



Annual Shredding Event!
Presented by the Cincinnati Dental Society
Exclusive Offer for CDS Members and Their Staff!

How long do I have to keep my dental charts?

The Supreme Court of Ohio recently upheld the constitutionality of the state's four-year statute of repose in medical and dental malpractice actions. A statute of repose is a provision that sets a time frame in which a legal right extinguishes. In other words, the statute of repose places an effective time limitation on when dental malpractice suits may be filed against a treating dentist. Ohio's statute of repose bars actions filed more than four years after the date of treatment, except in the case of those patients who are mentally infirm and with minors, in which case the four years begins to run upon emancipation.

Dentists had previously been instructed to retain patient records indefinitely to aid in the defense of a lawsuit. However, this favorable court ruling may help relieve dentists' record-keeping burden. There may be circumstances where a dental office must maintain records for a certain period of time; for instance, the retention requirement for Medicaid records (6 years) and Medicare records (7 years). Participating provider agreements also generally specify record retention requirements, as well as many professional liability insurance agreements. Dentists are encouraged to obtain guidance from legal counsel and their malpractice insurer prior to the disposal of any patient records and to seek guidance on establishing a new record retention policy.

...By Eric Richmond, ODA Director of Legal and Legislative Services

Date: Saturday, April 17, 2021 Time: 8:30 to 10:30 am
Location: CDS Executive Office, 9200 Montgomery Road, 45242

Coffee and Donuts - Compliments of CDS

Cost: Boxes **without** X-Rays, first five (5) standard boxes are at no charge.
Additional standard boxes - \$10 each. Boxes **with** X-rays, \$15 per standard box.

A STANDARD BOX IS ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS A COPY PAPER BOX.

YES, any paper product, staples, paper clips, rubber bands, hanging file folders, 3-ring binders and binder clips. **NO**, plastic prescription bottles, plastic pop bottles or glass.

What if I am unable to attend? Simply let Vicki Nixon know and she will make other arrangements for you.

Please plan to take your boxes with you.

Reserve Your Spot Today!
Deadline is April 9, 2021!

April 17, 2021 Shredding Event - Fax: 513-984-3047

Name: _____ Phone: _____
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of boxes with x-rays you plan to bring: _____ ***Looking forward to seeing you!!!***