

**Dental Implant Safety Workgroup  
September 28, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Underhill, D.M.D., Co – Chair  
Julie Ann Smith, D.D.S., M.D., M.C.R., Co – Chair  
Todd Beck, D.M.D., Board Member  
Paul Kleinstub, D.D.S., M.S., Dental Director/Chief Investigator  
Daniel Blickenstaff, D.D.S., M.S.c., Investigator  
James Katancik, D.D.S. – OHSU School of Dentistry designee  
S. Shane Samy, D.M.D. – ODA designee  
Cyrus B. Javadi, D.D.S. – Board Appointed  
Duy Anh Tran, D.M.D. – Board Appointed  
Russell A. Lieblich, D.M.D. – Board Appointed  
Donald Nimz, D.M.D. – Board Appointed

STAFF PRESENT: Stephen Prisby, Executive Director  
Teresa Haynes, Office Manager  
Haley Robinson, Investigator

ALSO PRESENT: Alton Harvey, Sr., Board Member; Lori Lindley, Sr. Assistant Attorney General

VISITORS PRESENT: Laurie M. Hesla, D.M.D., Ian A. Pham, D.M.D., James A. Miller, D.M.D., Duane T. Starr, D.M.D., Frank Stroud, D.D.S., Vaughn Tidwell, D.M.D.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Smith at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Smith welcomed everyone and had those present introduce themselves.

Dr. Smith reviewed the agenda and the initial attachments regarding discipline and case data. There was general discussion and OBD Investigator, Dr. Blickenstaff, shared the staff's experience with investigations. It was noted that both general practitioners and specialists were disciplined similarly, about 40% of dental implant cases ended up with discipline. The implant cases reviewed represented approximately 10% of all cases the Board reviewed.

Dr. Underhill presented information gathered from multiple sources including specialists, dental supply companies and dental laboratories. Common concerns that Dr. Underhill found in his research were the many different brands and types of implants available. It can be very difficult to find the correct parts to restore implants if the brand is not documented in the patient records. Dr. Underhill also stated that many of the implant courses being offered are through implant manufacturers themselves. He noted that this may result in the companies pushing their product, rather than focusing on educating the providers.

*Key Discussion Points*

- Proper treatment planning is critical to the success of dental implants.
- Whether restrictions or additional certifications should be put in place to ensure the safety of the public.

- Continuing education related to dental implants.
- The importance of the restorative component as well as proper implant placement and post-operative care.
- The investment and return on providing dental implants to patients in relation to patient care and cost effectiveness.
- Proper management and referral of treatment complications.

Audience members were encouraged to address the OBD

Dr. Vaughn Tidwell, Director of Implant Resource Center, discussed his program where he holds the membership to twelve doctors. The members must first learn and pass an examination understanding the science behind osseointegration, The members then spend the next six months learning to treatment plan. The members are not allowed to place a single implant without first coming to him and having his approval; after going over all the treatment plans, 30% of the cases are refused. This program makes sure the students are prepared to place implants.

Dr. James Miller voiced his support of the workgroup and felt that all practitioners who are placing implants need to think about what they are going to do and treatment plan from the beginning to end of treatment.

Dr. Smith asked for suggestions for the next Workgroup meeting. The topics suggested for the next meeting included: educational requirement for dental implants, what certification maintenance would be required to be able to continue to place implants, how the Board is going to document for the public information on who have completed required education, and also suggested protocols for those licensees who are placing implants.

Dr. Smith and Dr. Underhill directed workgroup members to generate possible solutions to address dental implant safety. Workgroup members were encouraged to send any information to Executive Director, Stephen Prisby. The Board will correspond with members of the workgroup via email to set a future meeting date.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.