

March 19, 2019

Dr. Luis J. Fujimoto
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Dear Dr. Fujimoto:

On behalf of the 40,000 Academy of General Dentistry members, I am asking the AADB to immediately remove the pop-up link to the AAE's *White Paper on Endodontic Competency* (and other AAE guidelines) from your AADB landing page and any other part of the AADB web site. We were shocked that AADB would put its imprimatur on a third party organization's self-serving guidelines. This would be shocking under any circumstances but particularly in the current legal environment.

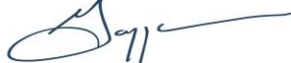
AGD is the only organization exclusively representing general dentists. Our members have a passion for advancing their skills through exceptional continuing education. A dental license is plenary, except in states that require permits to administer anesthesia. AGD members know that like any dentist or health care provider if they do not have the training or experience to perform a procedure at an adequate standard, legally and ethically they need to refer the patient to another dentist who does.

Placing the AAE *Endodontic Competency Paper* link on the AADB web site is extremely problematic. It serves as an endorsement of the paper to the public and to dental boards. AAE members compete with some general dentists in the market for endodontic services. AAE's web site includes the following statistics from a 2005-2006 ADA survey:

"It is estimated that 22.3 million endodontic procedures were performed annually: 15.2 million/68% were performed by general dentists; 5.7 million/26% were performed by endodontists. The remainder were performed by other dental specialist.

Your members- the state dental boards -- are accountable for enforcing the state dental practice acts in a manner that protects the public, not competitors. Please remove the link immediately, and inform AGD Executive Director Max Moses (Max.moses@agd.org) that this has been done. Thank you for your prompt action.

Sincerely,



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President

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