



**General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 22, 2009  
San Francisco, CA**

**Members Present:**

Bruce Witcher, DDS, Chair  
John Bettinger, DDS  
Suzanne McCormick, DDS

**Members Absent:**

Thomas Olinger, DDS

**Staff Present:**

Cathleen Poncabare, Executive Officer  
Richard DeCuir, Assistant Executive Officer  
Dawn Dill, Licensing & Exam Unit Manager  
Sarah Wallace, Administrative Analyst  
Donna Kantner, Legislative & Regulatory Analyst  
Jocelyn Campos, Enforcement Coordinator  
Jessica Olney, Examination & Licensing Analyst  
LaVonne Powell, DCA Senior Staff Counsel  
Kristy Schieldge, DCA Senior Staff Counsel  
Gregory Salute, Deputy Attorney General

Dr. Witcher, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and established a quorum.

**GA/CS 1: 2010 Evaluator Calibration Courses**

Dr. Bruce Witcher reported that there are two Evaluator Calibration Courses scheduled for next year. There will be a course held in Sacramento on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 and a course held at a Southern California location on Wednesday, March 31, 2010. Additionally, he indicated that there was a request for a Central Valley location.

M/S/C (Bettinger/McCormick) to set a date for an Evaluator Calibration Course to be held in the Central Valley. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Witcher will work with staff to coordinate the meeting.

**GA/CS 2: Sim-Man Project**

Dr. Witcher informed the Board that there had been previous discussion of having the Sim-Man replace the live patient demonstration at office evaluations. The goal is to eliminate the scheduling difficulties involved with finding evaluators, eliminate the potential for patient risk, and develop a better way to evaluate skills. However, the Board would need to identify the sites and cost involved in using Sim-Man.

Dr. Witcher suggested appointing a subcommittee to further study the use of Sim-Man and report back to the Committee with the findings. Dr. Witcher appointed Dr. McCormick and himself to the subcommittee. LaVonne Powell, DCA Legal Counsel, informed the Committee of the possible need for a statutory change to use Sim-Man and the possible need for regulatory change to allow continuing education credit for the evaluations.

**GA/CS 3: American Dental Association Airway Course**

Dr. Witcher reported to the Board that there was not a lot of information available to the public regarding the Airway Course. He shared an article that was published in the ADA news. The course was developed through a foundation grant and was developed through the American Society for Dental Anesthesiologists. A pilot course was rolled out at the December 2008 ADA meeting in Chicago. The cost associated with the course is approximately \$1,500 per person. The ADA is working toward implementing the course and making it available. It will be conducting a demonstration at the annual meeting in Hawaii this year. Dr. Witcher recommended that the Committee maintain awareness of the developments and attend a course demonstration when it is available. The goal of the ADA is to have all of the States adopt the course as an additional requirement.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

Dr. Witcher requested that statistics regarding anesthesia complications and outcomes be provided at the next meeting. He also requested statistics pertaining to Calibration Course attendees becoming evaluators, the distribution of evaluators across California, and evaluations being conducted.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.