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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Haley:

As President of the South Carolina Board of Dentistry, I am proud to support Governor Haley's Task Force on Domestic Violence. We appreciate the attention that the Governor's Office has brought to this important issue. Our Board received information regarding the Task Force's progress during our meetings in 2015, specifically discussing the educational resources available to our licensees. Our Board supports and encourages our licensees to become better educated about domestic violence. At the Dentistry Board, we are aware of the positive role our licensees can play both professionally and in the community. We strongly encourage our licensees to take part in continuing education that focuses on domestic violence.

Our Board will propose an information distribution in the coming months to all of our licensees detailing the continuing education available to them, as well as the resources available to our patients so that our licensees may refer affected patients to the appropriate services. Additionally, our Board will develop a Position Statement regarding domestic violence.

I look forward to continuing to assist the Domestic Violence Task Force as well as furthering the goal of reducing domestic violence in our state. Our Board will continue to contribute to that goal in any way we are able.

With kind regards,

Douglas J. Alterman, D.M.D.
President



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Available Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence CE Courses (Online)

PROVIDER	COURSE NAME	CREDIT HOURS	COST	APPROVED
Prime Inc.	Addressing the Maze of Domestic Violence in Child Abuse, Elder Abuse, and Intimate Partner Aggression	2.0	\$25.00	ACPE, ACCME, ADA, APA, ANCC
MyDentalCE	Domestic Violence & Identifying Abuse	2.00	\$24.00	ADA
Dentalcare.com (Procter & Gamble)	The Dental Team's Role in Identifying and Preventing Family Violence	3.0	\$0.00	ADA
	Intimate Partner Violence and Elder Maltreatment: Implications for the Dental Professional	1.0	\$0.00	ADA
Academy of Dental Learning and OSHA Training	Domestic Violence & Dental Professionals	2.0	\$29.00	ADA
ineedCE.com (PennWell)	Stop The Violence...Exploring Domestic Violence	3.0	\$59.00	ADA
Dimensions of Dental Hygiene	Addressing Intimate Partner Violence	2.0	\$22.00	ADA
	See the Signs	2.0	\$22.00	ADA

*The above table is a sample of continuing education courses addressing domestic violence/intimate partner violence available when drafted. This is not an exhaustive list of all courses that meet the below referenced criteria. South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation and the South Carolina Board of Dentistry do not have any affiliation with the CE providers.

39-5 Registration of Licenses or Certificates.

(1) All dentists shall complete a minimum of fourteen (14) continuing education hours per year or twenty-eight (28) continuing education hours over two (2) years; dental hygienists shall complete a minimum of seven (7) continuing education hours per year or fourteen (14) over two (2) years; dental technicians shall complete a minimum of four (4) continuing education hours per year or eight (8) continuing education hours over two (2) years, in order to be eligible for relicensure or reregistration. Upon licensure by examination of this State, dentists, dental hygienists and dental technicians shall be exempt from continuing education requirements for the first relicensure period.

(2) The continuing education hours must be courses related to the procedures approved for each licensee/registrant such as

- (a) medical and scientific subjects;
- (b) clinical and technical subjects;
- (c) risk management and infection control;
- (d) dental radiology;
- (e) CPR, diet and nutrition.



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- (3) All dentists and dental hygienists must have completed an approved CPR course within three (3) years of licensure or renewal. Thereafter, all dentists and dental hygienists must be recertified in CPR once every three years. Yearly recertification is not required, but can be used as continuing education hours any time.
- (4) Programs that meet the general requirement of Section 2. may be developed and/or endorsed by organizations and agencies such as:
 - (a) the American Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, American Dental Hygienists' Association, American Dental Assistants' Association, National Association of Dental Laboratories, or their local societies and associations;
 - (b) national, state, local, district dental specialty organizations recognized by the American Dental Association;
 - (c) dental colleges or schools accredited by the American Dental Association;
 - (d) other organizations, schools, and agencies approved by the State Board of Dentistry.