

REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON DENTAL ANESTHESIOLOGY EDUCATION TO THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION

Committee Chair: Dr. Joseph Giovannitti. Committee Members: Ms. LaShun James, Dr. Gerard Kugel, and Dr. Mana Saraghi. Dr. Philip Yen was unable to attend. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association, attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education; Ms. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education; and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). The meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Anesthesiology Education (DentAnes RC) was held on January 10, 2024 via a virtual meeting.

Report on Dental Anesthesiology Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section (p. 1500):

The Review Committee on Dental Anesthesiology Education (DentAnes RC) noted that the Annual Survey Curriculum Section is reviewed during the Winter Review Committee meeting in the year the survey will be distributed; which will next occur in August/September 2024. The DentAnes RC considered its discipline-specific Annual Survey Curriculum Section (**Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 1500**).

At its Winter 2024 meeting, the DentAnes RC reviewed each question on the Annual Survey Curriculum Section and determined that the questions on the Curriculum Section for dental anesthesiology programs were appropriate in relation to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology. Therefore, the DentAnes RC recommended that the Curriculum Section for dental anesthesiology programs be retained with no changes.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct the Dental Anesthesiology Annual Survey Curriculum Section for dental anesthesiology programs (**Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 1500**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2024.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Improve Diversity in Dental and Dental Related Education Programs (p. 1501): On December 1, 2023, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) received a letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity (TNCDHE). The request is found in **Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 1501**. In its letter, TNCDHE provides short-term and long-term suggestions to CODA to improve diversity in all academic dental, allied dental, and advanced dental education programs.

At its Winter 2024 meeting, the Review Committee on Dental Anesthesiology Education (DentAnes RC) reviewed the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity noting the short-term and long-term suggestions provided. The DentAnes RC specifically discussed the suggestion regarding site visit team diversity. While the DentAnes RC commended the intentions of the TNCDHE and the importance of diverse site visit team, it also noted the current challenges to identifying qualified site visitors. The DentAnes RC also

discussed the long-term suggestions related to possible Standards revision and noted the Dental Anesthesiology Standards include a Standard addressing written admissions criteria and procedures. The DentAnes RC discussed the difficulty in developing Standards related to diversity when the dental anesthesiology applicant pool is so small.

Following discussion, the Committee believed it would be prudent to coordinate further study and possible revisions to the Dental Anesthesiology Accreditation Standards with other advanced dental education disciplines since some of the Standards are common across all advanced disciplines. This would ensure a holistic review of Standards across all disciplines and ensure consistency in revisions, if warranted. Therefore, the DentAnes RC recommended establishing an Ad Hoc Committee of all advanced dental education Commissioners to further study the Accreditation Standards as they relate to diversity.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of all advanced dental education Commissioners to study the Accreditation Standards for possible revision related to the letter from The National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATING TO MORE THAN ONE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Matters related to more than one review committee are included in a separate report.

COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION IN THE AREA OF DENTAL ANESTHESIOLOGY EDUCATION

The Review Committee on Dental Anesthesiology Education considered site visitor appointments for 2024-2025. The Committee's recommendations on the appointments of individuals are included in a separate report.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO ACCREDITATION STATUS

Matters related to accreditation status of programs are included in a separate report.

Respectfully submitted,

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