

TENNESSEE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

POLICY: CLINICAL TECHNIQUES-TEETH WHITENING

The Board of Dentistry issues the following policy to clarify the application of its rule governing clinical techniques for teeth whitening. See Tenn. R. Comp. Rules and Regs. § 0460-1-.10.

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 63-5-105(7), 63-5-107, 63-5-108(a), (b)(1), and 63-5-115, the Board of Dentistry has promulgated rules and regulations with respect to clinical techniques for teeth whitening.

The Board of Dentistry therefore interprets the statutes and rule governing the application of teeth whitening to be defined as:

Teeth whitening formulations shall be prescribed and dispensed by a licensed dentist. Licensed dental hygienists or registered dental assistants are authorized to apply teeth whitening formulations, but only under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. An individual found to have taken the impression of another or who performs any phase of any operation incident to teeth whitening, including, but not limited to, the instruction and/or application on-site of teeth whitening materials or procedures, except under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, shall be deemed engaging in the practice of dentistry.

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