REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON OROFACIAL PAIN EDUCATION TO THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION

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CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO OROFACIAL PAIN EDUCATION

Informational Report on Frequency of Citings of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain (p. 1700): The Review Committee on Orofacial Pain Education (OFP RC) considered the annual report on the frequency of citings of the current Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain. The OFP RC noted that nine (9) orofacial pain site visits were conducted during the period of July 1, 2017 through October 31, 2022. At the time of this report, there were no (0) areas of non-compliance cited. The Commission will continue to receive reports annually summarizing the updated data on the frequency of citings of individual Standards.

Recommendation: This report is informational in nature and no action is required.

Consideration of Proposed Revision to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain Related to Patients With Special Needs (p. 1701): At the Winter 2022 meeting, the Orofacial Pain Review Committee (OFP RC) considered the request for proposed revision of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain submitted by the American Dental Association’s Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL). Following considerable discussion, the OFP RC recognized the need to strengthen the Accreditation Standards in the area of patients with special needs and believed the addition of a new Accreditation Standard, or modification of an existing Accreditation Standard was warranted. The OFP RC noted the Commission would be conducting the Validity and Reliability Study for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain in Spring 2022, and recommended further study of the request from the CDEL related to patients with special needs be postponed and considered at the time of review of the results of the Validity and Reliability Study, with a report to the Commission in Summer 2022. The Commission concurred with the OFP RC recommendation.

At the Summer 2022 meeting, the OFP RC further studied the request from the CDEL related to patients with special needs. Following lengthy discussion, the OFP RC concluded the addition of a new Standard related to patients with special needs was warranted and recommended the new Standard 2-10 be added to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain. The OFP RC understood that subsequent Standards would require
renumbering. Additionally, the OFP RC recommended the proposed new Standard 2-10 be circulated to the communities of interest for review and comment for a period of one (1) year, with hearings conducted in conjunction with the October 2022 American Dental Association (ADA) Annual Meeting and the March 2023 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session. Comments could be reviewed at the Commission’s Summer 2023 meeting.

As directed by the Commission at its Summer 2022 meeting, the proposed new Standard 2-10 within the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain (Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 1701) was circulated to the communities of interest for review and comment through June 1, 2023. No (0) comments were received at the virtual hearing in conjunction with the 2022 ADA meeting, and no (0) comments were received at the virtual hearing in conjunction with the 2023 ADEA meeting. The Commission office received one (1) written comment prior to the June 1, 2023 deadline (Appendix 2, Policy Report p. 1701).

**Summer 2023 Review Committee Meeting:** At this meeting, the Orofacial Pain Review Committee considered the proposed new Standard 2-10 within the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain and the one (1) written comment received prior to the June 1, 2023 deadline, which was supportive of the inclusion of the new Standard 2-10 within the Orofacial Pain Standards.

Through discussion of the proposed addition, the OFP RC further considered the proposed intent statement that programs are “expected to provide educational instruction, either didactically or clinically.” The RC discussed whether the language should be modified to reflect that programs are expected to provide clinical instruction, rather than didactic or clinical instruction. Through further discussion, the RC noted that it is possible that a graduate could complete a program without clinical experience in treating patients with special needs; therefore, the language should remain flexible. Additionally, it was noted that, ultimately, the program has the flexibility to determine the type of training required to ensure its graduates can manage patients with special needs upon completion of the program.

Upon conclusion of the discussion, the OFP RC determined the new Standard 2-10 should be adopted as circulated and recommended an implementation date of July 1, 2024.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the new Standard 2-10 within the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain found in Appendix 1 and related documents with implementation July 1, 2024.

**Consideration of Proposed Revision to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs Related to Sponsoring Organization and Authority to Operate (p. 1702).** At its Winter 2022 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) directed the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the changing landscape of health care delivery centers that may sponsor advanced dental education programs.
The Ad Hoc Committee, which met on December 5, 2022 and January 25, 2023, was charged with two (2) primary considerations: 1) the topic of institutional sponsor, whether a sponsor is an academic institution, hospital, or health care organization, and 2) the standard found in some advanced dental education disciplines that requires the sponsor have proper chartering/licensure to operate and offer instruction leading to a degree, diploma or certificate with recognized education validity.

