

**UNOFFICIAL REPORT OF MAJOR ACTIONS  
COUNCIL ON DENTAL PRACTICE  
May 9-10, 2024**

**The Council on Dental Practice (CDP/the Council) convened on May 9-10, 2024, at the ADA Headquarters Building in Chicago. The following is a summary of major actions taken by the Council:**

1. Approved the inclusion of actions taken by e-ballot since the March 2024 Council meeting be recorded in the minutes from this meeting.  
  
E-ballot 2024-01: The Council approved the March 2024 CDP Meeting Minutes.  
E-ballot 2024-02: The Council approved to Amend the policy titled, Dental Office Wastewater (*Trans.* 2003:387).  
E-ballot 2024-03: The Council approved to retain as written the policies under routine review: **Ownership of Dental Practices** (*Trans.* 2000:462); **Regulating Non-Dentist Owners of Dental Practices** (*Trans.* 2011:491; 2019:255); **Statement Regarding Employment of a Dentist** (*Trans.* 2013:353; 2018:357; 2019:251); and **Certification or Approval of Dental Care Facilities** (*Trans.* 1993:689).
2. Approved with confirmation by the Speaker of House a change from the term “auxiliary” to “allied” that is referenced in ADA Policy is editorial and therefore, the Council wishes to request that CEBJA, as the appropriate agency, assist in making editorial changes in the appropriate policies.
3. Approved that the proposed **Statement on Electronic Health Record and Data Exchange in Dentistry** be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates. Also, approved that the proposal to rescind the policies titled, **Dental Practice Management Software** (*Trans.* 2001:428); **Seamless Electronic Patient Record** (*Trans.* 1996:694); **Electronic Technology in Dentistry** (*Trans.* 1992:608); **Development of Electronic Dental Patient Records** (*Trans.* 1992:598); **Electronic Technology Activities** (*Trans.* 1993:695; 2013:313); and **ADA Involvement in Electronic Data Interchange Activities** (*Trans.* 1992:598), be transmitted to the 2024 ADA House of Delegates.
4. Approved that workforce related policies be reviewed and consolidated to provide a clear ADA stance relating to Allied Dental Team and that comprehensive research be conducted to identify the following:
  1. successful state and local initiatives for funding, recruitment, and training of assistants and hygienists
  2. gaps in workforce roles along with potential scope, training needs and other aspects necessary to support states in their endeavor to implement other roles in the dental team
  3. apprenticeship models to increase the pipeline of hygienists and dental assistants
  4. potential-career progression pathways for assistantsand, that an action plan be developed and presented to the November 2024 meeting of the Council on Dental Practice.
5. Approved that the Dental Team Wellness Advisory Committee (DWAC) explore opportunities to address workplace violence and safety, as part of dental team well-being and provide CDP a report for its Nov 2024 council meeting.
6. Dr. Leighty provided an update on the Large Group and Multi-site Practice Engagement Taskforce and CDP discussed the recommendation and provided additional input to the taskforce.
7. Approved the election of **Dr. Shane A. Ricci** to serve as chair and **Dr. Jennifer L. Thompson** to serve as vice chair, Council on Dental Practice, until the close of the 2025 meeting of the ADA House of Delegates.

**CDP Members:**

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