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BODEX – DO YOU KNOW THE DENTAL PRACTICE ACT?

In an effort to present something different in this column, I am submitting a True or False quiz for you to challenge your Dental Practice Act knowledge. As you know or if you did not know, Arizona Administrative Code R4-11-1203 (6) mandates that at least three credit hours in ethics or Arizona dental jurisprudence be taken as part of the required 72 hours of continuing dental education.

1. The Board may fine a licensee for failure to change their address of record with the Board within ten days.

TRUE. Reference ARS § 32-1236(I). The Board shall impose a penalty of fifty dollars if a licensee fails to notify the Board of an address change for their primary mailing address or place of practice within ten days. The Board shall increase the penalty imposed to one hundred dollars if a licensee fails to notify it of the change within thirty days.

2. A licensee, certificate holder or business entity may withhold releasing patient treatment records if there is an unpaid acurrent balance for dental services.

FALSE. Reference ARS § 32-1264(D). Copies of records shall not be withheld because of an unpaid balance for dental services.

3. The Dental Practice Act specifies where a licensee must display their license.

TRUE. Reference ARS § 32-1262(F). A licensee's receipt for the current licensure period shall be displayed in the licensee's place of practice in a manner that is always readily observable by patients or visitors....

4. The Board's Executive Director is appointed by the Governor.

FALSE. Reference ARS § 32-1205(C). The Board may employ an Executive Director.

5. It is unprofessional conduct if a licensee fails to report to the Board evidence that another licensee is impaired by drugs or alcohol.

TRUE. Reference ARS § 32-1201(21)(bb)(iii) (Please note that this statute number will change effective July 3, 2015 but not the statutory language)

6. A dentist maintaining more than one place of practice shall obtain a license for each additional office.

TRUE. Reference ARS § 32-1236(F). A licensee maintaining more than one place of practice shall obtain from the Board a duplicate license for each office.

7. The Board may assess a civil penalty if a licensee fails to provide all treatment records and information pursuant to a Board subpoena.

TRUE. Reference ARS § 32-1208. The Board may assess a non-disciplinary civil penalty in the amount not to exceed five hundred dollars for a licensee who fails to respond to a subpoena issued by the Board.

8. There are 20 definitions of unprofessional conduct within the Dental Practice Act.

FALSE. Reference ARS § 32-1201(21). There are 30 definitions of unprofessional conduct (Please note that the statutory numbering will change for the definitions of unprofessional conduct, effective July 3, 2015.)

9. The Board's Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee cannot initiate an investigation if evidence appears to demonstrate that a licensee may be engaged in unprofessional conduct or may be unable to safely practice dentistry.

FALSE. Reference ARS § 32-1207(C)2. The Executive Director or its designee MAY initiate an investigation if evidence appears to demonstrate that a licensee may be engaged in unprofessional conduct or may be unable to safely practice dentistry.

10. Practicing dentistry without a dental license is a Class 4 Felony.

FALSE. Reference ARS § 32-1261(1). Except as otherwise provided a person is guilty of a **class 6** felony who, without a valid license or business entity registration practices dentistry or any branch of dentistry....

I trust that most of you answered at least 75 % correct!

Given that my profile picture is over six years old, I have submitted a temporary new picture reflecting my Rocky moment in Spain from my Camino pilgrimage as well as a Spain Starbucks moment with my sister (my coffee is coke light).

Again, thank you for your ongoing support. CARDINALS COUNTDOWN!