

First, I would like to thank Dr. Angela Rake for serving as the Board President of the Minnesota Board of Dentistry through the most difficult time we have had in decades. I feel lucky to have her as a mentor during these last two years of our career. It has been a pleasure serving with the Board and I am honored to have recently been reappointed for another term. As COVID restrictions have been lifted, we need to continue focusing on other areas that need attention, such as the shortage of health care professionals. One of the issues that I will continue to address is the shortage of allied dental professionals in the State of Minnesota.

One of our newly revised rules allows individuals to obtain a limited radiology registration so they have the ability to perform dental x-rays for patients, alongside the rest of the dental team. The University of Minnesota announced they have a new radiology course to fulfill the educational requirement for the radiology registration. There are several courses being offered throughout the year. The Board will also evaluate other courses for acceptance in the near future. Graduates of this program will be able to take the DANB Radiation Health and Safety examination and apply for the radiology registration through the Board. I think this new entry level position will increase access to care for patients and also increase interest in dental assisting as a profession.

During my presidency and the next four years on the Board, I would also like to find solutions to make Minnesota a more attractive destination for qualified dental professionals. If you hold a license in the United States, I believe that the licensure process should be simplified. I support removing barriers, bureaucracies, and any redundancy in the licensure process. We are also currently represented by our Executive Director on the national dental license compact group, and we look forward to further exploring this in the future.

On a personal note, soccer is my favorite sport and I enjoy playing on my spare time. The reason that I enjoy it so much is because it centers on teamwork. Dentistry is a team sport as well. As a team player, I would like to invite: dental school educators, the MDA, the MDH and MEDA, to collaborate with us to improve oral health and access to care, by promoting dentistry as a career choice for young Minnesotans."

Sincerely,

Dr. Ismail, Board President

President's Message

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Spring Observations



National Nutrition Month

Most people are familiar with the negative impact sugar has for your dental health, but do you know which foods are beneficial to maintaining your smile? Click the links below for more information on the significant roles that diet and nutrition play in dentistry, as well as educational resources:

[Healthy Nutrition for Healthy Teeth](#)

[Diet And My Teeth](#)

[The Truth About Sugary Drinks](#)

International Women's Day

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. Did you know that women make up approximately 80% of the licensed dental professionals in the state of Minnesota? Access resources and learn about the historical women who paved the way:

[American Association of Women Dentists](#)

[Conversations with leading women in dentistry series: global representation matters](#)

[Pioneering women in dentistry pave the way for excellence in the profession](#)



The First Female:

Geraldine Morrow, president of the American Dental Association

Jeanne Sinkford, dean of dental school program

Ida Gray, African American dentist

Leonie von Meusebach-Zesch, paid U.S. army dentist

(pictured clockwise)

New Rules: Highlights

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To read the new rule language
in its entirety, [click here](#)

Terms and Renewal of License or Registration

- Grace period for license renewal now 30 days after expiration date
- Emeritus Active and Emeritus Inactive options reflected
- Resident Dental Hygienist and Resident Dental Therapist renewal process and fees

Licensure by Credentials

- Process created for dental therapists and advanced dental therapists
- Clinical licensure examination and practice history eligibility defined as from "a United States jurisdiction or Canadian province"
- Application process streamlined by removing board interview, records submission and physical exam requirements

Conduct Unbecoming A Licensee

- Includes inappropriate sexual remarks or advances toward a patient or colleague
- Billing patients for unnecessary services or services not rendered or inaccurately documenting services
- Added failing to communicate an accurate treatment plan and financial information

Professional Development

- Self-assessment requirement removed
- Fundamental Courses to now include HIPAA
- Reference to core subjects removed
- CPR will no longer count toward fundamental coursework (Note: still a licensure requirement)
- 7 day extension for extenuating circumstances

Limited Radiology Registration

- The Limited License Permit section was repealed, and replaced with a similar Limited Radiology Registration license
- Application, registration and reinstatement requirements identified

Specialty Dentistry

- Dental Anesthesiology, Oral Medicine, and Orofacial Pain recognized

Compensation For Patient Referral

- This section does not prohibit a dentist from providing a gift to a patient, or providing a credit for dental services to a patient



Every hour, 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year, someone dies of oral or oropharyngeal cancer (cancer of the mouth and upper throat).



April is Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Month

In 2022, close to 54,000 Americans will be diagnosed with oral or oropharyngeal cancer. It causes over 9,750 deaths, which translates to one person per hour, 24-hours per day dying from oral cancer. Of those newly diagnosed individuals, only slightly more than half will be alive in five years. This is a number that has not significantly improved in decades. Dentists and dental hygienists play in a critical role in the early diagnosis of oral cancer!



The Head and Neck Cancer Foundation is dedicated to improving the early diagnosis rates and lives of patients with oral and head and neck cancer.

April is Head and Neck Cancer Awareness month and to celebrate we are organizing a run/walk in Minneapolis on May 22nd. We would be honored to have all our dental colleagues join us to help make a difference!

The Head and Neck Cancer Foundation is excited to announce our first annual Head and Neck Cancer Awareness walk/run around Lake Bda Mka Ska iMinneapolis. Your support will go toward promoting early diagnosis, minimizing barriers to care, and improving research in the fight against Head & Neck Cancer. Sign up, donate, or share our link! Together we can make a difference and aid in the fight against head and neck cancer. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on May 22nd!

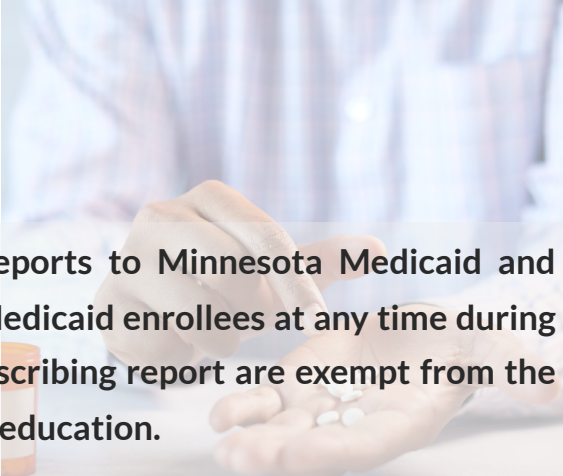
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Guest Contributor



[Click here to register for the 1st Annual Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Walk/Run](#)

2021 DHS

Opioid Prescribing Reports




In late April, DHS will issue more than 15,000 opioid prescribing reports to Minnesota Medicaid and MinnesotaCare providers. Providers who prescribed an outpatient to Medicaid enrollees at any time during 2021 will receive a report. All providers who receive a 2021- DHS prescribing report are exempt from the new [legislation](#) requiring providers to complete two hours of continuing education.


The DHS opioid prescribing reports are notable because they identify roughly 350 health care providers whose opioid prescribing rates exceed certain quality thresholds. These providers may be required to participate in a quality improvement (QI) project with DHS. The cover letters accompanying the prescribing reports offer providers specific instructions on how to proceed. A sample of the report is available [online](#).


Questions and feedback regarding the reports and quality improvement program can be submitted [here](#).

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