



Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama

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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 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 (at least 10.0 or above – consistent immunity*) completed within 12 months preceding the date of the application.*CDC.gov
- If the applicant's HepB titer is negative (below 10.0 – inconsistent immunity*), the applicant shall submit proof of the negative titer plus must fully complete a new HepB series with documentation 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.) *CDC.gov Both the negative titer and the subsequent proof of the 2-dose or 3-dose series must be sent to the Board office.
- If the applicant's HepB titer is below the normal range (below 10.0 or below – inconsistent immunity), 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 of an application and must be completed within 12 months preceding the date of the application. PLUS, the applicant must submit the initial titer as well as the booster documentation with the application.



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- 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 or a new 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 the application to be considered.