

Council on Dental Practice
Reference Committee

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- 1 The Council on Dental Practice met on September 10, 2025, by video conference and
2 on March 6, 2026, at NYSDA Headquarters. Minutes of these meetings are on file in the
3 NYSDA office and have been distributed to the Board of Trustees and to component
4 presidents, presidents-elect, component executive directors, and council chairs.
- 5 ADA Council on Dental Practice Report: Dr. Payam Goudarzi, ADA Second Trustee
6 Caucus Representative, provided reports on ADA Council meetings held in May and
7 December of 2025. Topics discussed at the meetings included workforce shortage
8 issues and the ADA's efforts to compile resources to assist dental practices; the
9 Workforce Ambassador program; dental team wellness; medical history form update;
10 and workforce and technology. Dr. Goudarzi reported that the ADA has chosen a firm to
11 review its governance structure and perform a forensic audit.
- 12 Anesthesia Regulations: The Council heard from Mr. Michael Herrmann, who discussed
13 NYSDA's role in developing an anesthesia task force to provide recommendations to
14 the State Education Department (SED) in its efforts to update the dental anesthesia
15 regulations. SED is in the process of reviewing NYSDA's recommendations and will
16 respond accordingly. The Council discussed the current regulations and some of the
17 difficulties providers experience, especially for dentists treating pediatric patients.
- 18 Review of Resolution 7H-2025, On-the-Job-Trained Dental Assistant: At its September
19 2025 meeting, the Council discussed Resolution 7H-2025. This resolution was originally
20 submitted to the NYSDA Board by the NYSDA Workforce Shortage Task Force in 2024.
21 The Board referred this proposal to the Council on Dental Practice (and Dental
22 Education and Licensure) for their recommendations. At the 2025 HOD meeting,
23 Resolution 7H-2025 was referred back solely to the Council on Dental Practice for
24 further consideration.
- 25 Without objection, the Council voted that it does not support Resolution 7H-2025 and
26 will discontinue any further research or consideration of the On-the-Job-Trained Dental
27 Assistant Tier. The Council noted that this initiative did not originate within its purview
28 and has already been referred on two occasions; accordingly, it will not move forward
29 with a resolution in support. As the proposal was initially advanced by the orthodontic
30 community, the Council believes it would be most appropriate for that community to take
31 the lead in developing a more workable resolution.

32 Dental Assistants: Recent communications received from dentists who are interested in
33 expanded functions for unregistered dental assistants, which would include coronal
34 polishing, were discussed. One dentist suggested implementing a program at SUNY
35 Broome Hygiene School.

36 Dr. Kim distributed several proposals she received from Dr. Ken Cooperman on behalf
37 of the New York State Society of Orthodontists (NYSSO). Dr. Cooperman asked for the
38 Council's opinion. The following proposals were submitted:

39 1. Expanded functions of registered dental assistants to perform orthodontic functions.

40 2. Easing the transition of foreign-trained dentists to become registered dental
41 assistants.

42 3. Recognizing a "licensed orthodontic assistant."

43 4. Utilizing on-the-job training in lieu of the chairside assisting section of the DANB.

44 The Council discussed the proposals and suggested that NYSSO develop actual
45 resolutions for each of the proposals. The Council had some concerns, but overall, was
46 supportive of proposals #1, 2 and 3. Dr. Kim will inform Dr. Cooperman.

47 Dentist and Dental Hygienist Licensure Compact: At the 2025 HOD meeting,
48 Resolutions 5H-2025 and 9H-2025 were referred to the councils on Dental Health
49 Planning and Hospital Dentistry; Dental Education and Licensure; and Dental Practice
50 to further evaluate the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Licensure Compact and develop
51 recommendations to be submitted to the 2026 HOD. As a result, a subcommittee was
52 formed consisting of members from each of these three councils.

53 Drs. Mina Kim, Michael Keating, Richard Herman and Sarah Khan are members on the
54 subcommittee representing the Council on Dental Practice. They reported on the
55 subcommittee's meeting held on January 19. The members discussed the Compact and
56 its pros and cons, particularly New York's PGY-1 requirement. Dr. Bochiechio moved
57 that the Council recommend that NYSDA support the Dentist and Dental Hygienist
58 Licensure Compact. The majority of members voted in favor of the motion. A related
59 resolution follows this report.

60 Task Force on Expedited Licensure and Foreign-Trained Dentists: At its 2025 House of
61 Delegates meeting, the NYSDA House adopted Resolution 8H-2025 directing a Task
62 Force be formed consisting of members of the councils on Dental Health Planning and
63 Hospital Dentistry; Dental Education and Licensure; and Dental Practice to evaluate the
64 intended direction of Resolution 15H-2024, Expedited Licensure and Foreign-Trained
65 Dentists.

66 Members of the Task Force from Dental Practice are Drs. Mina Kim, Robert Bochiechio
67 and Tricia Quartey-Sagaille. An update on recent Task Force meetings and its progress
68 towards developing recommendations was provided. Members discussed concerns
69 about the recruitment of foreign-trained dentists and the need for expedited pathways.

- 70 Nomination of Council Chair: Without objection, the Council voted to recommend Dr.
71 Mina Kim of the New York County Dental Society to incoming President Dr. Amarilis
72 Jacobo for consideration for appointment to the position of council chair from June 2026
73 to June 2027. If approved, this will be Dr. Kim's second and final year as chair.

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