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The mission statement of the Florida Association of Orthodontists reads “The FAO is an association of orthodontic specialists that proactively fosters the delivery of ethical, quality, professional orthodontic care for the public and is dedicated to improving the art and science of orthodontics.” The current resolution promoting specialty licensure by credentials brought forth by the FDA is in opposition to our mission statement and therefore requires our organization to unite to oppose any change and thereby maintain the current policy as it applies to all dentists in the State of Florida. It is our duty to remain proactive to insure that our patients are treated with the highest quality of care possible and that the regulations and laws of Florida reflect those values.



Patricia Tapley, D.M.D.

As part of this newsletter, your Executive Committee has provided the FAO position statement opposing any change to the current FDA policy on licensure and the reasons behind our opposition. Time is of the essence to communicate our stance on this issue to our referring dentists, district delegates and FDA officers. We are providing you with contact information for district delegates and FDA officers along with some pertinent information to use as talking points. The FDA House of Delegates meets during the Florida National Dental Convention June 13-14, 2007 at the Gaylord Palms Resort in Orlando. Prior to that meeting the various districts hold caucus meetings in June to review the resolutions that will be debated. Your Executive Committee is calling upon each member of the FAO to make his or her voice heard, so please contact your delegates and officers to discuss your concerns about licensure by credentials.

Our lobbyist, Ms. Berneice Cox of Ruden McClosky Consulting, will continue to monitor legislation and present our views to the necessary legislators so that they will know how we stand on the issues. In addition, we will be gearing up for Campaign 2008 soon and will be asking for your continued support of our efforts in the political arena. It is vital that we maintain a strong voice concerning issues that are pertinent to our specialty and the public we serve.

It is an honor to serve as President of the FAO, who as a group has always been proactive in safeguarding the public. Your Executive Committee remains steadfast in preserving the standards that the citizens of Florida have come to expect from us and we are counting on you, the members, to join in this effort to maintain the trust that we have earned as professionals.

Sincerely,  
*Trish*

# FAO Position Statement On Specialty Licensure By Credentials

*The following letter of response was addressed to Dr. Dan Henry, FDA President in March, 2007.*

The Florida Association of Orthodontists appreciates the opportunity to provide input concerning licensure by credentials. The FAO strongly OPPOSES changing the current FDA policy on licensure. Before any action is taken we recommend the initiation of an impact study to determine the ramifications of any changes in the current policy as it applies to all dentists in the State of Florida, including both general dentists and specialty groups, and the public we treat. Our primary concern is the effect that these measures would have on the ethical delivery of quality care for the residents of Florida. It is paramount to undertake a sound, fact-based needs assessment in order to understand all possible scenarios that could arise from such a change in the current policy. A very clear understanding of potential negative consequences that could occur from such changes should be clearly understood before any action is taken.

Orthodontics is a unique specialty with ongoing, long-term treatment of patients that necessitates continuity of care. The mission statement of our organization reads in part, "The FAO is an association of orthodontic specialists that proactively fosters the delivery of ethical, quality, professional orthodontic care for the public...." Our utmost obligation is protection of the public and abandonment or lack of continuity of care for patients is a real risk.

We believe that licensure of orthodontists by credentials will threaten the quality of orthodontic care for the citizens of Florida due to the following:

- Orthodontists from other states may open practices or work in other dental offices in a "part-time" capacity

and continuity of care and case management will suffer. An exceeding majority of orthodontic practices are sole practitioners. The minority of group practices develop basic practice philosophies over an extended period of time. Orthodontic treatment plans often last for 18-36 months and having one practitioner plan and oversee the process is critical. Transferring a patient from one part-time doctor to the next might be most similar to seeing different doctors with differing philosophies throughout the diagnosis, preparation and placement of a final dental restoration or prosthesis in general dentistry.

- Orthodontists from other states could open numerous offices in their own name, or a corporate name through which they might rotate on a very limited basis and the majority of care might be provided by other dentists who may or may not be graduates of an ADA recognized orthodontic specialty program. Long term case management would suffer and it would be unlikely that the patients would have the knowledge that much of their care is not provided by an orthodontic specialist.

The public expects certain standards from a licensed practitioner and expects to be protected from adverse risk. The entire Executive Committee of the FAO is opposed to any changes in the current policy and we strongly urge the FDA to not support licensing of orthodontic specialists by credentials, safeguarding the public and promoting a true public perception that they are receiving orthodontic care from professionals specially trained to provide optimal finished products.

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## Sample Letter to Your Referring Dentists

Dear Dr. \_\_\_\_\_

In case you haven't been reading the FDA newsletters lately, I am sending you this message to make certain you are aware of a threat to dentistry and the citizens in Florida that requires some action on your part. The FDA is proposing a resolution that would allow specialty licensure by credential, whereby any specialist could practice on Florida without taking the Florida Board exam. The next logical step, if this is allowed to pass, is to eliminate the state board exam altogether and let any dentist that passes a regional or national board practice in Florida.

I, and all the other doctors I've spoken with about this issue have very serious concerns about how this change would adversely affect the quality of care that we are used to observing for our patients. If you agree that this would not be good for the citizens of Florida, I urge you to contact any or all the delegates from your district and let them know how you feel. I have attached a list of delegates for our district, many of which have e-mail addresses that make it very easy to express your opinion. The vote will occur on June 14 at the FNDC in Orlando.

