

1. ANOTHER METHOD OF DIMINISHING OR ELIMINATING PAIN; OR

2. MEDICATION USED FOR ~~THE DIMINUTION OR ELIMINATION OF~~ DIMINISHING OR ELIMINATING ANXIETY;

(vii) The discipline of a holder of any facility or administration permit for the administration of general anesthesia or [parenteral] ~~CONSCIOUS~~ sedation; and

(viii) The release of patient dental records;

(2) After consulting with the State Board of Pharmacy, adopt regulations regarding the dispensing of prescription drugs by a licensed dentist;

(3) On receipt of a written and signed complaint, investigate an alleged violation of this title;

(4) After consulting with the Maryland Dental Hygienists' Association, adopt regulations establishing continuing education requirements for licensed dental hygienists;

(5) Adopt regulations establishing continuing education requirements for licensed dentists;

(6) On receipt of a written and signed complaint, including a referral from the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, conduct an unannounced inspection of the office of a dentist, other than an office of a dentist in a hospital, related institution, freestanding medical facility, or a freestanding birthing center, to determine compliance at that office with the Centers for Disease Control's guidelines on universal precautions; and

(7) Establish committees from among its members to facilitate and assist the Board in discharging its duties and responsibilities under this title by evaluating, reviewing, and making recommendation to the Board on matters referred to the committees by the Board. The committees established shall include, but may not be limited to:

(i) A nominations committee;

(ii) A regulations committee;

(iii) A committee on dental hygiene composed of 3 dental hygienists, 1 dentist, and 1 consumer to which the Board shall refer all matters within the Board's jurisdiction under this title relating to or affecting the practice of dental hygiene for the committee's evaluation, review, and recommendation;

(iv) A disciplinary committee; and

(v) Such other committees as the Board considers appropriate.