

**AGENDA**  
**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION**

Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 1:00 PM  
Department of Public Health  
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford Connecticut

**CALL TO ORDER**

**I. MINUTES**

December 16, 2020

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. License Reinstatement Application – Donald Weeks, DMD  
*Presentd by Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, DPH*
  
- B. Update - Commission on Dental Competency Assessments  
*David Perkins, DMD*
  
- C. Declaratory Ruling - Digital Dental Impressions

**ADJOURN**

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*The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.*

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
December 16, 2020**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting by video conference on December 16, 2020.

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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

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COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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Dr. Katz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**I. MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 16, 2020 and November 19, 2020 meetings were reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Zager.

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

Proposed Memorandum of Decision - Michael Greene, DDS – Petition No. 2017-1126

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present for this matter. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Dr. Greene was not present and not represented. The Commission reviewed a Proposed Memorandum of Decision as well as a Department of Public Health request to modify the decision.

Mr. Zager made a motion seconded by, Dr. Katz to modify the proposed Memorandum of Decision by including that respondent is prohibited from performing root canal procedures until he successfully completes a minimum of six hours of a hands-on in person course in endodontic therapy, and a minimum of six hours of in-person or on-line coursework in informed consent; patient records, treatment planning, standard of care and digital/radiological imaging. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. MEETING DATES FOR 2021**

The following meeting dates were scheduled for 2021: All meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m.

January 14, 2021

April 28, 2021

June 16, 2021

September 8, 2021

December 8, 2021

All meetings will be held by video conference until the COVID-19 pandemic has ended.

**IV. ADJOURN**

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Katz, DMD  
Connecticut State Dental Commission

TO: Connecticut State Dental Commission

FROM: Steve Carragher  
Public Health Services Manager  
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section

RE: **Donald Weeks, DMD – CT License Number 005497, Reinstatement of a Lapsed License**

Pursuant to the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the Department shall refer applicants for reinstatement to the Commission and seek its recommendation regarding the suitability of the applicant for reinstatement.

Please accept this as a summary of the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Weeks' reinstatement application.

1. Applicant graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1975.
2. Applicant was issued Connecticut dental license on November 18, 1978. Applicant held a license in New York that expired in 1980. There is no history of any disciplinary action taken against that license.
3. Applicant's last date of periodontics practice was in 2018. Attached are two emails from applicant summarizing his practice history.
4. Applicant signed a consent order (attached) with CT DPH on 12/13/2014 the terms of which included a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 and he agreed to not prescribe controlled medications to himself, family members or friends.
5. There is a current petition open in the Department's practitioner investigations unit.
6. Applicant has accepted a teaching position at University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, Periodontology Department. The position is contingent on him holding a current Connecticut dentist license.
7. Applicant is in compliance with continuing education requirements for reinstatement.

The Department is seeking the Board's recommendation solely regarding the lapse in active clinical practice as a dentist and any additional requirements the Commission would recommend regarding refresher training or continuing education.

Applicant's disciplinary history will be reviewed further by the Department and a determination will be made by the Department whether to reinstate the license pursuant to the terms of a reinstatement consent order that could require a period of probation and include random urine screens, support group attendance or therapy.



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Monday, October 26, 2020

**Dr. Donald Weeks**

American Dental Association verifies that **Dr. Donald Weeks** participated in the ADA continuing education course:

**Safe and Responsible Prescribing of Opioid Analgesics**. This course constitutes **2.00** CE credit contact hour(s). This course was completed on **Monday, Oct 26, 2020**.

Sincerely:

David Nielson, DDS  
Chair, CDEL Committee on Continuing Education  
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Sunday, October 25, 2020

**Dr. Donald Weeks**

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**Bare Essentials to Inflammation.** This course constitutes **1.00** CE credit contact hour(s). This course was completed on **Sunday, Oct 25, 2020.**

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Nielson DDS".