Institutional Sponsor (Health Care Organizations): The Ad Hoc Committee discussed the types of institutions that may sponsor advanced dental education programs. The Committee was reminded that CODA holds United States Department of Education (USDE) recognition as a programmatic accrediting agency; therefore, all educational standards within CODA’s purview include a requirement for institutional sponsor accreditation/recognition to ensure institutional oversight by an external agency. Regarding CODA’s USDE recognition, it was noted there would be no concern in modifying the Standards with regard to institutional accreditation/recognition.

It was also noted that in five (5) of the 14 advanced dental education programs within the Commission’s purview, the Standards permit the program’s sponsor to be an educational institution, hospital, or health care organization (with/without affiliation with an accredited hospital, as specified in the Standards). In the remaining nine (9) advanced dental education disciplines, the sponsor must be an educational institution or hospital. All standards permit United States military programs to sponsor advanced dental education programs, as specified in the Standards.

The Ad Hoc Committee discussed the issue of institutional sponsor given current Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant opportunities for health care organizations that may sponsor advanced dental education programs. The Ad Hoc Committee discussed the term “health care organization” at length, including the type of entity that may be classified within this category and whether a definition of health care organization should be included in the CODA Standards. The Committee believed that a definition should be included in the Commission’s Definition of Terms, to ensure clarity and transparency in the type of organization that is permitted to sponsor an advanced dental education program, for those standards that currently include the term “health care organization” and those where the term may be adopted and implemented at a future date.

While discussing health care organizations that may sponsor advanced dental education programs, there continued to be discussion and concern that these sponsors have appropriate educational validity and expertise to carry out an academic program at the postdoctoral level. The Ad Hoc Committee considered whether all health care organizations should also have an affiliation with an academic institution to ensure educational quality. In discussion, it was noted that affiliations may exist (absent a need for co-sponsorship); however, many health care
organizations currently offering CODA-accredited advanced dental education programs are not directly affiliated with academic institutions.

The Ad Hoc Committee determined that a definition of “Health Care Organization” and potential inclusion of “health care organization” as an acceptable sponsoring institution warrant further input from the Commission’s Review Committees to provide comment on the potential definition and inclusion of this term within their discipline-specific standards.

Following consideration of the Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendation, the Commission directed the proposed Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and proposed revision to Standards related to institutional sponsors to include health care organizations be circulated to all Review Committees in Advanced Dental Education for consideration at the Summer 2023 Commission meetings, with a report to the Commission in Summer 2023. The Review Committees should provide comment on the potential definition and inclusion of this term within their discipline-specific standards.

Charter/License to Operate and Offer Instruction: The Ad Hoc Committee also considered the current language in nine (9) advanced dental education programs’ Accreditation Standards, which states: “Advanced dental education programs must be sponsored by institutions, which are properly chartered, and licensed to operate and offer instruction leading to degrees, diplomas or certificates with recognized education validity.”

The Committee noted that the advanced dental education Standards for advanced education in general dentistry, dental anesthesiology, general practice residency, oral medicine, and orofacial pain do not currently include this requirement or an equivalent Standard. These five (5) disciplines recently reviewed their Accreditation Standards documents and tabled the discussion regarding inclusion of this requirement pending final recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee and the Commission.

Through discussion, the Ad Hoc Committee noted that words such as “chartered,” “licensed,” and “validity” have very distinct legal meanings. The term “authorization” is often used in higher education to indicate that an institution can confer a degree. Chartering and licensing often have to do with legal entities and do not necessarily indicate authority to award a degree, diploma or certificate with recognized education validity. The Ad Hoc Committee also noted the confusion related to this requirement from both the institution’s/program’s perspective and that of the CODA site visitor.

