

Modernize Connecticut Dentistry: Allow Dentists to Perform Cosmetic Injections



The Issue

Connecticut is one of the few remaining states that does not allow dentists to perform non-surgical cosmetic injections—such as dermal fillers and neuromodulators—despite dentists' advanced training in facial anatomy and routine use of facial injections in patient care.

Why This Makes Sense

Dentists are facial experts.

Dental education includes extensive training in head and neck anatomy, facial musculature, nerves, and vasculature—often exceeding that of other providers currently authorized to perform these procedures.

Patients want continuity of care.

For many patients, cosmetic injections are the final step in a treatment plan that restores oral function and facial esthetics. Patients prefer receiving this care from their trusted dental provider.

Significance of Implementation

- ✓ **37 states** already allow dentists to safely perform cosmetic injections
- ✓ Dentists give **facial injections every day** for anesthesia, TMJ disorders, and pain management; often the exact same pharmaceuticals in the exact same injection sites as they would for cosmetic purposes
- ✓ Connecticut already allows **plastic surgeons, dermatologists**, as well as non-doctoral professionals (APRNs, PAs, and RNs) to provide these services
- ✓ Dentists receive **equal or greater facial anatomy training** than many authorized providers

To learn more about Dental Anesthesia Regulations, please contact the Connecticut State Dental Association at 860-378-1800 or kgerrity@csda.com.



Public Safety & Access

- Cosmetic injections are **non-surgical and low-risk** when performed by trained clinicians
- Authorizing dentists will **expand access** and reduce unnecessary referrals
- Care is delivered in a **trusted, regulated healthcare setting**

The Ask

Support legislation to modernize Connecticut's dental scope of practice and allow licensed dentists to perform dermal fillers and neuromodulator injections. Removing four words from the dental scope of practice will:

- Align Connecticut with national standards
- Improve patient access and continuity of care
- Maintain the highest standards of safety and quality