

Rule XXIV. Use of Lasers
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- A. The requirements in this rule do not apply to use of non-adjustable laser units for purposes of diagnosis and curing.
- B. Only a dentist may use a laser capable of the removal of hard and soft tissue in the treatment of a dental patient.
- C. Laser use by a dental hygienist can only be performed under the indirect or direct supervision of a dentist, and must be within the dental hygiene scope of practice.
- D. A licensee who is a laser user or supervises a laser user must first successfully complete training that covers a minimum eight (8) hours of laser physics, safety, and appropriate use, including hands-on training, prior to utilizing the laser.
 - 1. Training must be obtained through a course provided or recognized by any of the following organizations (or a successor organization):
 - a. A Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited institution;
 - b. The American Dental Association (ADA) Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP);
 - c. The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE); or
 - d. The American Medical Association (AMA).
 - 2. A licensee utilizing a laser, other than what is described in section A of this rule, must maintain evidence of training as required in section D(1) of this rule. Upon request of the Board, the licensee must submit evidence of such training.
 - 3. A licensee must also complete live and interactive training that addresses operation of the specific laser(s) utilized in the practice.
- E. All lasers must be used in accordance with accepted safety guidelines.
- F. When utilizing a laser pursuant to this rule, at a minimum, the following must be documented in the patient's record:
 - 1. Type of laser;
 - 2. Settings used (pulse or continuous wave, power setting);
 - 3. Size of fiber, tip or aperture of tip; and
 - 4. Procedure performed with details including hard or soft tissue removal.