

CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 19, 2020

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting by video conference on November 19, 2020.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Katz, DMD, Chairman
Sarita Arteaga, DMD
Monica Cipes, DMD
Deborah Dodenhoff, RN
Mark Longobardi, DMD
Steven Reiss, DDS
Anatoliy Ravin, DDS
Barbara Ulrich
Robert Zager

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Katz called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

I. FACT FINDING

Declaratory Ruling Proceeding– Sleep Apnea

The Commission conducted fact-finding in the matter of a petition for declaratory ruling filed by the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine regarding the treatment of sleep apnea with oral appliance therapy

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zager, that it is within a dentist's scope of practice to dispense unattended cardiorespiratory portable monitors (hereinafter "portable monitors") when ordered by physicians for patients at risk for sleep apnea and the test results are provided to a physician for interpretation and diagnosis. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Dodenhoff who was opposed.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Longobardi, that it is not within a dentist's scope of practice to order portable monitors for patients identified by the dentist as being at risk for sleep apnea and the test results are provided to a physician for interpretation and diagnosis. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zager that it within a dentist's scope of practice to use a portable monitor, provide the dentist is appropriately trained, to help determine the optimal effective position of a patient's oral appliance. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Dodenhoff and Dr. Reiss who were opposed.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dodenhoff, that if a dentist is not appropriately trained and does not use a portable monitor to determine the optimal effective position of a patient's oral appliance, is it not within a dentist's scope of practice to order a portable monitor to verify the effectiveness of the oral appliance and the test results are provided to a physician for interpretation and a determination of therapeutic effectiveness. The motion passed

II. OLD BUSINESS

Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE)

Non-patient based clinical licensure examinations

Dr. Katz made a motion to table deciding on the use of this examination for one year to allow for feedback on its use in other jurisdictions.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Digital Impressions

The Commission discussed the taking of digital impression by dental hygienist and dental assistants.

Dr. Katz mad a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, that the Commission issue a declaratory ruling regarding the following :

May licensed dental hygienists in the State of Connecticut take digital impressions of the teeth for the purpose of fabricating crowns, bridges and implants or for orthodontic treatments under General Statutes § 20-126?

May licensed dentists in the State of Connecticut delegate to dental assistants and expanded function dental assistants the taking of digital impressions of the teeth for the purpose of fabricating crowns, bridges or implants or for orthodontic treatments under General Statutes § 20-112a?

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Longobardi, to issue the declaratory ruling, without further proceedings, at a meeting to be scheduled for January 14, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. ADJOURN

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. on motion by Mr. Zager

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Katz, DMD
Connecticut State Dental Commission