

# **DENTAL BOARD of TASMANIA**

## *Dental Code*

A By-law pursuant to s11 of the *Dental Practitioners Registration Act 2001* for the purpose of providing practical guidance and direction to dental practitioners in matters of general anaesthesia and conscious sedation for dental procedures.

**Short title**

This By-law may be cited as

**BY-LAW No. 2007/2  
GENERAL ANAESTHESIA AND CONSCIOUS SEDATION**

**Commencement**

This By-law commences on the First Day of December 2007.

By-law No. 2007/2 was made by the Dental Board of Tasmania at a duly constituted meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

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Dental Surgeries/Clinics**

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## By-law No. 2 of 2007 General Anaesthesia and Conscious Sedation

### PREAMBLE

#### Purpose

1. This By-law has been developed pursuant to section 11 of the *Dental Practitioner Act 2001* (the Act). Its purpose is to document the standards registered practitioners are required to follow in relation to general anaesthesia and conscious sedation for dental procedures, in order to minimize the risk of harm to patients who receive dental care under general anaesthesia or conscious sedation.

#### Scope

2. This code applies to all practitioners with current registration under the Act.

### REQUIREMENTS

3. Dental practitioners must follow the standards set out in the publications of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) that are listed at point 4. These publications cover the requirements, in terms of appropriate staff, training, facilities, and equipment for the provision of safe general anaesthesia and conscious sedation for dental procedures.

#### Publications of ANZCA:

4.	<u>Document</u>	<u>Document Title</u>
	PS21 (2003)	<i>Guidelines on Conscious Sedation for Dental Procedures in Australia</i> [jointly produced with the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons]
	PS4 (2000)	<i>Recommendations for the Post-anaesthesia Recovery Room</i>
	PS7 (2003)	<i>Recommendations on the Pre-anaesthesia consultation</i>
	PS9 (2005)	<i>Guidelines on Conscious Sedation for Diagnostic, Interventional Medical and Surgical Procedures</i>
	PS15 (2000)	<i>Recommendations for the Perioperative Care of Patients Selected for Day Care Surgery</i>
	PS29 (2002)	<i>Statement on Anaesthesia Care of Children in Healthcare facilities without dedicated Paediatric Facilities</i>
	PS37 (2004)	<i>Statement on Local Anaesthesia and Allied Health Practitioners</i>
	T1 (2006)	<i>Recommendations on Minimum Facilities for Safe Administration of Anaesthesia in Operating Suites and Other Anaesthetising Locations</i>

## **Training**

- 5.1** Dental practitioners must successfully complete the training that is appropriate for the type of anaesthesia or sedation techniques they intend to use.
- 5.2** Dental practitioners who offer the use of Nitrous Oxide Sedation must comply with section 9 of PS21 (2003) or subsequent update. In the absence of a trained medical specialist, they must hold a current first aid certificate. It is also highly recommended that they attend a training course in the use of the technique.

## **NON-COMPLIANCE**

- 6.** The Board may take disciplinary action against practitioners who fail to comply with these anaesthesia and conscious sedation requirements.

## **REVIEW**

- 7.** This By-law will be reviewed and updated within three years of the issue date or earlier if any changes to legislation or national and international standards and developments in dental care indicate a need for review.
- 8.** ANZCA typically reviews its documentation on a five year cycle. The publications referred to in this code will be checked in accordance with this review cycle to ensure the most recent versions are being referenced.
- 9.** Dental practitioners must ensure they reference the most current versions of any document.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 10.1** Dental practitioners can obtain copies of all these documents from ANZCA at <http://www.anzca.edu.au/>
- 10.2** PS21 (2003) is also available from the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons at <http://www.racds.org>