Thanks,  
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## Expanded Duties Fees and Schedule – Dr. Bob Goldie

The expanded duties committee has increased the certification/testing fee from \$75.00 to \$100.00 effective July, 2007. The fee increase will offset the expense of updating and digitizing all of the testing modules. Reworking the testing procedure will provide a more user-friendly test for your assistants. It will address some of our members' suggestions voiced at the '07 FAO meeting.

Please note that the expanded duties course offered by the FAO covers 6 of the 9 delegable functions applicable to most orthodontic offices. The three not covered are: 1) radiology certification, 2) taking alginate impressions for diagnostic study models, and 3) application of acid etch prior to bonding new brackets. If your assistant has received formal training, i.e. graduated from a certified dental assisting course, then they probably are covered for these three expanded functions. However, if they only received on-the-job training in these duties, then they are most likely not certified to perform these duties in the state of Florida.

Final thought – Board of Dentistry Laws and Rules - All assistants working in the orthodontic practice must have their expanded duties certificate. Certify your assistants. It is the law!!!!

*For a listing of offered expanded duties courses visit our website at [www.faortho.com](http://www.faortho.com)*

## FAO Website Login for Members

For those of you who may not know (or for those of you who have forgotten), your personal login for the members-only sections of the FAO website [www.faortho.com](http://www.faortho.com) is:

Login ID: Your last name (not case sensitive)

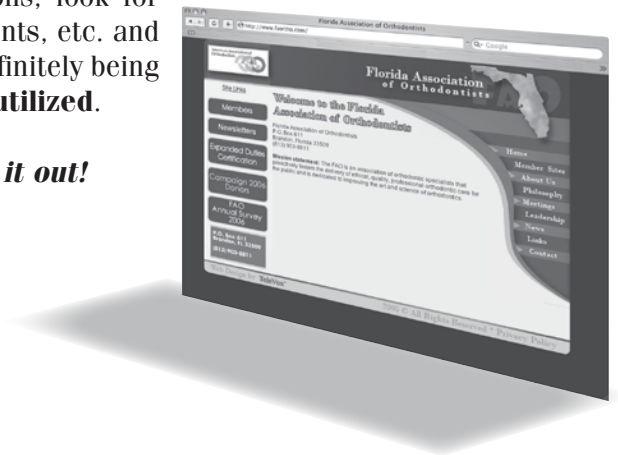
First Name: Your first name (not case sensitive)

Password: Zip code on file with the FAO as your primary address.

Most of the site is open to the public (to explore and learn about us,) but the Message Board and President's Message is only available to members who have logged in.

On a side note, the website is there for you to use and refer to as needed. The Message board is a great way to communicate with other members, ask questions, look for assistants, etc. and it is definitely being **underutilized**.

***Check it out!***



## FAO Directors' Spotlight: Dr. Chris Mariani, DDS, MS

*Congratulations to Dr. Chris Mariani of South Miami for being appointed as the newest member on the FAO Board of Directors!*

Full Name: Richard Christopher Mariani

Practice Location: South Miami

Dental School: Emory University, Class of 1981, DDS

Orthodontic Residency: Georgetown University, Class of 1983, MS

Private Practice 'Experience': Originally worked in Marietta, GA for Dr. Theodore Harless from 1983 to 1985. Returned to hometown of Miami in 1985 and purchased a small practice (75 patients) from Dr. Clinton Warren, who passed away a week before Dr. Mariani's arrival.

Family: Married 14 years to Kimber Clayton, two kids- CJ (11 years old) and Vera (9 years old)

Hobbies: Photography, Audiophile, and 'I'm a Motorhead'



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## Get involved for your profession!

*Listed below are questions we urge you to ask your local delegates prior to the June 13-14, 2007 Florida Dental Association House of Delegates Meeting.*

- 1) Have any studies been performed to determine the need for a change in specialty licensure requirements in Florida?
- 2) Have there been any studies that would predict the consequences of the proposed changes?
- 3) Why should we lower the standards required for state licensure of specialists at this point in time?
- 4) If one argues that standards are not being lowered, why is it necessary to specifically exclude any dental procedures from being performed by these future licensees?
- 5) Why shouldn't specialist in Florida be expected to demonstrate knowledge and proficiency of dentistry as a whole as they have for decades in Florida?
- 6) Why limit what general dentistry procedures a specialist is able to perform when this would prevent them from volunteering basic dental health care to those citizens most in need?

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- 7) If “access to care” is an important goal of the FDA, shouldn’t we be licensing more dentists who can provide basic, preventative and emergency dental services instead of specifically excluding the provision of these services?
- 8) Will lowering the standards for licensure of a specialist lead to less accountability for their services since many will not be permanent long-term residents of the community in which they will serve? Will their corporate entity employers be held accountable for sub-standard care?
- 9) Is the Board of Dentistry prepared to act on a large increase in the number of complaints regarding sub-standard specialty care?

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**October 31-  
November 4, 2007**

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June 14-16, 2007 **Florida National Dental Convention (FNDC)**  
Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center  
Orlando, FL

October 31-  
November 4, 2007 **Southern Association of Orthodontists (SAO)  
Annual Meeting**  
Westin Diplomat Resort  
Hollywood, FL

March 7-9, 2008 **Florida Association of Orthodontists (FAO)  
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