



# E-Forum

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## Terry Friddle Announces Retirement

Terry Friddle has announced her retirement effective June 15, 2017 after a 36 year career with the NC State Board of Dental Examiners. Terry began her career with the Board on October 1, 1981 as an administrative assistant when the entire staff of the Dental Board consisted of Terry and one other person. Back then NC had 2611 licensed dentists and approximately 2188 registered dental hygienists. The office investigated 25 complaints the first year she worked. Through the years Terry has “done it all.” She has issued initial licenses, hand entered data for renewals, prepared and completed all administrative work for the dental and dental hygiene clinical exams, conducted investigations, registered PA’s and PLLC’s, and even practiced calligraphy so the licenses she issued would have the “right look.”

Terry now serves as Director of Investigations and Deputy Operations Officer where she supervises a staff of four and works closely with the Board’s legal counsel to investigate some 300 complaints per year. She says that one of the best things about her job has been getting to know dentists and dental hygienists throughout the state. Bobby White, Chief Operations Officer of the Dental Board said, “Her dedication, intellect, professionalism and incredible institutional memory will be missed by all who know her and by the citizens of North Carolina whom she always sought to serve.”

If you are attending the NC Dental Society Annual Meeting at Kingston Plantation, stop by for a reception for Terry scheduled from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Winchester Room on May 18, 2017.

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## Upcoming Board Meetings

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. and occur at the Board’s Office, 2000 Perimeter Park Dr., Suite 160, Morrisville, NC 27560. All meetings are open to the public. However, certain portions of the meetings may be closed when necessary and in compliance with North Carolina’s Open Meetings law.

May 17-18	Sea Trail Conv. Ctr. Brunswick Co., NC
June 16-17	Morrisville, NC Board Office
July 14-15	Morrisville, NC Board Office
August 11-12	Morrisville, NC Board Office
September 8-9	Morrisville, NC Board Office
October 13-14	Morrisville, NC Board Office
November 10-11	Morrisville, NC Board Office
December 8-9	Morrisville, NC Board Office

## Governor Appoints New Consumer Member

Governor Pat McCrory appointed Dominic Totman as the Consumer Member on the NC State Board of Dental Examiners. Mr. Totman is a graduate of North Carolina State University and Campbell University School of Law. He is the owner and founder of Totman Law Office, PLLC, and practices primarily business and corporate law helping owners and investors accomplish their goals through proactive legal planning. His wife Jillian is an attorney with McGuire Woods in Raleigh, NC and they are the proud parents of Ethan who will soon be six months old.

# Pending Rule Changes

## Sedation Rules

In 2016 the Rules Review Commission of the NC General Assembly approved new sedation rules as passed by the Board. However, before the rules went into effect, the RRC received ten objections which triggered further review by the General Assembly. After review, the General Assembly approved the passage of some, but not all, of the rules. Those not approved by the General Assembly were sent back to the Board for further review and assessment. The Board has now finished this second review, published the rules for comment, and will submit them to the RRC a second time in the month of April. To read the most recent version of the rules [click here](#).

Here is a general synopsis of the proposed rules:

Anxiolysis – the definition remains the same as in current rules and does not require a sedation permit.

Minimal Conscious Sedation – definition and permit requirements remain the same. No Changes.

Moderate Conscious Sedation Limited to Oral Routes – this permit type is eliminated. All dentists who plan to offer moderate sedation must receive and demonstrate appropriate training for IV Moderate Sedation. NOTE: Moderate IV Conscious Sedation permittees may continue to use oral routes for sedation. The IV requirement is in place so that permittees are always prepared to use IV drugs in emergency situations – especially as it applies to the emergency use of reversal drugs.

Moderate Sedation – only one moderate sedation permit is now offered. Oral and IV sedation may be administered though this permit but IV training is required.

Itinerant General Anesthesia Permit – a new category of permit that allows dentists with a general anesthesia permit, proper training and equipment to travel and offer anesthesia/sedation services in locations other than their home office.

