules could be published within the next few months provided that the Administrative Law Judge approves the final rules. The Board will notify all licensees by email once the new rules are adopted. One of the most anticipated changes is to the radiology registration for dental assistants.

This will provide a pathway for assistants to take coursework and an examination to be able to take dental radiographs on patients. We have had a lot of interest from individuals seeking this registration and we will share this new process with licensees and stakeholder groups as well as soon as we can begin this process, after the new rules are published. The new rule changes also align and remove barriers for all licensure by credential candidates seeking to become licensed in Minnesota.

CORRECTIVE Actions



To view disciplinary orders, [click here](#)

| Profession | Violation(s) | Remedies |
|--------------------|---|--|
| Dentist (07/12/21) | Substandard Recordkeeping | Endodontic and recordkeeping course, Course Reports |
| Dentist (08/02/21) | Inadequate safety and sanitary/other | Submit copy of sedation log, sedation course, obtain monitor |
| Dentist (08/09/21) | Unprofessional conduct, improper prescribing/dispensing/storage | Jurisprudence exam, pharmacology/prescribing and Recordkeeping Course, Submit reports |
| Dentist (08/10/21) | Substandard Recordkeeping | Recordkeeping course, monitor and recordkeeping inspection |
| Dentist (08/23/21) | Inadequate Infection Control | Hire IC Consultant, IC Course, Infection Control Inspection |
| Dentist (08/24/21) | Unprofessional Conduct | Social Media and HIPAA Course, EBAS Exam, Course Reports |
| Dentist (08/26/21) | Substandard Endodontics | Endodontic and Recordkeeping coursework, Monitor for endodontic work, participate in a professional standard case conference, recordkeeping inspection |
| Dentist (10/05/21) | Substandard Operative | Composite course, report |
| Dentist (11/16/21) | Substandard Recordkeeping | Recordkeeping course, report |
| Dentist 12/14/21) | Auxiliary Misuse | Jurisprudence Exam |
| Dentist (12/21/21) | Substandard Recordkeeping | Periodontics course and report, Radiographic Report, recordkeeping inspection |

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