The Ad Hoc Committee believed the intent of this Standard is to ensure educational validity, which in dental education is granted through the accreditation process undertaken by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Additionally, the conferring of a degree is mandated through institutional accreditation, while conferring of a post-doctoral certificate or diploma is a state or federal function.
Following lengthy discussion, the Ad Hoc Committee concluded that the intent of the requirement is to ensure that the sponsoring organization has the appropriate authority to operate and, as applicable, the necessary approvals to award either a certificate or a degree. As such, the Ad Hoc Committee believed that the prior requirement should be stricken from all advanced dental education Standards and replaced with a new requirement, which states (underline indicates addition): Advanced dental education programs conferring a certificate must have state or federal approval to operate and, as applicable, to confer a certificate. Advanced dental education programs conferring a degree must have institutional accreditation and authority to confer a degree. The Committee noted that an advanced dental education program conferring a certificate must have state or federal approval to operate and, if needed based on its specific jurisdiction (i.e., state or federal regulations), it may also need approval to award a certificate. Likewise, an advanced dental education program awarding a degree will be required to show institutional accreditation providing it the authority to do so.

Following discussions at two (2) meetings, the Ad Hoc Committee recommended circulation of the proposed Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and proposed revision to Standards related to institutional sponsors to include health care organizations and the proposed revision related to chartering and licensure (Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 1702) be circulated to all Review Committees in Advanced Dental Education for consideration at the Summer 2023 Commission meetings, with a report to the Commission in Summer 2023. The Committee also noted that a Review Committee’s recommendation to revise the Standards would require a period of public comment and further consideration at a future Commission meeting, following the Commission’s consideration in Summer 2023.

At its Winter 2023 meeting, the Commission concurred with the Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendations and directed all advanced dental education Review Committees to consider the proposed revisions to advanced dental education Standards found in (Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 1702), related to sponsoring organization and authority to operate, for possible adoption and implementation, with a report to the Commission in Summer 2023.

**Summer 2023 Review Committee Meeting:** At this meeting, the OFP RC discussed the proposed revisions as directed by the Commission and noted they include a proposed Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization, as well as the addition of requirements related to authority to operate, confer a certificate and, as applicable, confer a degree.

The OFP RC agreed that the proposed revisions provide further clarification of the types of institutions that may sponsor advanced dental education programs and requirements related to the authority to operate. Further, the OFP RC believed that the inclusion of the proposed definition and revisions in the Orofacial Pain Accreditation Standards should have no impact on orofacial pain education programs. The OFP RC also believed circulation of the proposed revisions to the communities of interest to provide the opportunity for review and comment is warranted.
**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct circulation of the proposed revisions found in Appendix 2, to the communities of interest for review and comment for one (1) year, with Hearings conducted in conjunction with the October 2023 American Dental Association (ADA) Annual Meeting and the March 2024 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session with comments reviewed by the Review Committee and Commission at its Summer 2024 meetings.

**CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATING TO MORE THAN ONE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Matters related to more than one review committee are included in a separate report.

**CONSIDERATION OF SITE VISITOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION IN THE AREA OF OROFACIAL PAIN EDUCATION**

Due to an ongoing need for additional site visitors, the Review Committee on Orofacial Pain Education (OFP RC) considered site visitor nominations at this meeting. The Committee’s recommendations on the nominations are included in a separate report.

**CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO ACCREDITATION STATUS**

Matters related to accreditation status of programs are included in a separate report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Review Committee on Orofacial Pain Education
At its Summer 2022 meeting, the Commission directed that the proposed revisions to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain be distributed to the appropriate communities of interest for review and comment, with comment due June 1, 2023, for review at the Summer 2023 Commission meeting.

This document represents the proposed revisions based upon review of comment received from communities of interest from August 5, 2022 to June 1, 2023.

This document will be considered by the Commission in Summer 2023.

Additions are Underlined; Strikethroughs indicate Deletions

Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain
STANDARD 2 – EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

2-1 The orofacial pain program must be designed to provide advanced knowledge and skills beyond the D.D.S. or D.M.D. training.

Curriculum Content

2-2 The program must either describe the goals and objectives for each area of resident training or list the competencies that describe the intended outcomes of resident education.

Intent: The program is expected to develop specific educational goals that describe what the resident will be able to do upon completion of the program. These educational goals should describe the resident’s abilities rather than educational experiences the residents may participate in. These specific educational goals may be formatted as either goals and objectives or competencies for each area of resident training. These educational goals are to be circulated to program faculty and staff and made available to applicants of the program.

Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:
Written goals and objectives for resident training or competencies

2-3 Written goals and objectives must be developed for all instruction included in this curriculum.

Example of Evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:
Written goals and objectives
Content outlines

2-4 The program must have a written curriculum plan that includes structured clinical experiences and didactic sessions designed to achieve the program’s written goals and objectives or competencies for resident training.

Intent: The program is expected to organize the didactic and clinical educational experiences into a formal curriculum plan. For each specific goal or objective or competency statement described in response to Standard 2-2, the program is expected to develop educational experiences designed to enable the resident to acquire the skills, knowledge, and values necessary in that area. The program is expected to organize these didactic and clinical educational experiences into a formal curriculum plan.

Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:
Written curriculum plan with educational experiences tied to specific written goals and objectives or competencies
Didactic and clinical schedules
Biomedical Sciences

2-5 Formal instruction must be provided in each of the following:

a. Gross and functional anatomy and physiology including the musculoskeletal and articular system of the orofacial, head, and cervical structures;
b. Growth, development, and aging of the masticatory system;
c. Head and neck pathology and pathophysiology with an emphasis on pain;
d. Applied rheumatology with emphasis on the temporomandibular joint (TMJ) and related structures;
e. Sleep physiology and dysfunction;
f. Oromotor disorders including dystonias, dyskinesias, and bruxism;
g. Epidemiology of orofacial pain disorders;
h. Pharmacology and pharmacotherapeutics; and
i. Principals of biostatistics, research design and methodology, scientific writing, and critique of literature.

2-6 The program must provide a strong foundation of basic and applied pain sciences to develop knowledge in functional neuroanatomy and neurophysiology of pain including:

a. The neurobiology of pain transmission and pain mechanisms in the central and peripheral nervous systems;
b. Mechanisms associated with pain referral to and from the orofacial region;
c. Pharmacotherapeutic principles related to sites of neuronal receptor specific action pain;
d. Pain classification systems;
e. Psychoneuroimmunology and its relation to chronic pain syndromes;
f. Primary and secondary headache mechanisms;
g. Pain of odontogenic origin and pain that mimics odontogenic pain; and
h. The contribution and interpretation of orofacial structural variation (occlusal and skeletal) to orofacial pain, headache, and dysfunction.
Behavioral Sciences

2-7 Formal instruction must be provided in behavioral science as it relates to orofacial pain disorders and pain behavior including:

a. cognitive-behavioral therapies including habit reversal for oral habits, stress management, sleep problems, muscle tension habits and other behavioral factors;

b. the recognition of pain behavior and secondary gain behavior;

c. psychologic disorders including depression, anxiety, somatization and others as they relate to orofacial pain, sleep disorders, and sleep medicine; and

d. conducting and applying the results of psychometric tests.

Clinical Sciences

2-8 A majority of the total program time must be devoted to providing orofacial pain patient services, including direct patient care and clinical rotations.

2-9 The program must provide instruction and clinical training for the clinical assessment and diagnosis of complex orofacial pain disorders to ensure that upon completion of the program the resident is able to:

a. Conduct a comprehensive pain history interview;

b. Collect, organize, analyze, and interpret data from medical, dental, behavioral, and psychosocial histories and clinical evaluation to determine their relationship to the patient’s orofacial pain and/or sleep disorder complaints;

c. Perform clinical examinations and tests and interpret the significance of the data;

Intent: Clinical evaluation may include: musculoskeletal examination of the head, jaw, neck and shoulders; range of motion; general evaluation of the cervical spine; TM joint function; jaw imaging; oral, head and neck screening, including facial-skeletal and dental-occlusal structural variations; cranial nerve screening; posture evaluation; physical assessment including vital signs; and diagnostic blocks.

d. Function effectively within interdisciplinary health care teams, including the recognition for the need of additional tests or consultation and referral; and

Intent: Additional testing may include additional imaging; referral for psychological or psychiatric evaluation; laboratory studies; diagnostic autonomic nervous system blocks, and systemic anesthetic challenges.
e. Establish a differential diagnosis and a prioritized problem list.

