

Commission on Dental Accreditation  
Unofficial Report of Major Actions  
August 5, 2011

1. The Commission reviewed accreditation reports and took 301 accreditation actions on dental, advanced dental and allied dental education programs. Initial accreditation was granted to one new predoctoral dental education program, one new general practice residency program, one new advanced education in general dentistry program, one new advanced general dentistry education in dental anesthesiology program, three new dental assisting education programs, eight new dental hygiene education programs, two new advanced specialty education programs in dental public health, one new advanced specialty education program in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, one new oral and maxillofacial surgery fellowship, and one new craniofacial and special care orthopedics fellowship. Accreditation was granted to two existing, but previously unaccredited advanced education in general dentistry in orofacial pain programs and four existing, but previously unaccredited dental assisting education programs. One general practice residency program, one dental assisting education program, and one dental hygiene education program received a formal warning that accreditation will be withdrawn in February 2012 unless the requested information, demonstrating compliance with the accreditation standards, is submitted prior to that time. The Commission discontinued the accreditation of one advanced education in general dentistry program and three dental assisting education programs, at the request of their respective sponsoring institutions.
2. The Commission adopted revisions to the following Accreditation Standards:
  - The addition of an intent statement to the Postdoctoral General Dentistry Standard on continuous basic life support (BLS) recognition to include advanced cardiac life support (e.g., ACLS, PALS) as an acceptable substitute for BLS since BLS is a component of the advanced courses.
  - The addition of a standard to the Postdoctoral General Dentistry Accreditation Standards requiring that individuals enrolled in postdoctoral general dentistry education programs must be dentists, with an implementation date of July 1, 2012.
  - The deletion of the intent statements for Advanced Specialty Education in Endodontics Accreditation Standards 2-4 and 2-4.1.
  - The addition of a standard to the Advanced Specialty Education in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Accreditation Standards on monitoring board certification of students/residents with an implementation date of July 1, 2012.
3. The Commission concurred with the Task Force on Joint Commission Equivalency that sponsoring institution accreditation by an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services is equivalent to accreditation by The Joint Commission. The Commission directed that the revision to the appropriate accreditation standards related to sponsoring institution accreditation in all advanced dental education disciplines be circulated to the communities of interest for review and comment until

December 1, 2011, including open hearings to be held at the 2011 annual meeting of the American Dental Association, the 2011 American Dental Education Association Advanced Education Summit, and the 2011 annual meeting of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. In addition, sponsoring organizations for the advanced education disciplines will be formally informed that the revision is out for public comment. The Commission will consider all comments received at its Winter 2012 meeting.

4. The Commission chair will appoint a Task Force comprised of representatives from the Postdoctoral General Dentistry Review Committee and the dental anesthesia community to review proposed revisions to the accreditation standards for advanced general dentistry programs in dental anesthesiology. The proposed revisions include an expansion in the length of the educational programs in dental anesthesiology from two years to three years.
5. The Commission discontinued the process of accreditation for two-year, predoctoral dental education certificate programs for international dental school graduates, with immediate implementation. Currently, there are no certificate programs operating in the United States and Canada.
6. The Commission will communicate its opposition to the Dental Assisting National Board's (DANB) proposed pilot study which would permit graduates of non-accredited, DANB-approved dental assisting programs to become eligible to take DANB's certification exam. In particular, the Commission maintains that DANB does not have the authority, nor does it have the expertise, to evaluate the quality of dental assisting educational programs.
7. The Commission adopted the following new policies:
  - Policy on Resident Duty Hours Restrictions-this policy was adopted in response to newly implemented Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) guidelines for restrictions on resident duty hours and resident supervision requirements in a hospital setting.
  - Policy on Customized Survey Data Requests-this policy was adopted in response to requests for data collected in the annual surveys of accredited dental education programs from agencies and individuals outside the ADA.
8. The Commission granted the request from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry to begin the process of developing accreditation standards for dental therapy education programs. The Commission chair will appoint a Task Force to develop standards, with a progress report to the Commission at the Summer 2012 meeting.
9. The Commission will request financial resources from the ADA House of Delegates to hire outside facilitation to assist the Commission in developing a strategic plan, as outlined in the ADA Task Force on CODA Recommendation #28.
10. The Commission took eight actions on communication and technology issues, including establishing a "CODA Question and Answer Room" at the 2012 ADEA Annual Session, with the goal of providing an opportunity for program administrators and faculty to meet

CODA staff and Commissioners to provide one-on-one time for questions and discussion. In addition, the Commission directed further study of a system for continuous monitoring of programs during the interval between scheduled site visits.

11. The Commission approved nominees to fill vacancies for discipline specific positions and non-discipline specific positions on its review committees beginning October 2011.
12. The Commission elected Dr. Steven Tonelli as chair of the Commission and Dr. Kent Knoernschild as vice-chair of the Commission for 2011-2012.
13. The Commission acknowledged the following Commissioners whose terms will expire in October 2011: Dr. Paul Casamassimo; Dr. Ryan Dulde; Dr. W. Stan Hardesty; Dr. Donald Joondeph; Dr. Mel Kantor; Dr. Karen Kershenstein; Dr. Laura Mueller-Joseph; Dr. Reuben Pelot III; and Dr. Karen West.

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