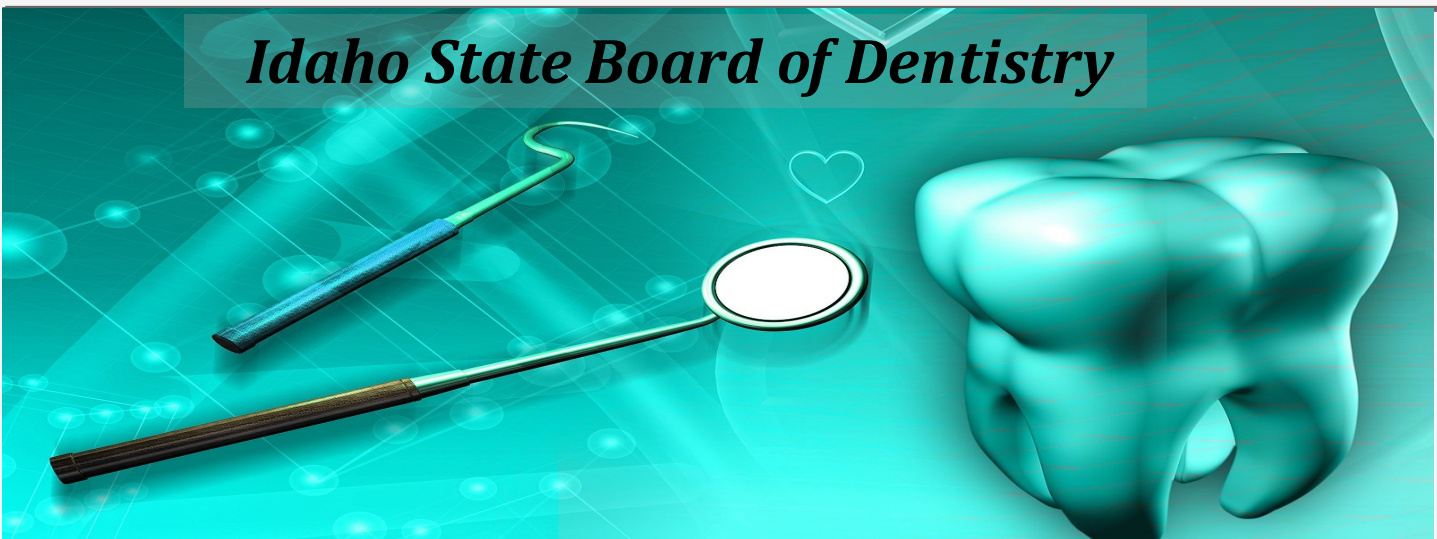


Idaho State Board of Dentistry



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TO THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

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Dr. Kyle Christensen is a dedicated dental professional with over 14 years of experience. He is honored to serve on the Idaho State Board of Dentistry, bringing a deep commitment to excellence in patient care and professional standards. Dr. Christensen began his dental career in the United States Air Force, where he completed a general practice residency and gained valuable clinical and leadership experience.



Following his military service, he purchased a general dentistry practice in the town of Paul, Idaho, where he continues to care for patients with compassion and integrity. A graduate of the University of Southern California School of Dentistry, Dr. Christensen is also a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry—an achievement that reflects his dedication to continuing education and clinical excellence. He remains passionate about mentoring young dentists and supporting the growth of the profession.

He and his wife, Emily, live in Twin Falls with their four children. They are actively involved in their church and enjoy contributing to the local community.



Updates

Fee Changes:

On January 10, 2025, licensure fees were decreased by 25%. This adjustment helps the Board comply with statutory mandates to maintain a cash balance between 30% to 150% of annual operating expenses. The Board will continue to monitor its financials and adjust the licensure fees as necessary.

The current fee chart can be found on the Board of Dentistry [website](#).

Division News:

In an effort to increase additional operational efficiencies, the Division is in the process of transitioning all Boards and Commissions to biennial birthdate renewals. This process is being gradually implemented to ensure minimal impact on the licensees. The date the Board of Dentistry will transition to biennial licensure has yet to be determined. However, once a date is selected, communication will be provided via email and posted on the Board's website to ensure a smooth process.

Legislative Update:

House Bill 29 (HB 29):

The Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL), on behalf of the Idaho Board of Pharmacy, introduced HB 29, which added 48 new substances to the [Idaho Uniform Controlled Substances Act](#). Each compound was independently reviewed by the Board and scheduled according to the risk associated with its prescriptive use. These changes went into effect on July 1, 2025.

Schedule	Category	Count
I	Fentanyl Derivates (Opiates)	10
	Cannabinoids (Hallucinogenics)	7
	Benzodiazepines	5
	Synthetic Stimulants (Bath Salts)	2
III	Testosterone Derivates	23
IV	New FDA-Approved Drug: Zuranolone	1



Wellbeing First Champion!