General Anesthesia – remains virtually the same as under current rules.

Capnograph – not required if licensees use a precordial stethoscope. NOTE: Oral Surgeons who are subject to American Association Oral and Maxillofacial (AAOMS) requirements must use a capnograph per AAMOS guidelines.

## Intern Permit Rule

Requested change will allow any intern permittee in a dental residency program to be “on-call” under direction when the on-call duty is subject to the requirements of the Council on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Proposed new language is underlined:

### 21 NCAC 16Y .0104 DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION

(a) Holders of a valid intern permit who are currently licensed in Canada, a U.S. territory or state may practice under direction of one or more dentists with a current and valid North Carolina license. Holders of any valid intern permit who are required to be on-call, either in person or by electronic means, in a hospital or a dental school emergency on-call setting may practice under direction when such on-call service is subject to and is performed in accordance with the accrediting standard of the Council on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Such directing dentist shall be responsible for all consequences or results arising from the permit holder's practice of dentistry.

(b) Holders of a valid intern permit who are not currently licensed in Canada, a U.S. territory or state may work only under supervision of one or more dentists with a current and valid North Carolina license. Such supervising dentist shall be responsible for all consequences or results arising from the permit holder's practice of dentistry.

(c) For purposes of this Section, the acts of a permit holder are deemed to be under the direction of a licensed dentist when performed in a locale where a licensed dentist is not always required to be physically present during the performance of such acts and such acts are being performed pursuant to the dentist's order, control, and approval.

(d) For purposes of this Section, the acts of a permit holder are deemed to be under the supervision of a licensed dentist when performed in a locale where a licensed dentist is physically present during the performance of such acts and such acts are being performed pursuant to the dentist's order, control, and approval.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 90-28; 90-29.4;  
Eff. August 1, 2002;  
Amended Eff. July 1, 2015.

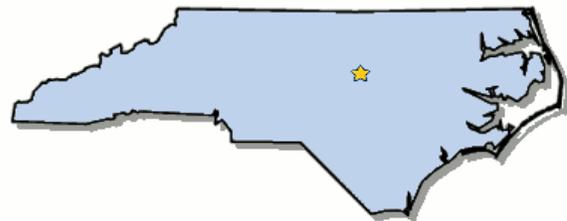
## License by Credentials: For Dentists, But not Hygienists, Some Restrictions Do Apply

North Carolina offers three pathways for dentists and dental hygienists to be licensed in this state, but one pathway comes with a significant restriction on where the dentist licensed by credentials may practice. The three pathways to licensure are by: examination, military endorsement, or credentials. In all three categories the dentist may maintain a valid license in another state, but when licensed by credentials the dentist must limit his or her practice of “wet fingered dentistry” only to North Carolina. This is a direct result of the statute passed by the NC General Assembly in 2002. The statute [NCGS 90-36(e)] states (emphasis added):

*(e) The holder of a license issued under this section shall establish a practice location and actively practice dentistry, as defined in G.S. 90-29(b)(1) through (b)(9), in North Carolina within one year from the date the license is issued. **The license issued under this section shall be void upon a finding by the Board that the licensee fails to limit the licensee's practice to North Carolina or that the licensee no longer actively practices dentistry in North Carolina.** However, when a dentist licensed under this section faces possible Board action to void the dentist's license for failure to limit the dentist's practice to North Carolina, if the dentist demonstrates to the Board that out-of-state practice actions were in connection with formal contract or employment arrangements for the dentist to provide needed clinical dental care to patients who are part of an identified ethnic or racial minority group living in a region of the other state with low access to dental care, the Board, in its discretion, may waive the in-State limitations on the out-of-state practice for a maximum of 12 months.*

Even though practice is limited to NC by this statute, the dentist licensed by credentials need not give up his or her license in another state. It is simply a matter that if they return to another state to practice without meeting the exception written into the statute, the NC license by credential becomes void upon such a finding by the Board. It is also worth noting that a dentist may continue to own, manage, supervise, or control a practice in another state since the statute defines active practice as G.S. 90-29(b)(1) – (b) (9) and does not include G.S. 90-29(b)(11) which deals with ownership and management of a dental practice.