2-10 The program must provide training to ensure that upon completion of the program, the resident is able to manage patients with special needs.

**Intent:** The program is expected to provide educational instruction, either didactically or clinically, during the program which enhances the resident’s ability to manage patients with special needs.

**Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:**
- Written goals and objectives or competencies for resident training related to patients with special needs
- Didactic schedules

2-11 2-10 The program must provide instruction and clinical training in multidisciplinary pain management for the orofacial pain patient to ensure that upon completion of the program the resident is able to:

a. Develop an appropriate treatment plan addressing each diagnostic component on the problem list with consideration of cost/risk benefits;

b. Incorporate risk assessment of psychosocial and medical factors into the development of the individualized plan of care;

c. Obtain informed consent;

d. Establish a verbal or written agreement, as appropriate, with the patient emphasizing the patient’s treatment responsibilities;

e. Have primary responsibility for the management of a broad spectrum of orofacial pain patients in a multidisciplinary orofacial pain clinic setting, or interdisciplinary associated services. Responsibilities should include:

1. intraoral appliance therapy;

2. physical medicine modalities;

3. sleep-related breathing disorder intraoral appliances;

4. non-surgical management of orofacial trauma;

5. behavioral therapies beneficial to orofacial pain; and

6. pharmacotherapeutic treatment of orofacial pain including systemic and topical medications and diagnostic/therapeutic injections.

**Intent:** This should include judicious selection of medications directed at the presumed pain mechanisms involved, as well as adjustment, monitoring, and reevaluation.
Common medications may include: muscle relaxants; sedative agents for chronic pain and sleep management; opioid use in management of chronic pain; the adjuvant analgesic use of tricyclics and other antidepressants used for chronic pain; anticonvulsants, membrane stabilizers, and sodium channel blockers for neuropathic pain; local and systemic anesthetics in management of neuropathic pain; anxiolytics; analgesics and anti-inflammatory; prophylactic and abortive medications for primary headache disorders; and therapeutic use of botulinum toxin injections.

Common issues may include: management of medication overuse headache; medication side effects that alter sleep architecture; prescription medication dependency withdrawal; referral and co-management of pain in patients addicted to prescription, non prescription and recreational drugs; familiarity with the role of preemptive anesthesia in neuropathic pain.

Residents must participate in clinical experiences in other healthcare services (not to exceed 30% of the total training period).

**Intent:** Experiences may include observation or participation in the following: oral and maxillofacial surgery to include procedures for intracapsular TMJ disorders; outpatient anesthesia pain service; in-patient pain rotation; rheumatology, neurology, oncology, otolaryngology, rehabilitation medicine; headache, radiology, oral medicine, and sleep disorder clinics.

Each assigned rotation or experience must have:

a. written objectives that are developed in cooperation with the department chairperson, service chief, or facility director to which the residents are assigned;

b. resident supervision by designated individuals who are familiar with the objectives of the rotation or experience; and

c. evaluations performed by the designated supervisor.

**Intent:** This standard applies to all assigned rotations or experiences, whether they take place in the sponsoring institution or a major or minor activity site. Supplemental activities are exempt.

**Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:**

- Description and schedule of rotations
- Written objectives of rotations
- Resident evaluations
Residents must gain experience in teaching orofacial pain.

**Intent:** Residents should be provided opportunities to obtain teaching experiences in orofacial pain (i.e. small group and lecture formats, presenting to dental and medical peer groups, predoctoral student teaching experiences, and/or continuing education programs.

Residents must actively participate in the collection of history and clinical data, diagnostic assessment, treatment planning, treatment, and presentation of treatment outcome.

The program must provide instruction in the principles of practice management.

**Intent:** Suggested topics include: quality management; principles of peer review; business management and practice development; principles of professional ethics, jurisprudence and risk management; alternative health care delivery systems; informational technology; and managed care; medicolegal issues, workers compensation, second opinion reporting; criteria for assessing impairment and disability; legal guidelines governing licensure and dental practice, scope of practice with regards to orofacial pain disorders, and instruction in the regulatory requirements of chronic opioid maintenance.

Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:

- Course outlines

Formal patient care conferences must be held at least ten (10) times per year.

