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§4-206.3.

(a) Subject to the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, a dental hygienist may administer local anesthesia by inferior alveolar nerve block for the purpose of anesthetizing soft tissue to facilitate the performance of dental hygiene procedures, but not as a medical specialty, provided the administration of the local anesthesia is under the supervision of a dentist who:

- (1) Is physically present on the premises; and
- (2) Prescribes the administration of local anesthesia by the dental hygienist.

(b) (1) Before a dental hygienist may administer local anesthesia under subsection (a) of this section, the dental hygienist shall successfully complete the following:

- (i) Any educational requirements established by the Board; and
  - (ii) A written and clinical examination as required by the Board.
- (2) A dental hygienist shall obtain the education required under paragraph (1) of this subsection from an accredited dental hygiene program.
- (3) A dental hygienist who successfully completed the education requirements and examination required under paragraph (1) of this subsection before October 1, 2011, shall take and successfully complete a refresher course and a clinical examination from an accredited dental hygiene program.

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