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**JURISPRUDENCE EXAM**  
**INSTRUCTIONS**

Dear Applicant:

The New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners has received your application for licensure as a dentist/dental hygienist. In order to receive your dental or dental hygiene license, you must pass the jurisprudence exam. The exam includes questions on the New Hampshire Dental Practice Act, the Code of Administrative Rules, and the American Dental Association *Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct*. Those documents can be found on the Board's website at [www.nh.gov/dental](http://www.nh.gov/dental). Click on the link on the left side of the page which says Laws and Rules to find these documents.

Do not read all of Den 200 of the administrative rules. In Den 200, you will be tested on only the following sections:

Den 201.01	Purpose and Scope
Den 202	Definitions
Den 207.01	Pleadings
Den 207.02	Complaints of Licensee Misconduct
Den 207.03	Motions and Objections Thereto
Den 207.04	Suspension Pending Completion of Disciplinary Proceedings
Den 207.05	Voluntary Surrender by Licensees Under Dental Investigation
Den 208.10	Burden of Proof
Den 208.16	Reciprocal Discipline
Den 212.01	Informal Investigations
Den 212.02	Formal Investigations
Den 212.03	Investigators
Den 212.04	Investigations
Den 213.01	How Adopted
Den 213.02	Petition for Rulemaking

Den 100, 300, 400 and 500 should be reviewed in their entirety for the jurisprudence test.

Print off the exam that follows this instruction sheet and complete it. After completion of the exam, you may either scan and email it to the Board's email address at [dental.board@nh.gov](mailto:dental.board@nh.gov), or print it off and mail it to the Board's office at 121 South Fruit St., Suite 302, Concord, NH 03301-2412. Upon receipt of the exam, the Board office will grade it and then notify you as to whether you passed it or not.

If you are notified that you passed the exam, you must complete the Registration Form which will be emailed to you. Print off the form, complete it, and mail it to the Board's office with payment. Payment may be made by **certified bank check or money order payable to "Treasurer, State of New Hampshire"**, in the amount of the appropriate registration fee. Payment may be made in cash **only** if you make payment in person at the Board's office.

If you have any questions, please call the Board's office at (603) 271-4561.

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Read carefully. Check the T box if true. Check the F box if false.**

1. Persons licensed by the Board have 10 days to notify the Board in writing of a change of business or residential address. T  F
2. All advertisements shall contain the name of the dentist and include whether they are general dentist or a specialist, as determined by the American Dental Association. T  F
3. Dentists shall not be obliged to report to the appropriate reviewing agency instances of gross and/or continual faulty treatment by other dentists. T  F
4. Dentists who choose to announce specialization shall limit their practice exclusively to the announced special area(s) of dental practice. T  F
5. Dentists shall protect the health of their patient by only assigning to qualified auxiliaries those duties which can be legally delegated. T  F
6. A licensed, currently registered dental hygienist may practice independently as specified in DEN 402.01. T  F
7. The Board may undertake adjudicatory proceedings upon the Board's own initiative or upon a written complaint of any individual that a licensee has committed professional misconduct. T  F
8. Dental Assistants may qualify to administer local anesthesia. T  F
9. Any applicant for licensure to practice dentistry or dental hygiene shall be of good professional character and 21 years of age or older. T  F
10. The Board may make, amend and adopt rules relative to the qualifications of applicants in addition to those requirements set by statute. T  F
11. Treatment procedures authorized by a dentist, being performed by an auxiliary under general supervision, do not need to be reviewed by the dentist. T  F

12. Under direct supervision, the authorized treatment performed by a dental auxiliary needs to be evaluated by the dentist before dismissing the patient. T  F
13. Treatment performed by an auxiliary working under indirect supervision can be evaluated at a subsequent appointment. T  F
14. A dental hygienist or dental assistant working under public health supervision in a hospital or school setting, does not need authorization by a licensed dentist. T  F
15. The Board does not have authority to establish Board fees. T  F
16. Complaints alleging misconduct by licensees shall be made in writing. T  F
17. A dentist may have his license suspended or revoked after a hearing for employing or allowing an unlicensed person to practice in his office. T  F
18. Disciplinary action by the Board under Section 317-A:17 may be appealed to the New Hampshire Supreme Court. T  F
19. The issuance of an order of investigation shall commence a disciplinary hearing and shall constitute an allegation of misconduct against a licensee. T  F
20. When discontinuing a course of treatment, dentists shall be available to provide emergency care for up to 30 days or until the patient obtains the services of another dentist, whichever comes first. T  F
21. The names of each licensed person employed in the practice of dentistry shall be displayed in a conspicuous place at the entrance of the place of business. T  F
22. Dental Hygienists licensed in New Hampshire may examine, diagnose and make treatment plans specifically for the periodontally involved patient. T  F
23. The Dental Practice Act permits only licensed dentists to practice dentistry. T  F
24. Dental students may not perform dental operations in New Hampshire. T  F
25. A violation of the code of ethics of the American Dental Association as amended and approved by the Board could be reason for the Board, after hearing, to suspend or revoke a practitioner's license. T  F