David Nielson, DDS  
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**donald b. weeks dmd**

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**Infection Control in Dental Practices**

**2020-10-19 15:46:15 UTC**

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**Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office**

**2020-10-17 17:09:54 UTC**

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**Applications of Cone Beam CT (CBCT) in Clinical Dentistry**

**2020-10-22 20:03:06 UTC**

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Tuesday, October 27, 2020

**Dr. Donald Weeks**

American Dental Association verifies that **Dr. Donald Weeks** participated in the ADA continuing education course:

**Recognition and Management of Pemphigus Vulgaris for the Dental Provider.** This course constitutes **1.50** CE credit contact hour(s). This course was completed on **Tuesday, Oct 27, 2020.**

Sincerely:

David Nielson, DDS  
Chair, CDEL Committee on Continuing Education  
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**Mitigating Exposure in Dental Medicine**

**2020-10-21 19:57:12 UTC**

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Friday, October 23, 2020

**Dr. Donald Weeks**

American Dental Association verifies that **Dr. Donald Weeks** participated in the ADA continuing education course:

**Do Your Patients Have the Guts to Enjoy Oral Health?**. This course constitutes **1.00** CE credit contact hour(s). This course was completed on **Friday, Oct 23, 2020**.

Sincerely:



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## American Academy of Periodontology

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Donald B. Weeks, DMD  
1728 Aspen Glen Dr  
Hamden, CT 06518-5356

This form certifies the aforementioned person is verifying their participation in the following electronically mediated and self-instructional course(s), delivered online, during the 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting as presented by the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) on November 6 – 15, 2020.

Session Code & Title: ELC20-EV13: A Practical Perspective of the New Classification of Periodontitis  
Day/Date/Time: On Demand  
California CE Code: 1.25-2443-20067  
Presenter(s): Gustavo Avila-Ortiz  
Format: Audio/Visual, On-Demand  
CE Credit hours earned: 1.25

***The American Academy of Periodontology designates this activity for 1.25 continuing education credits.***

Session Code & Title: ELC20-GS1: To Save or to Extract: From My 30+ Years' Experience (Point and Counterpoint Debate)  
Day/Date/Time: On Demand  
California CE Code: 1.25-2443-20088  
Presenter(s): Stephano Parma Benfenati  
Paul S. Rosen  
Dennis P. Tarnow  
Format: Audio/Visual, On-Demand  
CE Credit hours earned: 1.25

***The American Academy of Periodontology designates this activity for 1.25 continuing education credits.***

The courses listed above meet the Dental Board of California's requirements for the number of units of continuing education as designated for each course.

**Total On Demand CE Hours: 2.50**

By verifying your attendance, the AAP confirms the individual designated above has met all the requirements of said course(s) for awarding applicable continuing education (CE) credit. If the course is approved by the California Board of Dental Examiners, the course number is also stated. Completion of this course does not constitute authorization for the attendee to perform any services that he or she is not legally authorized to perform based on his or her license or permit type. *The AAP cautions participants for this CE activity about the potential risks of using limited knowledge when incorporating new techniques and procedures in their practice.*

**This record will not automatically be submitted to any state board. It is your responsibility to submit earned course contact hours to the appropriate regulatory agency.**

Continuing education credits issued for participation in the CE activities may not apply towards license renewal in all jurisdictions. It is the responsibility of each participant to verify the CE requirements of his/her licensing or regulatory agency. Attendees should retain a copy of this document for their records. The formal continuing education programs of

this program provider are accepted by AGD for Fellowship/Mastership credit. The current term of acceptance extends from 11/1/2019 through 6/30/24. Provider ID# 214684.

Mark your calendar and be sure to join the Academy for its 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Miami Beach, Fla., Nov. 4 – 7, 2021!



Cecilia Merino  
Director, Continuing Education



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**All of the information contained on this certificate is truthful and accurate.**

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**By signing below, I verify my attendance and participation in this CE activity:**

*Signature:*

*Date:*

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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
BUREAU OF HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS**

In re: Donald Weeks, D.M.D.

Petition No. 2003-1217-002-085

**CONSENT ORDER**

WHEREAS, Donald Weeks of Madison (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 005497 to practice dentistry by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 379 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that:

1. At all relevant times respondent was self-employed as a dentist.
2. From about January 2002 through about November 2003 respondent ordered Vicoprofen, Vicodin and/or Hydrocodone for personal use.
3. During the same time frame respondent did not maintain adequate records regarding administration of controlled substances.
4. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-114(a), including, but not limited to §20-114(a)(10).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations of wrongdoing but, while admitting no guilt or wrongdoing, agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Connecticut Dental Commission (hereinafter "the Commission"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and



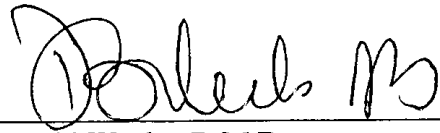
ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14 and 20-114(a) of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17 and 20-114(a) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent's license number 005497 to practice as a dentist in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check, and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
4. Respondent agrees not to prescribe controlled medications to himself, family members or friends.
5. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to his licensure.
6. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
7. Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification of the Bureau of Healthcare Systems of the Department.
8. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Commission.