Mental health is a concern for many members of the population, including health care professionals. The Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation's mission is "to reduce burnout of health care professionals and safeguard their wellbeing and job satisfaction."

The foundation created the [Wellbeing First Champion Challenge](#), encouraging licensing boards to remove intrusive mental health questions from their applications. Within recent years the Board of Dentistry has met this challenge by replacing questions regarding mental health with a general attestation of wellbeing. As such, The Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation has recognized the Idaho Board of Dentistry as one of the first Boards of Dentistry in the United States to become a Wellbeing First Champion! The Board is excited to be recognized for such a significant achievement and looks forward to continuing to support mental health wellbeing in Idaho.



The Idaho Interprofessional Advisory Committee

In response to a high volume of stakeholder inquiries, the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) has formed a new committee to provide clarity on licensure and supervisory requirements for safe administration of certain injectable treatments. Injectable treatments to be addressed include but are not limited to: IV hydration; cosmetic neurotoxins and dermal fillers; platelet-rich plasma (PRP) and GLP-1 agonists.

Committee members were appointed on January 23rd, with terms running through January 31st of 2027. The committee is comprised of one member from the Barber and Cosmetology Services Board, two members from the Board of Pharmacy, three members from the Board of Medicine (two physicians and one public member), three members from the Board of Nursing (one APRN, and two RNs) and one Member from the Board of Dentistry. There has been one meeting to date. The next meeting is scheduled for August 15th.

Keep an eye on the Board of Dentistry website for additional information when it is available. The current [Guidance for Lifestyle Injectable Treatments](#) can be accessed through the Board of Dentistry [website](#) from the [Statutes, Rules and Guidance button](#).



Fond Farewell To Dr. Nate Catmull

BY Meg Long



Idaho’s dental practitioners and patients owe a huge debt of gratitude to Dr. Nate Catmull for ten years of service on the State Board of Dentistry. Dr. Catmull maintains a busy General Dentistry practice in both Rupert and Burley. He was first appointed to the Board in 2015 and graciously served as the Board Chairman three different years. As chair, Dr. Catmull addressed multiple challenging issues, including

Dental Therapist licensure and the transition from an independent entity to the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses. He guided the Board through the Governor mandated process of Zero-Based Regulation, i.e., the editing, deletion, and revision of the Rules for Dentistry in Idaho.

In reflecting on his time with the Board, Dr. Catmull stated that he “felt honored and blessed to serve on the Board. I truly believe that my service to the citizens of Idaho made me a better practitioner and gave me countless opportunities for networking, learning from, and building lasting friendships with other professionals in our state.” Dr. Catmull has continued his service as an examiner with a national licensing organization for candidates seeking dental licensure in other states. One of the parting thoughts Nate expressed as he completed his last term on the Board, was to encourage other dental professionals, both seasoned practitioners and those beginning and growing their practices, to consider giving of their expertise, knowledge and time to serve – “The time I gave away from my practice and my family was certainly rewarded with the relationships I was able to establish and the knowledge I gained.”





Struggling in Silence? You're Not Alone—Help Is Here for Health Professionals

You entered your profession to care for others. But who's caring for you?

If you're a health professional silently battling substance use or mental health challenges—or if someone you love is—it's time to take the first step toward healing. The **Health Professions Recovery Program (HPRP)** is here to support you with compassion, not judgment.

Addiction and mental health struggles don't discriminate. They can affect anyone—even the most dedicated and high-achieving professionals. Research shows that punishment doesn't stop addiction. But individualized, caring support does. That's exactly what this program offers: a confidential path forward that protects your well-being, your career, and your future.

You don't have to wait for things to get worse. You don't have to face it alone.

Ask yourself:

- Are you feeling overwhelmed, burned out, or unlike yourself?
- Is someone you care about in the medical field showing signs of struggle?

Do you want to regain a sense of peace, purpose, and control?

You don't have to hit rock bottom to get help. You just have to take the first step.

You are not broken. You are not alone. You are human—and help is available.

Many have walked this path before you and found a better, healthier life on the other side. If you're unsure about reaching out, consider attending a virtual or in-person meeting through [International Doctors in Alcoholics Anonymous \(IDAA\)](#)—a non-judgmental, confidential community of peers who understand exactly what you're going through.

Take back your direction. Reclaim your strength. We're here when you're ready.

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Upcoming Board Meetings 2025

October 10 @ 8:30 a.m.

Board Members

Daniel Kener (Public Member)

N. Tyler Elison, DDS (Chair)

Jason J King, DDS

Jennifer L Andrews-Kelly, RDH

Margaret (Meg) Long, RDH

Erin G Leavitt, DDS

Eric Nelson, DDS, MD

Kyle B Chistensen, DDS

All Meetings will be held at:

11341 W Chinden Blvd.

Building 4

Boise, ID 83714

Room: TBD

For meeting updates visit:

[Home - DOPL \(idaho.gov\)](https://dopl.idaho.gov)

