February 15, 2008

Dr. David B. Ashley  
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Dear President Ashley:

At its February 1, 2008 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation approved transfer of the sponsorship of the general practice residency program from the University of Nevada Reno School of Medicine to the University of Nevada-Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine. The accreditation classification of “approval without reporting requirements” will be continued for the program at this time. The next comprehensive on-site review of the program is scheduled for September 23, 2008.

The Commission has authorized use of the following statement by institutions or programs that wish to announce their programmatic accreditation by the Commission. Programs that wish to advertise the specific programmatic accreditation status granted by the Commission may include that information as indicated in italics below (see text inside square brackets); that portion of the statement is optional but, if used, must be complete and current.

The program in general practice residency is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation [and has been granted the accreditation status of “approval without reporting requirements”]. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation has accredited the postdoctoral program in general practice residency. However, this education area is not one of the ADA recognized dental specialty areas. Therefore, dentists graduating from this program cannot announce that they are specialists, as recognized by the ADA.
If I can be of assistance to you or members of your staff, please do not hesitate to contact me at (800) 621-8099, extension 2788.

Sincerely,

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