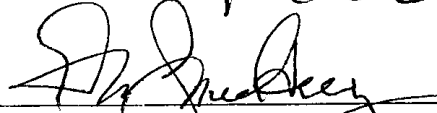
9. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall be deemed a public document, and the Department's allegations as contained in this Consent Order shall be deemed true in any subsequent proceeding before the Commission in which his compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-114(a) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands this document is a reportable event to the National Practitioner Data Bank.
10. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
11. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
12. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Bureau of Healthcare Systems to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Commission. Respondent understands that the Commission has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
13. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
14. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the Bureau Chief of the Division of Criminal Justice's Statewide Prosecution Bureau.

I, Donald Weeks, have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.



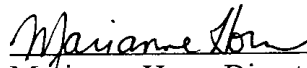
Donald Weeks, D.M.D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31<sup>st</sup> day of September 2004.



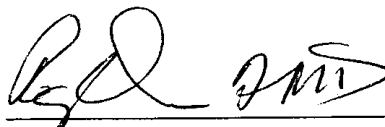
Notary Public or person authorized by law to administer an oath or affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004, it is hereby accepted.



Marianne Horn, Director  
Division of Health Systems Regulation  
Bureau of Healthcare Systems

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Dental Commission on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2004, it is hereby ordered and accepted.



Connecticut Dental Commission



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### Verification Searches

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#### License Information \*

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11/06/2020

**Name :** WEEKS DONALD B

**Address :** GUILFORD CT

**Profession :** DENTISTRY

**License No:** 032014

**Date of Licensure :** 02/10/1976

**Additional Qualification :**

**Status :** NOT REGISTERED

**Registered through last day of :**

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**From:** [don.weeks](#)  
**To:** [DPH.DentalTeam](#)  
**Subject:** License reinstatement.  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 11:01:19 AM

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EXTERNAL EMAIL: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

To whom it may concern.

I practiced periodontics from 1978 until 2018 in New Haven, Guilford and Madison.

I retired following 3 surgical procedures, a hip replacement, cervical spine surgery and lumbar spine surgery.

I was an active member of the CSDA, AAP and CSP until my medical issues arose.

I served as president of the CSP for two terms.

ONLY missed two national AAP MEETINGS while in practice.

I presented several continuing education lectures in New York, and Connecticut.

I was a part time clinical instructor at UCONN and volunteered as a consultant and instructor at the dental clinic at the West Haven VA Hospital.

I have had articles published

In the Compendium of Continuing Education in Dentistry, JADA, Italian Dental Journal, New York State Dental Journal, and CSDA journal.

My health has improved and I have been offered a teaching position at UCONN School of Dental Medicine.

This is the reason for seeking reinstatement of my CT dental license.

If You have any questions please contact me.

Thank you

Donald B Weeks DMD

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## McGee, Pamela

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**From:** don weeks <dbweeksdmd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 10, 2020 7:01 PM  
**To:** DPH.DentalTeam  
**Subject:** Reinstatement of license.

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I have not held a New York dental license since approximately 1980. I first began practicing periodontics in CT. IN 1978. At that time, I continued practicing in NYC, one day per week. By 1980 I dropped the position in New York and practiced full time in CT.

From that time there was no reason for me to renew my NY state license.

As I stated in a prior email, in 1978 I joined the practice of Dr. Avrum Goldstein in New Haven.

From 1983 until my retirement in 2018, I was in my solo practice in Guilford and Madison.

I rented space in Guilford for approximately 10 years, i then bought an office Condo at 149 Durham Rd , suite 32, Madison, 06443. I remained at this location until retirement.

I was an accomplished and highly regarded periodontist. My retirement followed three consecutive years of surgeries; a hip replacement, cervical spine fusions and lumbar laminectomies.

I have not practiced since late 2017 and retired in 2018.

Because of my reputation, I have been invited to teach part time in the Periodontal department at UCONN SDM.

This is the reason why I wish to reinstate my CT dental license.

If the dental team would like to speak with me I can be reached at 203 214 6716.

If you would like to see reprints of some of my publications, I can provide them.

