



Common Pitfalls V. 3

Thank you to all the licensees who responded to the previous Common Pitfalls quiz. Whether you completed the quiz or not (it's now closed to responses), you can view the correct answers to each question by visiting the Board's website where these Google Forms will be saved under resources.

It's our intention to periodically create and distribute the Common Pitfalls quizzes and our hope is that you find them enjoyable and rewarding. While they aren't meant to create acrimony, we understand that some of the "correct answers" will not be received favorably. Please rest assured that all questions, in each Common Pitfalls, have been thoroughly reviewed for accuracy prior to distribution. The main goal of the quizzes is to keep you engaged in Board business and what the Board sees often in an effort to prevent you from the common pitfalls the Board's licensees fall into.

Your answers are completely anonymous, but we guarantee you will learn something (some questions have feedback that will be educational, if not unbelievable). You will even have a chance at the end to provide a question that may be used for future correspondence.

✓ 1. How many hygienists can a Dentist supervise at one time? *

- A. Three
- B. Seven
- C. Eight
- D. As many as able

Feedback

Pursuant to A.A.C. R4-11-603 "A dentist shall not supervise more than three dental hygienists at a time."

✓ 2. How many Dental Assistants can a Dentist supervise at one time? *

- A. Five
- B. Three
- C. Eight
- D. There is no limit

Feedback

There are no statutory limitations on how many Dental Assistants can be supervised at one time.

✓ 3. Can a Dental Assistant perform examinations, oral health assessments and hygiene procedures? * 1

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Only under the general supervision of a Dentist
- D. Only under the direct supervision of a Hygienists

Feedback

Pursuant to ARS § 32-1207(A)(1)(c) Only a licensed dentist, a dental therapist either under the direct supervision of a dentist or pursuant to a written collaborative practice agreement or a dental hygienist in consultation with a dentist may perform examinations, oral health assessments and treatment sequencing for dental hygiene procedures.

- ✓ 4. Dentists can administer Botox and/or dermal fillers for patients, including cosmetic purposes and for treatments which are not in conjunction with supportive therapy in a dental treatment plan.

True

False

Feedback

Senate Bill 1074 adds "administering Botox and dermal fillers to the face and mouth for therapeutic OR cosmetic purposes to dentists scope of practice". Senate Bill 1074 was signed by the Governor on March 18, 2022 and will become law later this calendar year. Stay tuned for information on the effective date.

- ✓ 5. How long is a Dentist required to keep patient records for patients 18 years of age or older? (Tricky)

A. Six years after the last date the adult patient received services

B. Three years after the child's 18th birthday or six years after the last date of service

C. Seven years after the last date the adult patient received services

D. Both A & B

E. None are correct. Other laws prevail.

Feedback

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1264(E) Unless otherwise required by law, a person who is licensed or certified pursuant to this chapter or a business entity that is registered pursuant to this chapter must retain the original or a copy of a patient's dental records as follows:

1. If the patient is an adult, for at least six years after the last date the adult patient received dental services from that provider.

2. If the patient is a child, for at least three years after the child's eighteenth birthday or for at least six years after the last date the child received dental services from the provider, whichever occurs later.

- ✓ 6. If a complainant changes their mind, after filing a complaint with the Board, and wishes to withdraw their complaint, then the case would automatically be closed and no further action would be taken by the Board. *

True

False

Feedback

Complainants are NOT parties to complaints. Only the Board and the licensee are the parties of complaints. Complainants are only considered witnesses, and therefore, complaints must be adjudicated by the Board. Complaints are not driven by agreements made between the complainant and licensee.

- ✓ 7. Licensed dental professionals are required to report adverse occurrences during the administration of or recovery from local anesthesia or nitrous oxide analgesia. *

True

False

Feedback

Pursuant to A.A.C. R4-11-1305 "If a death, or incident requiring emergency medical response, occurs in a dental office or dental clinic during the administration of or recovery from general anesthesia, deep sedation, moderate sedation, or minimal sedation, the permit holder and the treating dentist involved shall submit a complete report of the incident to the Board within 10 days after the occurrence".

✓ 8. Is there a scam targeting dental professionals? (More to provide awareness than anything else)

Yes

No

Feedback

Recently there has been a rash of regulatory imposters. These imposters may make threats and demands. They may tell you that your license has been suspended and you need to remedy the situation immediately and demand payment of some sort. However, no regulatory agent, whether it be DEA/Board Compliance or other law enforcement personal would ever call and ask you for personal information. Never give your personal information (social security number, account numbers, DEA number, NPI number, etc.) to someone you do not know, especially over the phone.

9. I would like to see the following question and answer, if known, in the next Common Pitfalls quiz.