**Intent:** Conferences should include diagnosis, treatment planning, progress, and outcomes. These conferences should be attended by residents and faculty representative of the disciplines involved. These conferences are not to replace the daily faculty/resident interactions regarding patient care.

Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:

- Conference schedules

Residents must be given assignments that require critical review of relevant scientific literature.

**Intent:** Residents are expected to have the ability to critically review relevant literature as a foundation for lifelong learning and adapting to changes in oral health care. This should include the development of critical evaluation skills and the ability to apply evidence-based principles to clinical decision-making.
Relevant scientific literature should include current pain science and applied pain literature in dental and medical science journals with special emphasis on pain mechanisms, orofacial pain, head and neck pain, and headache.

Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:
Evidence of experiences requiring literature review

Program Length

2-19 2-18 The duration of the program must be at least two consecutive academic years with a minimum of 24 months, full-time or its equivalent.

Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:
Program schedules
Written curriculum plan

2-20 2-19 Where a program for part-time residents exists, it must be started and completed within a single institution and designed so that the total curriculum can be completed in no more than twice the duration of the program length.

Intent: Part-time residents may be enrolled, provided the educational experiences are the same as those acquired by full-time residents and the total time spent is the same.

Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:
Description of the part-time program
Documentation of how the part-time residents will achieve similar experiences and skills as full-time residents
Program schedules

Evaluation

2-21 2-20 The program’s resident evaluation system must assure that, through the director and faculty, each program:

a) periodically, but at least two times annually, evaluates and documents the resident’s progress toward achieving the program’s written goals and objectives of resident training or competencies using appropriate written criteria and procedures;

b) provides residents with an assessment of their performance after each evaluation. Where deficiencies are noted, corrective actions must be taken; and

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c) maintains a personal record of evaluation for each resident that is accessible to the resident and available for review during site visits.

Intent: While the program may employ evaluation methods that measure a resident’s skills or behavior at a given time, it is expected that the program will, in addition, evaluate the degree to which the resident is making progress toward achieving the specific goals and objectives or competencies for resident training described in response to Standard 2-2.

Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:

- Written evaluation criteria and process
- Resident evaluations with identifying information removed
- Personal record of evaluation for each resident
- Evidence that corrective actions have been taken
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Proposed Revisions to Definition of Terms and Standard 1-1

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Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain
PROPOSED REVISIONS TO ACCREDITATION STANDARDS FOR ADVANCED
DENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS RELATED TO SPONSORING INSTITUTION
AND AUTHORITY TO OPERATE

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PROPOSED REVISIONS FOR ALL ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION
STANDARDS:

Definition of Terms:

**Health Care Organization**: A Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Indian Health Service (IHS), Veterans Health Administration system (VA), or academic health center/medical center/ambulatory care center (both public and private) that is accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or accredited by an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
PROPOSED REVISIONS FOR STANDARD 1-1 FOR ADVANCED EDUCATION IN
GENERAL DENTISTRY, ORAL MEDICINE, AND OROFACIAL PAIN:

Each sponsoring or co-sponsoring United States-based educational institution, hospital or healthcare organization must be accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or accredited by an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

United States military programs not sponsored or co-sponsored by military medical treatment facilities, United States-based educational institutions, hospitals or health care organizations accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or accredited by an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) must demonstrate successful achievement of Service-specific organizational inspection criteria.

Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:

- Accreditation certificate or current official listing of accredited institutions from a United States Department of Education recognized accreditation organization
- Evidence of successful achievement of Service-specific organizational inspection criteria
- Accreditation certificate or current official listing of accredited institution from an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). For example: Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC); Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. (ACHC); American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (AAAASF); American Osteopathic Association Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (AOA/HFAP); Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ); Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP); DNV GL-Healthcare (DNV GL); National Dialysis Accreditation Commission (NDAC); The Compliance Team (TCT); The Joint Commission (JC).

Advanced dental education programs conferring a certificate must have state or federal approval to operate and, as applicable, to confer a certificate. Advanced dental education programs conferring a degree must have institutional accreditation and authority to confer a degree.

Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:

- State license or federal authority documenting the institution’s approval to operate and confer a credential
- Institutional accreditation indicating approval to confer a degree