

**SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
POLICY**

**BOTOX AND OTHER INJECTABLES**

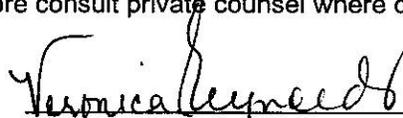
In accordance with Section 1-23-40 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, notice is hereby given that the State Board of Dentistry has adopted the following statement as guidance for dentists in the practice of dentistry under the South Carolina Dental Practice Act, Regulations and the Principles of Ethics as adopted by the Board.

Because treatments by injection involve the destruction of human tissue, and because the proper use of injection devices requires specialized training, this procedure may be performed by a dentist properly licensed in South Carolina subject to certain restrictions. The injection of Botox and other injectables should only be performed by a dentist licensed in South Carolina in accordance with the following criteria:

1. The informed consent of the patient must be obtained and documented and a record of treatment in accordance with the Dental Practice Act must be created.
2. A bona fide dentist-patient relationship must be established.
3. The procedure should be performed only in an appropriate clinical setting that ensures resuscitative capabilities and sterility.
4. The dentist must remain on-site and be immediately available for any problems that may occur. The dentist must perform and otherwise direct the course of the patient's treatment.
5. Procedures of this nature are limited to the perioral area.
6. The licensee must provide documentation acceptable to the Board as to the licensee's training, education, credentials and qualifications before undertaking to perform procedures of this nature.
7. Procedures of this nature must be for a dental purpose.
8. Procedures of this nature may be performed by a licensed general dentist
9. Procedures of this nature are defined as being limited to the injection of resorbable materials only.
10. Licensees performing procedures of this nature are subject to all provisions of the Dental Practice Act, Regulations and policies of the Board.

Protection of the public and the safety of the patient is the responsibility of the dentist. Patient protection is paramount. Although a dentist who conducts himself/herself in accordance with this policy may avoid disciplinary action by the Board of Dentistry, he or she may still face civil liability under some circumstances, and should therefore consult private counsel where doubt exists as to what actions are appropriate.

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