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HepB Information

Policy:

To align with recommendations and guidelines from the CDC and Alabama Dept. of Public Health, as well as protecting the public and our healthcare workers, the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama has adopted the following Hepatitis B (HepB) protocols. The ultimate goal is to ensure applicants applying for licensure or entry into the Alabama Dental Hygiene Program and the citizens of Alabama are safe and protected while receiving our world-class dental care.

Protocols:

- All applications that require proof of HepB immunity shall be required to submit a positive HepB titer completed within 12 months preceding the date of the application.
- If the applicant's HepB titer is negative, the applicant shall submit proof of completing a full HepB series within the 12 months preceding the date of the application. The Board recognizes both the 2-dose (30-day) series and 3-dose (6 month) series that are currently available.
- If the applicant's HepB titer is below the normal range, their personal physician may direct a HepB booster series. The current protocol for the booster series is a 1 or 2-dose series with a follow-up HepB titer. The entire protocol must be completed prior to submission with an application and must be completed within 12 months preceding the date of the application.
- An applicant that has been designated by their physician as a "zero-converter" must show completion of the current protocol for that diagnosis. The current protocol indicates that the person must have a negative HepB titer, complete a booster series, then have a second HepB titer to confirm they have zero-converted to the HepB vaccine. The applicant shall submit this documentation along with a letter from a physician confirming the diagnosis with their application for consideration.