



Alabama Society of
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons

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To Members of the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama,

A recent email was circulated by the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama proposing a new board rule to clarify the Dental Practice Act. This proposed board "rule" was formed in response to Alabama State Government requests to discontinue what were previously deemed board "opinions". There has been some confusion on the stance held by state oral surgeons regarding the new rule. We are writing to express our point of view regarding the matter. The Alabama Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (ALSOMS) endorses the use of cosmetic injectables by all dentists who have obtained proper training in the orofacial area.

Botox has proven to be a highly effective treatment for a variety of dental and orofacial conditions, including temporomandibular joint disorders (TMD), bruxism, and facial pain. It also has significant aesthetic applications that can enhance patient satisfaction and overall well being. Inherent within their training, dentists receive extensive education and training in the anatomy, physiology, and functional aspects of the orofacial region. This expertise makes them qualified to safely and effectively administer Botox for both therapeutic and aesthetic purposes.

As members of the dental community, we value the collaboration and collegiality that has been present in our state for decades. We look forward to continuing this relationship in the future as dentistry continues to evolve.

Sincerely,

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