



Anesthesia Office Evaluation Workgroup

At the October 13, 2017 Board Meeting, the OBD established an ad hoc committee to be named the “Anesthesia Office Evaluation Workgroup” per ORS 679.280, to support on-site inspections at offices that provide anesthesia. This Workgroup will address anesthesia providers in accordance with OAR 818-026-0110. This important patient safety initiative was identified by the OBD in its 2017-2020 Strategic Plan, and further supported by the OBD’s Anesthesia Committee’s recommendation in 2014.

The Workgroup will create a plan of action to support on-site inspections by the Board/designee to determine if an anesthesia permit holder is practicing in an environment, which is adequately equipped, staffed, and maintained to support the safe provision of anesthesia.

The Anesthesia Office Evaluation Workgroup shall be comprised of two current OBD Board Members, with Dr. Julie Ann Smith and Dr. Hai Pham serving as Co-Chairs. The Workgroup shall also include up to eight additional members comprised of Oregon licensed dentists equitably representing dental specialties, who regularly sedate patients. A position shall also be reserved for an Oregon licensed dental hygienist who holds a nitrous oxide permit. All levels of permit holders shall be represented on this Workgroup if possible.

The Co-Chairs of this Workgroup shall consult with the OBD’s Executive Director in approving members for this Workgroup from a pool of qualified applicants, who express interest in serving on this Workgroup. The Workgroup shall not exceed ten members. All Workgroup members will be assigned voting rights on relevant work, and a simple majority of those present at a meeting may approve Workgroup actions.

Current OBD Board Members are always invited to attend OBD Committee/Workgroup meetings, whether they are assigned to that Committee/Workgroup or not. Only the Workgroup members will have voting rights on any matters they choose to vote on.

The OBD will solicit interest in the workgroup in the OBD Newsletter, through email blasts, on the OBD Website and with communications with the professional associations and presentations in the dental community.

Workgroup members shall be reimbursed for transportation costs to and from these meetings, limited to reimbursement for mileage as long as the Workgroup members complete the required reimbursement forms. It is possible that some of the work will be done through email and teleconferences.

Board members attending Workgroup meetings will be reimbursed as they normally are when they participate in Board business. All Workgroup meetings will be at the OBD’s office or conference room at 1500 SW. 1st Ave., Portland, Or 97201 and will be public meetings.

This Workgroup shall be charged with producing timely reports and updates on its actions to the Board as work proceeds. The Workgroup will submit its recommendations to the Board with specific details and implementation plans for on-site inspections at offices that provide anesthesia.

The Co-Chairs shall consult with the Executive Director regarding any facet of the Workgroup and the Co-Chairs shall retain the authority to unilaterally make any modifications they see fit, to facilitate the intended outcome of its actions and focus on patient safety.

The Workgroup's meetings will be public meetings and if its work ultimately leads to any rule changes, the OBD adheres to a transparent and public rulemaking process where all interested parties will have the opportunity to share their opinions on any proposed rule changes. The OBD encourages feedback from the dental community on oral health care issues important to you.

The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2018 @ 6:30 pm at the OBD Office. The OBD Website will have additional information including a link to an interest form if interested in serving on this Workgroup.

