SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF DENTISTRY

POLICY / PROCEDURE
ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY
Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Sections 40-15-220 and 40-15-40

S.C. Code Ann. Section 40-15-220 empowers the Board to issue a specialty license for the practice of each special area of dentistry recognized by the American Dental Association. S.C. Code Ann. Section 40-15-40 authorizes the Board to adopt rules and regulations for the practice of dentistry. The Board has adopted the following policy with regard to the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery. This policy is provided as guidance for licensed dental specialists in the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery under the South Carolina Dental Practice Act and the Principles of Ethics as adopted by the Board. For purposes of discipline and licensure in matters before the Board, failure to practice in compliance with this statement may lead to discipline as a violation of the Dental Practice Act (Section 40-15-10, et seq.).

POLICY:

It is the Board's position that the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery in South Carolina shall be defined as follows:

"Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery" is the specialty area of the treatment of the oral cavity and maxillofacial area or adjacent or associated structures and their impact on the human body that includes the performance of the following areas of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, as described in the most recent version of the Parameters and Pathways: Clinical Practice Guidelines for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons:

1. Patient assessment;
2. Anesthesia in outpatient facilities;
3. Dentoalveolar surgery;
4. Oral and craniomaxillofacial implant surgery;
5. Surgical correction of maxillofacial skeletal deformities;
6. Cleft and craniofacial surgery;
7. Trauma surgery;
8. Temporomandibular joint surgery;
9. Diagnosis and management of pathologic conditions;
10. Reconstructive surgery including the harvesting of extra oral/distal tissues for grafting to the oral and maxillofacial region;
11. Cosmetic maxillofacial surgery.

The South Carolina Board of Dentistry has determined that the dental practice of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery includes the following procedures which the Board finds are included in the curricula of dental schools accredited by the American Dental

Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation, post-graduate training programs or continuing education courses:

1. Rhinoplasty;
2. Blepharoplasty;
3. Rytidectomy;
4. Submental liposuction;
5. Laser resurfacing;
6. Browlift, either open or endoscopic technique;
7. Platysmal muscle plication;
8. Otoplasty.

PROCEDURE

Any licensee who lacks the following qualifications and nevertheless performs the procedures and surgery identified above shall be subject to discipline by the Board under Section 40-15-190, including provisions regarding standards of care or unprofessional conduct:

1. Has successfully completed a residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery accredited by the American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA); or

2. Has successfully completed a clinical fellowship of at least one continuous year in duration in esthetic (cosmetic) surgery accredited by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons or by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation; or

3. Holds privileges issued by a credentialing committee of a hospital, facility, or office accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), or AAAHC, or State Dental Board to perform these procedures; or

4. If the oral and maxillofacial residency or cosmetic clinical fellowship was completed after July 1, 1996, and training in cosmetic surgery was a part of such residency or fellowship:

    a. Documentation of training received in the residency or in the clinical fellowship to substantiate adequate training to perform these procedures; or

    b. Documentation of having performed as primary or assistant surgeon at least 10 proctored cases in these procedures; or

5. If the oral and maxillofacial residency was completed prior to July 1, 1996, or if the oral and maxillofacial residency was completed after July 1,

1996 and training in cosmetic surgery was not a part of the applicant's residency:

a. Documentation of having completed didactic and clinically approved courses providing sufficient training in these procedures, offered by:

1) An advanced specialty education program in oral and maxillofacial surgery accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation;
2) A medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education or other official accrediting body recognized by the American Medical Association;
3) The American Dental Association (ADA) or one of its constituent and component societies or other ADA Continuing Education Recognized Programs (CERP) approved for continuing dental education; or
4) The American Medical Association approved for category 1, continuing medical education; or

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b. Documentation of either:

1) Holding current privileges to perform cosmetic surgical procedures within a hospital accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations; or
2) Having completed at least 10 cases as primary or secondary surgeon in these procedures of which at least five are proctored cases.

The Board, pursuant to its authority under Section 40-15-190, determines that performance of the surgery and procedures above, without the qualifications set out above shall be considered unprofessional conduct and subject to discipline by the Board as such.

Adopted by the South Carolina Board of Dentistry: June 18, 2004

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H. Rion Alvey, Administrator