

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Dental Board

Article 2.—Specialists

71-2-2. Branches of dentistry.

The recognized branches of dentistry for which application may be made for a specialist's certificate shall be the following: dental anesthesiology, dental public health, endodontics, oral and maxillofacial pathology, oral and maxillofacial radiology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, and prosthodontics. These branches of dentistry shall be defined as follows:

(a) "Dental anesthesiology" means that branch of dentistry dealing with the advanced use of anesthesia, sedation, and pain management to facilitate dental procedures and surgery.

(b) "Dental public health" means that branch of dentistry relating to the science and art of preventing and controlling dental diseases and promoting dental health through organized community efforts. Dental public health is the form of dental practice that serves the community rather than individual patients. This branch of dentistry is concerned with the dental health education of the public, with applied dental research, and with the administration of group dental care programs as well as the prevention and control of dental diseases on a community basis.

(c) "Endodontics" means that branch of dentistry concerning the morphology, physiology, and pathology of the human dental pulp and periradicular tissues. The study and practice encompass the basic and clinical sciences, including the biology of the normal pulp; the etiology, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of diseases and injuries of the pulp; and associated periradicular conditions.

(d) "Oral and maxillofacial pathology" means that branch of dentistry concerning the nature, identification, and management of diseases affecting the oral and maxillofacial regions. This branch is a science that investigates the causes, processes, and effects of these diseases. The practice of oral and maxillofacial pathology includes the research

and diagnosis of diseases using clinical, radiographic, microscopic, biochemical, and other examinations.

(e) "Oral and maxillofacial radiology" means that branch of dentistry concerning the production and interpretation of images and data produced by all forms of radiant energy that are used for the diagnosis and management of diseases, disorders, and conditions of the oral and maxillofacial region.

(f) "Oral and maxillofacial surgery" means that branch of dentistry concerning the diagnosis and the surgical and adjunctive treatment of disease, injuries, and defects involving both the functional and esthetic aspects of the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial region.

(g) "Orthodontics," which shall include "dentofacial orthopedics," means that branch of dentistry concerning the diagnosis, prevention, interception, and correction of malocclusion, as well as neuromuscular and skeletal abnormalities of the developing or mature orofacial structures.

(h) "Pediatric dentistry" means the branch of dentistry that is the age-defined specialty providing both primary and comprehensive prevention and therapeutic oral health care for infants and children through adolescence, including those with special health care needs.

(i) "Periodontics" means that branch of dentistry concerning the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases of the supporting and surrounding tissues of the teeth or their substitutes and the maintenance of the health, function, and esthetics of these structures and tissues.

(j) "Prosthodontics" means that branch of dentistry concerning the diagnosis, treatment planning, rehabilitation, and maintenance of the oral function, comfort, appearance, and health of patients with clinical conditions associated with missing or deficient teeth or oral and maxillofacial tissues, or both, using biocompatible substitutes. (Authorized by K.S.A. 74-1406; implementing K.S.A. 65-1427; effective Jan. 1, 1966; amended, E-77-9, March 19, 1976; amended Feb. 15, 1977; amended May 1, 1980; amended March 27, 1989; amended April 1, 2005; amended Dec. 30, 2005; amended Dec. 20, 2019.)

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