Donald B Weeks DMD



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**DENTAL COMPETENCY**  
ASSESSMENTS

**Enhanced Testing  
Methodologies for  
Greater Validity and  
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# Determining what is tested



Determine licensure requirements for each jurisdiction

Through its member State Board representatives, ADEX develops examinations necessary to demonstrate competency.



# The OSCE is not a replacement for a clinical examination



- ▲ In Canada, the NDEB works directly with each of the Canadian dental schools to establish and enforce clinical standards
- ▲ As result, by graduation, the NDEB has already evaluated the candidate's clinical abilities and students only need to take a written and the OSCE exam for licensure
- ▲ Candidates from outside of Canada need to have their dental programs evaluated to see if they meet Canadian educational standards and if not, these candidates need to take and pass additional exams in fundamental knowledge, clinical judgement and a clinical skills examination on a manikin

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- ▲ Two day clinical exam, Assessment of Clinical Skills Examination (typodont)
  - Class II amalgam prep and restoration
  - Class III resin prep and restoration
  - Class II resin restoration on a pre-prepared tooth
  - A full metal crown prep, a PFM crown prep
  - A provisional crown for the PFM crown prep
  - Endo access on a molar tooth and placement of a rubber dam
  
- ▲ Once these exams are passed, the candidate must then take the standard written and OSCE exams required for Canadian graduates.
  
- ▲ It is clear that the Canadian OSCE is not considered a replacement for evaluation of all clinical skills but as an adjunct.

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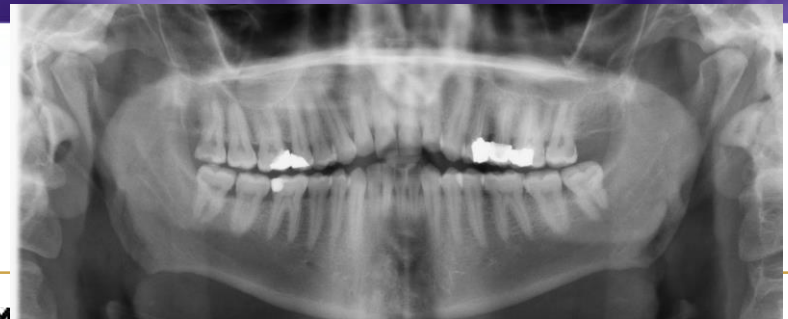
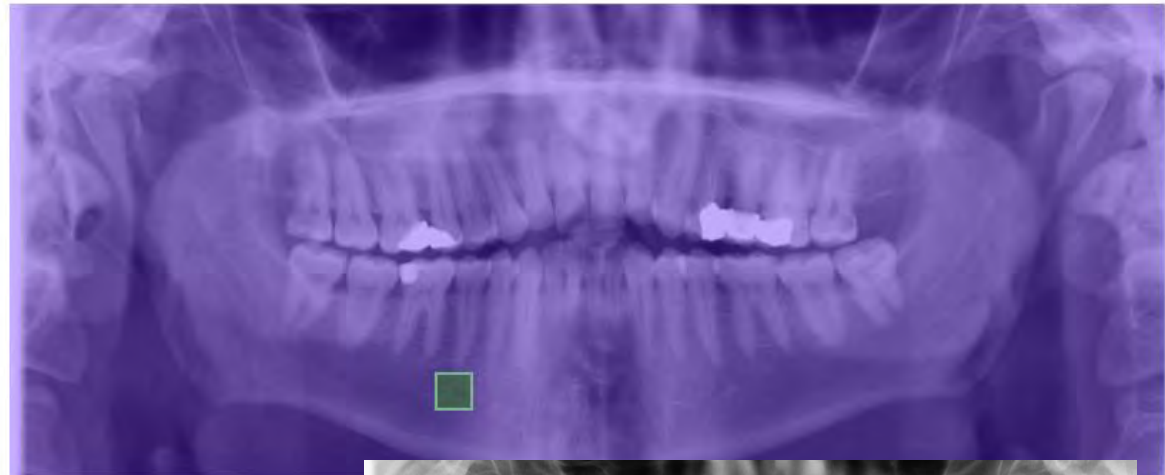
# Item Examples



A **Hotspot** question requires the candidate to select within the correct area of an image. The “correct” area is hidden from the candidate on the back end and can be either a polygon or rectangle.

Multiple areas can be highlighted as “correct” but if one area is selected the question is complete.

Use your cursor to pinpoint the right mental foramen.



