

Board Opinion on the use of Botulinum Toxin by Dentists

The Board recognizes that the use of botulinum toxin (Botox and others) is within the scope of a licensed NM dentist for the oral and maxillofacial regions. There has been a recent question of whether a dentist can treat patients with migraine headaches with Botox. The Board is of the opinion that the following suggestions act as guidelines for dentists treating these conditions:

1. Migraine headaches and other closely related headache conditions must be diagnosed by a physician, as a dentist cannot specifically diagnose these disorders.
2. The use of Botox by a dentist to treat migraines should be in close collaboration with their medical colleagues.
3. Screening for Obstructive Sleep Apnea must be done by a physician before the use of Botox.
4. Dentists must be trained in the use of Botox as defined by Rules: 16.5.14.