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Can I use a drug in a dosage for a purpose that is not on the package insert or Food and Drug Administration (FDA) labeling?

Yes. Licensed Mississippi dentists may utilize drugs in accordance with the drug manufacturer's guidelines as set forth in FDA-approved labeling or peer-reviewed scientific literature, including, but not limited to, indications of usage, dosage amounts, and safety requirements for each drug so utilized. Refer to [Board Regulation 29](#).

What is an Enteral Conscious Sedation Permit?

This is a permit for sedation that is achieved by administration of pharmacological agents through the alimentary tract, either orally or rectally, for conscious sedation administered primarily for behavioral management. Refer to [Board Regulation 29](#).

Is Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) required for an Enteral Conscious Sedation Permit?

Yes. An applicant applying for any kind of Mississippi anesthesia permit is required to produce evidence of a current ACLS certificate; however, Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) or a certificate from a Board-approved course also may be used to fulfill the ACLS requirement. Refer to [Board Regulation 29](#).

Is the course offered by the Dental Organization for Conscious Sedation (DOCS) considered as an approved course to fulfill the requirements for an Enteral Conscious Sedation Permit?

Yes as currently offered, but any course must be approved by the Board. The licensee must complete more than just the first session offered by DOCS. For patients who are nineteen (19) years of age or older AND who are NOT deemed to be patients with special health care needs, the minimum number of didactic hours must be twenty-two (22), and the minimum number of clinically oriented experiences must be fifteen (15). For patients who are eighteen (18) years of age or under or who are nineteen (19) years of age or over AND who are deemed to be patients with special health care needs, the minimum number of didactic hours shall be fifty (50), and the minimum number of clinical patient cases shall be ten (10). Also, the training program must include physical evaluation, enteral conscious sedation, airway management monitoring, and emergency management. Refer to [Board Regulation 29](#).

What equipment must I have to administer enteral conscious sedation and pass the required site visit?

The Board's Enteral Conscious Sedation Permit Site Visit Form is on the Board's web site in the section entitled "Applications and Forms." Many of the same equipment and drugs are required to administer enteral conscious sedation as are required for general anesthesia and parenteral conscious sedation, and you should thoroughly familiarize yourself with the required equipment, supplies, drugs, and written documentation. Also, feel free to contact the Board's office to have the site visit form faxed or mailed to you. Refer to [Board Regulation 29](#) and the Board's [Enteral Conscious Sedation Permit Site Visit Form](#).

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DENTIST RENEWAL

Dental licenses and permits not renewed by 12/31/2007 will be voided on 01/01/2008 for a failure to renew. Dentists may renew licenses and permits on-line through the links on this site.

LAWS & CODES

Board Regulation 13 was amended 06/22/2007 and 10/19/2007 (minor changes), and Board Regulation 29 was amended 10/19/2007.

Miss. Code Ann. §73-9-19 was amended during 2007 Regular Legislative Session.

If I prescribe Valium, or another sedative agent, for a patient to take before bed time the night before treatment and before the actual dental appointment, is that considered multiple dosing, thereby requiring an Enteral Conscious Sedation Permit?

No. An Enteral Conscious Sedation Permit is required whenever a licensed dentist utilizes inhalation agents and/or multiple doses of oral medications attempting to achieve a level of sedation beyond anxiolysis. Refer to [Board Regulation 29](#).

Does my staff require additional training for me to hold an Enteral Conscious Sedation Permit?

Yes. All dental auxiliaries having direct patient care responsibilities are required to be current in CPR at all times. However, dental auxiliaries in offices wherein any anesthesia requiring a permit is administered also must be trained to reasonably assist the dentist with procedures, problems, and emergencies. Refer to [Board Regulation 29](#).

How often do I need to take a refresher course for an Enteral Conscious Sedation Permit?

Licensed Mississippi dentists holding Mississippi anesthesia permits must provide proof during annual renewal that they are current in ACLS or PALS, or have a certificate from a Board-approved anesthesia review course. There is no specific mandate requiring refresher courses; however, the Board recommends that dentists holding Mississippi anesthesia permits avail themselves of the appropriate continuing education to ensure their patients' safety and welfare. Refer to [Board Regulation 29](#).

Are there any drugs that cannot be used for enteral conscious sedation?

No. All drugs should be label specific or in peer-reviewed literature. Refer to [Board Regulation 29](#).

Are there any drugs that cannot be used in combination with N2O2 for anxiolysis purposes?

Yes. As previously noted, all drugs should be label specific or in peer-reviewed literature. Refer to [Board Regulation 29](#).

Can I have a licensed Mississippi dentist currently holding a valid Mississippi anesthesia permit come to my office and sedate my patients for me to treat?

Yes. However, the licensed Mississippi dentist administering enteral conscious sedation, parenteral conscious sedation, and/or general anesthesia at a facility other than that dentist's own office or facility must ensure that the proper equipment and personnel are present, e.g., the office must be staffed with a supervised team of auxiliary personnel capable of reasonably assisting the dentist with procedures, problems, and emergencies incident thereto. Refer to [Board Regulation 29](#).

If a licensed Mississippi dentist holding a valid Mississippi anesthesia permit can sedate my patients for me, do I have to hold a similar permit, and/or do I have to pass a site visit from the Board?

No. You do not have to hold a valid Mississippi anesthesia permit, and you do not have to first pass a site visit from the Board. However, you must ensure that your office is properly equipped in both equipment, supplies, and personnel, as is required by [Board Regulation 29](#).

If a CRNA or an anesthesiologist sedates my patients for me, what kind of training must I have?

A CRNA or an anesthesiologist must practice in an accredited hospital. When a CRNA or an anesthesiologist administers anesthesia in a dental facility, the dentist must have entered into a

collaborative/consultative relationship with the CRNA through the Mississippi Board of Nursing and possess a currently valid anesthesia permit commensurate with the level of anesthesia being administered by the CRNA. Also, the CRNA or anesthesiologist must remain on the premises of the dental facility until the patient given any level of anesthetic requiring a permit regains consciousness and is discharged. When a CRNA or anesthesiologist administers anesthesia in a hospital facility, the CRNA or anesthesiologist must remain on the premises of the hospital facility until the patient given any level of anesthetic requiring a permit regains consciousness and is discharged. The accredited hospital's department of anesthesia, or in the absence thereof the department or surgery, has the responsibility for establishing general policies and procedures for the administration of anesthesia. Refer to [Board Regulation 29](#).

Is an AED required if I use Combination Inhalation Enteral Anxiolysis?

No. Refer to [Board Regulation 29](#).

Once I have been issued a Mississippi anesthesia permit, will I be subject to periodic site visits from the Board?

Yes. All facilities wherein anesthesia requiring permits is administered shall be inspected at least once every five (5) years beginning with the permit issue date, or as designated by the Board, to ensure all equipment is appropriate and in good working order. Refer to [Board Regulation 29](#).

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