26. When referring to continuing education courses, "clinical dental care or dental hygiene subjects" means those areas of study that deal with the performance of dental or dental hygiene services for patients. T  F
27. Violation of the rules of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners can, after hearing, result in a fine being levied, license suspension and/or license revocation. T  F
28. Through the issuance of Rules and Regulations, the Board may assign to dental hygienists any procedure other than those which contribute or result in an irremedial alteration of the oral anatomy. T  F
29. Under general supervision, a graduate dental assistant may seat, hold and remove impressions only for study models. T  F
30. Certified dental assistants and graduate dental assistants are permitted to remove sutures and dressings under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. T  F
31. The placement and removal of a rubber dam may be performed by graduate and certified dental assistants with direct supervision of a dentist. T  F
32. The placement of matrices and the performance of pulpal vitality testing procedures are functions performed by graduate and certified dental assistants as well as dental hygienists. T  F
33. Qualified dental hygienists may, under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, remove excess cement from inlays, crowns, bridges and orthodontic appliances. T  F
34. Dentists are responsible to ensure that all their employees have a current license. T  F
35. A failure to receive the renewal form shall not relieve the licensee of the obligation to renew his/her license. T  F
36. A dentist who accepts third party payment under a co-payment plan as payment in full, without disclosing to the third party payer that the patient's payment will not be collected, is subject to discipline by the Board. T  F
37. On the request of the patient, a dentist shall furnish, either gratuitously or at a nominal cost, such dental records or copies or summaries of them, including dental radiographs or copies of them, as will be beneficial for the future treatment of that patient. T  F

38. Any dental specialist, upon completing treatment for a patient who has no referring dentist, shall inform the patient when there is need for further dental care. T  F
39. Dentists are obliged to make reasonable arrangements for the emergency care of their patients of record. T  F
40. Dentists shall perform a complete oral examination at least annually on patients in active treatment, which includes patients receiving an oral prophylaxis. T  F
41. Whenever, in the judgment of the Board, the public health and safety shall so require, the Board may suspend the license of any licensee before a disciplinary hearing is completed. T  F
42. Dental hygienists who have satisfactorily completed the qualification course in orthodontic duties are the only persons permitted to perform those functions other than dentists. T  F
43. A dentist or dental hygienist licensed under RSA 317-A who does not actively engage in the practice of his or her profession in New Hampshire within the preceding biennium shall have his or her license declared to be lapsed. T  F
44. A conscious patient is defined as one with intact protective reflexes including ability to maintain an airway, and one who is capable of rational responses to question or command. T  F
45. Dental assistants and dental hygienists who have successfully completed the qualifications may administer moderate sedation under direct supervision. T  F
46. A consultant shall be required to have a New Hampshire dental license to provide a consultation/expert opinion to a New Hampshire dentist regarding a patient. T  F
47. The Board requires an on-site inspection of the facility, equipment and personnel of all dentists prior to issuance of an initial permit to administer general anesthesia, deep sedation and moderate sedation. T  F
48. All cases of morbidity and mortality related to the employment of general anesthesia in a dental out-patient facility shall be reported to the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners. T  F

49. RSA 317-A:17 permits the Board to take disciplinary action by requiring a licensee to submit to care, counseling or treatment. T  F
50. A "CEU" is a continuing education unit equivalent to satisfactory participation in a program of continuing education. One CEU equals 1 hour attendance at a lecture or meeting, or 30 minutes at clinical or laboratory participatory courses. T  F
51. The total number of CEUs required annually are 40 for a dentist and 20 for a hygienist. T  F
52. Patient lists from an office of former employment may be used to create a patient data base in a new practice without written consent from the former employer. T  F
53. Patient complaints must be replied to within 20 days of the licensee receiving a copy of the complaint from the Board. T  F
54. Dentists must have a permit to administer nitrous oxide oxygen. T  F
55. Assuming 18 years as the age of majority, a dentist may discard the records of a 15 year old patient after 3 years. T  F
56. Licensees must take a CPR course once every biennium. T  F
57. Persons licensed by the Board shall notify the Board in writing within 10 days of a name change and provide the Board a copy of the documentation that legally changed his/her name. T  F
58. A licensee shall receive credit for up to 30% of the required CEUs by participating in audio-visual programs which require the successful completion of a written examination. T  F