

# Frequently Asked Questions

- ❖ Dentists are allowed to use Botox and Dermal fillers in any area of the face to treat maxillofacial trauma, and for the treatment of diagnosed dental and orofacial problems/pain and conditions and for cosmetic purposes following proper continuing education and certification. Found in July 2010 minutes
- ❖ The Board does not accredit Continuing Education courses. This is done by the Academy of General Dentistry or American Dental Association, the Board will accept their accreditation for Continuing Education courses. The individuals taking and/or giving any Continuing Education courses are each responsible for insuring that the course meets the requirements of Alabama Dental Practice Act 270-X-4.04.
- ❖ The Alabama Dental Practice Act does not address the length of time that you must maintain patient records, however, retention of lab prescriptions is found in Code of Alabama (1975), §34-9-21 wherein it states the length of retention for lab prescriptions is 2 years. Considering forensic value and need for defending a patient complaint, also please check with your malpractice insurance carrier and/or ADA for more guidance with this issue.
- ❖ The Board is no longer reviewing individual advertisements. To insure that your advertisement complies with the Alabama Dental Practice Act please review 270-X-4.08
- ❖ For any address and/or phone number changes please submit your changes in writing and include your name and license number and indicate which address should be public and should have all correspondence from the Board mailed to.
- ❖ For any name changes please submit a copy of the legal document that changed your name along with your current listed name and license number. If you would like a new wall certificate reflecting the change of name please submit a check in the amount of \$25.00 and a new wall certificate will be mailed to you.
- ❖ The Board opines that it is outside the scope of practice for a dentist to order a sleep study or prescribe a CPAP as a result of interpreting a sleep study. After a positive

diagnosis of sleep apnea by a physician a dentist may prescribe an intra oral sleep disorder appliance. It is within the scope of practice for a dentist to fabricate an anti-snoring appliance. Found in July, 2011 minutes.