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Advisory on the Use of Electronic Signatures in Patient Records

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The Board has been asked to clarify its position on the use of electronic signatures to maintain patient records as the dental regulations do not consistently provide for their use for different parts of patient records. *See 234 CMR 5.15(3)(g) compare with 234 CMR 5.15(3)(b)(6) & (7).* The Board advises it will accept either an electronic or written signature to satisfy any signature requirement provided in the regulations at 234 CMR 5.15.