

Resolution 2020 -2. In Support of Dental Licensure Reform

WHEREAS the Adams School of Dentistry is committed to promoting the safety, health, and well-being of the People of the State of North Carolina;

WHEREAS the ethical comprehensive care of a patient is consistent with the mission and values of the Adams School of Dentistry;

WHEREAS supporting professional mobility is necessary for the thousands of dentists who move across state lines each year;

Now, therefore, we the Faculty of the Adams School of Dentistry resolve to support the elimination of live patient examinations for dental licensure, and furthermore support dental licensure reform as outlined by the Coalition for Modernizing Dental Licensure, a partnership of the American Dental Association, American Student Dental Association, and American Dental Education Association.

Supporting information:

Modernizing licensure is a current debated topic as the CITA licensure process presents issues with regard to its validity, reliability, and ethics. The Coalition for Modernizing Licensure, founded in 2018 by the ADA, ADEA, and ASDA, is now supported by over 35 other organizations including dental schools and state dental associations. The coalition seeks to both ensure patient safety and promote professional aims. In accordance with their mission, one of their key goals is to replace single encounter, procedure-based live patient exams with alternative assessments and examinations with stronger validity and reliability. These alternatives include the Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (being piloted by the ADA Department of Testing Services late next year and at the University of Washington in the Spring 2020), graduation from a CODA-accredited PGY-1 program, or completion of a portfolio comprised of clinical competency assessments. A resolution will be brought forth during the senate meeting seeking to obtain full faculty support of the coalition's missions and values regarding live patient exams. More information regarding licensure reform, as well as a current list of coalition members and supporters, can be found on their website [here](#). More information regarding current licensure exam issues and benefits of exam alternatives can be found [here](#) on ASDA's website.