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To State Board of Dentistry,

I Write to advocate the inclusion of administration of local anesthesia into the scope of dental hygiene practices in Pennsylvania. Its benefits are multi-fold; dentists will spend less time away from their scheduled obligations, hygienists will be expanding their functions and patients will feel less intimidated by " the dentist coming to give a shot/injection". I graduated in 1998 from New York State where my colleagues are actively performing this function, as are most other states allowing such. Since moving to Pennsylvania, I have not lost the ability to acquire new skills and keep up with the times. It ia time for Pennsylvania Board of Dentistry to realize the benefits of passing this regulation.

Sincerely,

Pamela O'Brien