# Item Examples



**Drag and Drop** questions require candidates to drag answer options into the relevant drop zones.

Scoring can be “all or nothing” or marked for each item sorted correctly.

With respect to the vertical periapical radiograph shown, select which conditions are and are not present.



Options

- Horizontal bone loss
- Distinct crestal dura
- Furcation involvement
- Vertical bone loss
- Widened PDL space
- Calculus on the mesial surface #14
- Calculus on the mesial surface #19
- Circumferential bony defect
- Close root proximity
- Periapical radiolucency
- Indistinct crestal dura
- No bone loss

Present

Not Present



# Item Examples



**A Multiple Response question** is similar to a Multiple Choice question, but more than one answer option will be correct and candidates will be asked to respond by selecting all of the correct options.

This is a real construct as more than one condition is evident on a radiograph in this example.

Scoring can be zero, plus or minus points per response selected, penalizing guess work and rewarding demonstration of diagnostic skill.

Which of the following are evident on any area of the radiograph? (Select all correct options)



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Horizontal bone loss

Vertical bone loss

Circumferential bony defect

No bone loss

Widened PDL space

Furcation involvement

Distinct crestal lamina dura

Close root proximity

Calculus on the mesial surface of tooth #14

# Item Examples



The **Extended Match** question type allows item authors to create questions where candidates are required to respond by making correct links between two lists of options.

There are a number of linking options available within this question type.

A 25-year-old college student presents with a history of spontaneous pain. She currently is asymptomatic and you are unable to reproduce her symptoms. She thinks the pain is originating in the maxillary right quadrant. Electric pulp testing and cold tests are normal in all quadrants. Tooth #4 is percussion positive but the radiographic appearance of all teeth is normal. The most likely diagnosis for tooth #4 is:

necrotic

irreversible pulpitis

normal pulp

symptomatic apical periodontitis

asymptomatic apical periodontitis

normal periapex

Set Candidate Selections:

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# Item Examples



The **Fill in the Blank** question type requires candidates to fill in blank spaces in a passage of text.

Multiple blanks can be made, allowing for a variety of usages and scoring options.

Blanks can be for words or numerical values demonstrating a range

**Add your text and blank fields**

To replace text with a blank field, select the text and select the **Create Blank** button.

The current recommendation by the Centers of Disease Control is to test an autoclave weekly for the presence of spores.

**Create Blank**

**Correct Answer(s)**

weekly + Add Alternative

Require answer(s) to be case-sensitive

Only award mark if candidate answers all blanks correctly

Read the following text and fill in the missing word, making the statement accurate.

The current recommendation by the Centers of Disease Control is to test an autoclave \_\_ for the presence of spores.

# Item Examples



The **Fill in the Blank** question type requires candidates to fill in blank spaces in a passage of text.

(demonstrating use as a range with independent answers)



# Psychomotor Performance

“The independent dental practitioner must comprehend the import of the variable biological conditions involved and also must possess the skill to perform the requisite intra-oral hand-work.” (Introduction, p.11)

“...but even if he knew all about dentistry and yet were unable to do effectually it's essential tasks, the award to him of a license, the board's certificate of professional proficiency and acceptability as a practitioner, would be indefensible.” (Enforcement of the dental practice acts, p. 67)

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dentistry desires such a conversion or would be content with it. If the dental schools were discontinued and dentistry taught only to medical students, the growing general demand for dental practitioners could not be met by the best medical schools unless they doubled the size of their student bodies and completely reorganized their work. Owing to the need for exceptional digital facility in the manifold intra-oral procedures of dental practice, and for esthetic felicity in their execution, the extensive technical training and the clinical instruction and practice peculiar to dentistry cannot be superimposed upon a conventional medical curriculum, leading to the degree of M.D., without making the period of dental training prohibitive in length for most prospective general practitioners. Besides, the medical curriculum is altogether too rigid, and the views of medical state boards and of medical teachers too unyielding, to permit substitution of training in the essential mechanical and esthetic aspects of dentistry for anything now contained in the required parts of the undergraduate medical curriculum, although the inclusion of oral subjects among the prospective elective courses to be open to candidates for the M.D. degree would facilitate special instruction in dentistry under the auspices of medicine. Unlike the practice of some specialties of medicine, such as that relating to disorders of the eye by diagnostic and directive medical specialists in ophthalmology (oculists), supplemented by modern optometrists as specialists in refraction and by opticians, the direct practice of health service applied to the teeth could not be divided properly among analogous stomatologists (dentists) and dental technicians. Such a distribution is unattainable because dentistry, in all of its terminal manifestations, must be practised in the mouth of the patient. The independent dental practitioner must comprehend the import of the variable biological conditions involved and also must possess the skill to perform the requisite intra-oral hand-work.