The similar statute passed to govern licensure by credentials for dental hygienists [NCGS 90-224.1] does **not** have a similar provision limiting the licensee’s practice to North Carolina. Hygienists licensed by credentials may practice in North Carolina and other states without limitation.



### **\*\* FREE CE \*\***

This year the Board’s presentation at the annual meeting of the NC Dental Society will count as one hour of CE toward license renewal. The CE will focus on patient records and the impact of new statutes and rules on the practice of dentistry. The presentation will be offered from 5:30-6:30 p.m., on May 18, 2017, in the Winchester Room at the Embassy Suites, Kingston Plantation.

## Disciplinary Actions

Recent disciplinary actions are reported on the Board's website under the "Disciplinary Action" tab. Actions involving revoked or suspended licenses remain posted until the revocation or suspension is lifted. All past disciplinary action can be accessed by searching by name or license number under the "License Verification" tab.

[http://www.ncdentalboard.org/license\\_verification.htm](http://www.ncdentalboard.org/license_verification.htm)

### Update Our Address!

As of August, 2015 the Board's office address is:

**2000 Perimeter Park Dr., Suite 160  
Morrisville, NC 27560-8442**

Please cease sending any correspondence to the old address!!

### The Latest Numbers (as of April 1, 2017)

#### Dentists:

Licensed by NC	5,902
Licensed and Living in NC	5,276
Licensed and Active in NC	4,949

#### Registered Dental Hygienists

Licensed by NC	7,775
Licensed and Living in NC	6,817
Licensed and Active in NC	5,990

#### Sedation/General Anesthesia Permits

General Anesthesia	177
Moderate IV	221
Moderated Limited to Oral	93
Pediatric	96
Minimal	83

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**The purpose of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners is to ensure that the dental profession merit and receive the confidence of the public and that only qualified persons be permitted to practice dentistry and dental hygiene in the state of North Carolina.**

## Filing Period Now Open

Those interested in running for Board positions may do so by filing an appropriate petition with the Board. There is no standard petition form, but for dentists the petition must be signed by no less than 10 dentists who are licensed to practice in North Carolina and who are residing or practicing in this state. To be eligible to run for office, at the time of nomination and election a dentist must be licensed and actually engaged in the practice of dentistry in North Carolina. For hygienists the petition must be signed by no fewer than 10 hygienists licensed in NC who are residing or practicing in the state. The hygienist being nominated must be licensed in North Carolina and currently employed in dental hygiene. Petitions must be received in the Board's office no later than midnight May 20, 2017. Two dentist positions will be eligible for election this year. One dental hygiene position will be open. Since signatures are often difficult to read and the identity of those signing the petition must be verified, candidates should ask signatories to include their license number and print their names.

Currently, there are five dentists running for two open seats. The dentists are:

Dr. Michael Riccobene – Cary  
Dr. Catherine A. Watkins – Winston-Salem  
Dr. Stuart Williams – Asheville  
Dr. Raleigh Wright – Chapel Hill  
Dr. Merlin Young – Wendell

One dental hygienist has submitted a petition:

Nancy St. Onge, R.D.H. – Apex

## Current Board Members (as of August 1, 2016)

	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
William M. Litaker, DDS (President)	2019	Hickory, NC
Merlin W. Young, DDS (Sec./Treas.)*	2017	Wendell, NC
Clifford O. Feingold, DDS (Past. Pres.)	2018	Asheville, NC
Stanley L. Allen, DDS	2017	Greensboro, NC
Millard W. "Buddy" Wester, III, DDS*	2018	Henderson, NC
Kenneth M. Sadler, DDS*	2019	Winston Salem, NC
Carla J. Stack, RDH	2017	Charlotte, NC
Dominic Totman, Esq. (Consumer)*	2018	Raleigh, NC

*\*Eligible to run for a second term.*