

Important Notice

Permit to Administer Moderate Sedation, Deep Sedation / General Anesthesia

The Board of Dentistry (“Board”) would like to remind all licensed dentists in Hawaii that in order to administer moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia, the dentist is required to apply for a written authorization or permit from the Board.

Prior to the issuance of a written authorization or permit, the Board is required to conduct an on-site inspection of the facility, equipment, and personnel to determine whether the facility and the staff have met all requirements.

All dentists applying for written authorization will need to complete the *Application For Permit To Administer Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia And Moderate Sedation* form and meet all requirements as found in §448-29 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

In addition, a dentist who is granted the written authorization or permit may employ or work in conjunction with a licensed MD anesthesiologist, dental anesthesiologist, or a licensed certified registered nurse anesthetist (“CRNA”). However, the physician or nurse anesthetist is required to remain on the premises of the dental facility until the patient is fully recovered and discharged from the facility.

At all times a dentist or the employed physician or nurse anesthetist administers moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia to a dental patient, the dentist is required to have a current written authorization or permit from the Board.

Please visit the Board’s website to download the statutes and rules and more detailed information on the administration of anesthesia and sedation.

Applications may be found on the Board’s website at <https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/dentist/>

REPORTING OF ADVERSE OCCURRENCES

Pursuant to §16-79-79, Hawaii Administrative Rules, all licensed dentists shall submit a report within a period of thirty (30) days to the board of any mortality or other incident which results in temporary or permanent physical or mental injury requiring hospitalization of a patient during or as a direct result of an anesthesia related procedure.

As dentists in our community, you are charged with using the highest ethics and level of professionalism to ensure the safety of the public as they entrust their dental health to you.