

NATIONAL CODE MEETING
February 21, 2002
State Room. Fairmont Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

The Regional Directors present were asked to maintain notes of the meeting for posting on the CODE web site.

Notes by Dr. Kevin Fraiser(MCG-Region 6)

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 P.M. with a signed attendance of 47.

I. Introduction - Dr. Larry Haisch, National Director

A. Opening remarks:

1. Background to this meeting, rationale, etc.
2. Introduction of Advisory Committee Members present:
(Larry Haisch, Alan Ripps, Poonam Jain, Kevin Frazier)

B. Surveys via a show of hands:

1. 11 attended a CODE meeting this year; 20 have attended a meeting in the past.
2. Thursday P.M. was the most popular time for this meeting by a 2:1 margin.
3. 10 visited the CODE Website in the last six months.

C. CODE Website updates:

1. Regional reports available
2. History of CODE
3. U. Tennessee, host of CODE Region 3 Fall Meeting, mentioned CODE on their website
4. Everyone is asked to invite military dentists in their regions, State Board examiners, and Residency Directors (especially those not associated with dental schools) to attend the Regional Fall Meetings.
5. Juan Agosto and Pete Triolo recommended increased involvement with National Boards.

II. Discussion on Standards for Teaching Posterior Composites

Summitt "Recommendations" for teaching is more correct terminology because the research is not clear.

Ripps Several schools in his region don't teach Posterior Composites.

Mjor <50% of all dental students will do a Class II Composite.

- Frazier MCG has a Senior Clinical Competency Exam in Class II Composite.
- _____ State of Washington data base indicates Comp > Amalgam last year (M. Anderson)
- Triolo His school has 4 post comp competencies- 2 Jr., 2 Sr., direct & indirect.
- Sneed Wants to increase composites to 25% of all directs at MUSC.
- House WVU criteria- Enamel Margins, R. Dam, Esthetic need, Conservative prep. Not for Cusp Replacement.
- Frazier Most State Boards do not require Class II composites so this may be part of the reason that they are not taught more often. Part of the reason that boards do not test them more often is because the prep would be very difficult to standardize and it is more difficult for the graders to evaluate the restorations.
- Mjor Surveys: longevity of composite is approaching amalgam. Reasons for replacement include secondary caries, bulk fracture, margin failures. The wear of early composites was really a degradation of the material.
- Jain Clinical studies of 5-7 years show high failure rates in molars, when cusps are replaced and when the gingival margin is in dentin.
- Blaser Florida State Board requires a cusp-covering composite on a Dentoform although UF does not recommend it.
- Cochran Don't argue material vs. material. Teach students to choose the best material for each situation.
- B.Johnson The defect in the tooth should dictate the material choice.
- Military Amalgam is still the dominant posterior direct restorative. They replace lots of posterior composites in new recruits due to recurrent caries.
- Lund This is the best format for some of these discussions. Too little time is available in the ADEA Meeting. The time available in the school curriculum for Operative has been steadily declining.
- Summitt The only way to make the needed changes is by using evidence.

- House We should use these meetings to discuss composites' weaknesses.
- Cochran Is anyone (else) concerned about what has been happening to Operative Dentistry?
- Frazier Encouraged everyone to get involved in their regions, consider having cross-sectional meetings, moving their regional times to Friday and Saturday, etc.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 P.M..

The Advisory Committee met afterwards for about 15 minutes.

Juan Agosto (PR) asked Jim Summitt about posterior composites being on the agenda of topics for the Recommendations for Clinical Practice Committee. He said that it would be mentioned as an alternative choice for the restoration of interproximal posterior lesions.

Ideas for future directions, agenda

- A. Report on the results of the regional meetings at this meeting next year.
- B. Haisch could give the National Agenda Report and Regional Directors or their representatives could talk about Regional Agenda items.
- C. Solicitation of national agenda items from the attendees.

Mjor The CODE Meeting at the Operative Academy or ADEA should not be about details, rather it is the ideal place for policy issues.

End of notes.

Notes by Dr. Poonam Jain(SIU-Region 2 at-large)

The first Annual National CODE meeting at the AOD meeting in Chicago was a success.

I. Comments of Agenda Item - Posterior Composites

After a brief introduction by National Director, Dr. Larry Haisch, the agenda item-guidelines for placement of posterior composites was discussed. It brought much productive discussion to the table. The different schools represented at the meeting discussed the criteria used at their respective institutions for placement of posterior composites. It was noted that these criteria ranged from being extremely conservative (pre-molars only, all margins in enamel, no cusp

replacement) to extremely liberal (any teeth, cusp replacement allowed, dentin margins okay).

It was also found that most schools had no system to track long term performance of these restorations. A couple of schools are conducting clinical studies and have up to 3 years data which they have not published so far. Some schools have competency exams in posterior composites. Most do not, at this time.

The general agreement was that clinical performance data on these restorations needs to be published. Guidelines for placement of these restorations need to be developed.

It was also decided to include this topic as a national agenda item at the CODE Regional Meetings.

II. Comments of General Discussion Regarding Future National Code Meetings.

At the National CODE Meeting, the Regional Directors from the different regions will present a summary of the discussions on the various regional and the national CODE items discussed at each regional meeting. This will make the CODE report much more meaningful. Also, it will make it easier to disseminate the most meaningful information across the regions.

Future National CODE meetings will continue to be held on Thursday evenings during the AOD meeting in Chicago.

End of Notes.

On behalf of the Conference of Operative Dentistry Educators (CODE), thank you to the Academy of Operative Dentistry (AOD) for providing a space and the time for a meeting of CODE.

A National CODE meeting will be held at the Fairmont Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, on Thursday, February 27, 2003 from 4:15 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Academy of Operative Dentistry (AOD).

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