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Dear Hygiene Deans/Directors,

In October 2011 WREB sent the annual Dental Hygiene Dean/Director packet to our member state programs for the upcoming exam season. Included in the information was a new policy for Dental Hygiene regarding faculty on site.

Faculty at Exam Sites

Candidates have continued to express concerns that on-site faculty and educators from other schools are physically present at sites where the exam is being administered (either actively communicating with their students or having tables set up with refreshments and food). While WREB appreciates that educators want to support their students, other candidates perceive faculty on-site differently.

Effective for the 2012 exam season, on-site faculty and educators from outside schools will not be allowed on the premises during any aspect of the examination. This policy does not prohibit on-site faculty from working in their office during the exam. Dental Hygiene faculty serving as the School Coordinator should remain in their office unless they are performing coordinator duties for WREB. Enforcing this policy, will assure that the exam process is consistent from site-to-site and fair for all candidates.

In addition, as a reminder, effective in 2010 the Candidate Guide pg. 2-3 clearly states that faculty may only administer local anesthetic for candidates at the school at which they teach. This is excerpted below:

Administration of Local Anesthesia

Examiners, WREB staff, or other candidates may not administer local anesthesia to patients.

Educators are only allowed to administer local anesthesia at the school where they teach and must follow the same protocol as listed for a qualified practitioner.

Please communicate to your faculty and students the above policies so that everyone is aware and prepared for the 2012 exam season..

I appreciate your cooperation in these matters and am looking forward to working with all of you. If you have any questions, concerns, or need further information please do not hesitate to contact me at 623-209-5408 or at rkrych@wreb.org.

Respectfully,

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