

Section 270-X-2-.25. Administration of Botulinum Toxin and Similar Treatments by Dentists.

(1) General. Dentists who are properly educated and trained in head and neck cosmetic injectables may use them to treat disease, pain, deformity, deficiency, injury, or physical condition in their clinic or a properly regulated and approved dental or medical facility (e.g., hospital, nursing home). This Rule displaces and supersedes all previous formal or informal guidance, or opinions expressed by the Board on the subject matter covered by this Rule, including but not limited to informal opinions issued by the Board in the absence of public notice and comment procedures on February 10, 2023, January 13, 2023, January 13, 2022, December 2, 2021, February 13-14, 2020, and July 2010.

(2) Definitions. As used in this Rule:

(a) “Human mouth, teeth, gums, jaws, and adjacent structures” includes the oral cavity, teeth, gingiva, cheeks, jaws, temporomandibular joint, lips, face and neck.

(b) “Covered aesthetic procedure” means the administration of botulinum toxins, any neuromodulator derived from *Clostridium botulinum*, dermal fillers (including but not limited to collagen and any resorbable substance injected subcutaneously or intracutaneously), hyaluronic acid, platelet-rich plasma, platelet-rich fibrin, , calcium hydroxylapatite (CaHA), poly-L-lactic acid, polymethylmethacrylate (PMMA) fillers, and similar medicaments, agents, and/or procedures, the principal purpose of which is to reduce the appearance of lines, wrinkles, or grooves in the skin.

(3) Requirements for Administration of Covered Aesthetic Procedures by Dentists. Within a regulated and approved dental/medical facility (e.g., dental clinic, hospital, nursing home), excluding the use of mobile dental or portable dental units, a dentist may administer covered aesthetic procedures in the human mouth, teeth, gums, jaws, and adjacent structures to treat disease, pain, deformity, deficiency, injury, or physical condition in the area of treatment, subject to the following requirements:

(a) Before administration of any covered aesthetic procedure, obtain a full medical and dental history, perform a clinical dental examination, and document, as required, in a patient’s chart.

(b) The administration of a covered aesthetic procedure shall be performed only in the course and as part of the delivery of the patient’s comprehensive dental treatment plan.

(c) The dentist shall comply with all laws and professional standards governing the dentist-patient relationship, including but not limited to rules governing patient records, standards for infection control (e.g., universal precautions), and rules governing continuity of care and patient abandonment.

(d) The dentist shall have successfully completed a minimum of ten (10) hours of Board-approved training in each of the respective injectable therapies. This training shall include, at a minimum:

1. The anatomy of the head and neck;
2. Neurophysiology of the head and neck, including facial tissues, parasympathetic, sympathetic and peripheral nervous systems, and facial architecture;
3. Patient selection, including indications and contraindications;
4. Pharmacological effects and contraindications, including potential drug interactions;
5. Safety and risk issues particular to agents used in covered aesthetic procedures, including management of adverse reactions and complications;
6. Preparation and delivery techniques;
7. Patient assessment, consultation, and informed consent; and
8. Live, hands-on training on the administration of covered aesthetic procedures and agents.

(e) The dentist shall personally perform the covered aesthetic procedure.

(5) Prohibitions.

(a) Dentists shall not administer any covered aesthetic procedure to any portion of a patient's body except for the human mouth, teeth, gums, jaws, and adjacent structures as defined by this Rule.

(b) A dentist shall administer a covered aesthetic procedure only within regulated and approved dental/medical facilities (e.g. dental clinic, hospital, nursing home). Therefore, the administration of a covered aesthetic procedure in any place outside an approved dental/medical facility is prohibited.