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I would like to comment on the final panel of competencies for Forensic Odontology. There should be one more important competency which, along with the traditional tasks listed below, comprises specialist work. That is forensic examination, assessment and reporting of cases of alleged fraud by dentists involving many aspects of dentistry, e.g. malpractice in accounting or over servicing, alleged inappropriate or incompetent treatment, workplace environments affecting dental wellbeing, and other matters. Such cases usually involve a large volume of written and verbal data and specimens and involve a detailed examination of living subjects.

I have personally been tasked with such assessments many times over 20 years as a member of the Dental Board, ADA Peer Review, as a consultant to health insurers and industry and lately to a corporate medico-legal reporting agency. These tasks typically need to be performed at a high level of accuracy and impartiality by a dentist with experience in all aspects of dental practice and the legal process.

I encourage the Board to consider inclusion of this important function as a competency in the specialty of Forensic Odontology.

Specific

A graduate specialist is expected to be competent in the following, as relevant to the specialty:

- a. identifying persons for forensic purposes
- b. performing age assessments
- c. assessing and reporting of injuries
- d. undertaking disaster victim identification (DVI) in both national and international settings, and
- e. undertaking a dental autopsy.

Thank you,

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