In support of these deductions it may be said that the details in an ophthalmologist's or an optometrist's prescription for a pair of glasses can be obtained and transmitted with exceptional precision. On such a prescription, glasses can be made by machinery, by an optician, with relatively perfect accuracy, under standard and stable conditions, and the glasses can be fitted by an optometrist (or optician) by very simple superficial adjustments that may have considerable range of mechanical

# Patient Issues



Unethical behavior by candidates in patient-based examinations

PC-CIF format minimizes the issues

A more significant issue in a traditional examination

Candidates can game the system with a minimal lesion

Requiring larger lesions introduces subjectivity and variability into the exam to the point there may be different exams

Potential harm to patients by candidates

# Caries Simulation



- ▲ The goal is an equivalent *or superior* clinical simulation
  - ▲ e.g. ACLS
- ▲ Current manufactured teeth have significant deficiencies and are not a alternative to patient care
- ▲ Deficiencies:
  - ▲ Caries that are discreet with an abrupt obvious interface with the simulated dentin
  - ▲ Lack of tug-back
  - ▲ No variability
  - ▲ Is “manufactured” and thus does not model caries pathways and penetration in natural teeth
  - ▲ Does not demonstrate infected, affected and sclerotic dentin
  - ▲ The enamel is softer than real enamel
  - ▲ Restorations cannot be finished as if it were a real tooth with the same instrumentation

# Answering Deficiencies in Current Simulations



	Existing Simulations	The CDCA Tooth
Discrete caries, obvious dentin interface		
Tug back		
Variability		
Models natural pathways		
Demonstrates infected, sclerotic dentin		
Life-like enamel		
Restorable		
Meets all exam standards		

# The CompeDont Tooth



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# Initial Penetration

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# Caries



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# Caries Extension

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# Enamel Thickness

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# Remaining Caries

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# Sclerotic Dentin

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# Finished Prep

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# Restorations

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# Examination Advantages

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- ▲ Lesions require modifications so that the candidate's diagnosis of clinical caries and alteration in the planned treatment can be evaluated
- ▲ Candidate cannot choose or retain a lesion so small that it should not be treated or would need nothing beyond an acceptable prep (The majority of the patient lesions submitted)
- ▲ No patient recruitment or risk



# Examination Advantages

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- ▲ Uniform examination challenge- increased fairness
- ▲ Lesion is not self selected by the candidate- eliminates gaming
- ▲ Lesion treatment for the specific lesion cannot be discussed with dentists in advance as the x-ray and teeth would be given at the time of the examination
- ▲ Able to test the treatment KSJs that SMEs choose by determining the extent of the lesion and type of lesions and clinical issues.



# Critical Errors

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Unstained caries

Stained caries

Open contact

De-bonded restorations

Irregular contact

Over preparation

Wrong Tooth

Modification errors

▲ Not past DEJ

▲ Not caries





# Anterior Restoration: Why Candidates Failed – Modifications

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- ▲ Candidates who had one or more modifications granted had a higher pass rate. The highest pass rate was observed for those who had all their modifications granted.
- ▲ Candidates who had had no modifications (either requested & denied or not requested) had a lower pass rate.
- ▲ Therefore judgement is a critical factor is successfully challenging the exam.
- ▲ Judgement is not the only factor as candidates who had all modifications granted still were unsuccessful.
- ▲ Judgement does not predict hand psychomotor skills, and good psychomotor skills does not predict judgement



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## NOTICE OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

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### State of Connecticut Connecticut State Dental Commission

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#### Notice of Declaratory Ruling Proceeding

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The Connecticut State Dental Commission hereby gives notice of its intention to issue a declaratory ruling, without further proceedings, at its January 14, 2021 meeting regarding the following issue.

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 § 20-126l?

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 meeting will be held commencing at 1:00 p.m., by video conference utilizing Microsoft Teams. The link to the meeting can be obtained by emailing the Department of Public Health, Public Health Hearing Office at [phho.dph@ct.gov](mailto:phho.dph@ct.gov) 3-5 days prior to the meeting.

The Connecticut State Dental Commission has prepared this notice in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act (“UAPA”), Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-166 *et seq.*, and specifically Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-176.

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