

PATIENT HISTORY AND EXAMINATION BY LICENSED DENTISTS

DID YOU KNOW ... that a licensed dentist may perform a patient history and examination in a hospital under certain circumstances? Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, § 772 authorizes a licensed dentist to perform a patient history and examination in a hospital, provided:

- The dentist has completed a physical evaluation program or course curriculum in an accredited medical or dental school institution;
- The dentist is qualified as a board-eligible or board-certified oral or maxillofacial surgeon;
- The dentist's credentials have been approved by the hospital medical staff; and;
- The dentist has been approved by the hospital board to perform such procedures.

All patient histories and examinations must be directly related or incident to any dentistry or oral or maxillofacial surgery procedures.

If you need more information or have specific questions relative to the practice of dentistry, please contact the Louisiana Dental Association at 7833 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, 1-800-388-6642 or (225) 926-1986.

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