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A Letter from the DC Dental Society President Thomas Sokoly, DDS

Dear Colleagues:

As we near the Mid-Atlantic Dental meeting on May 5-6, I want to make sure the dates are marked on your calendar and that you and your team are registered. This event is the ideal opportunity to renew local connections and take advantage of 120 hours of continuing education for you and your team. Be sure to

[register](#) you and your team by March 31 to take advantage of the lowest registration rates.

The DCDS Board held a planning meeting in November to update the Society's strategic priorities for 2017-2020. It was an extremely productive meeting. We affirmed three key priorities in which to focus our efforts: 1) Membership Value – Provide programs, services and opportunities to members that will enable them to succeed and excel throughout their careers; 2) Technology – Adopt technology solutions that improve member communications, networking and education, and enhance the complete member experience. Provide resources that enable members to learn and utilize the latest technologies in social media/practice management; 3) Financial Stability – Achieve financial stability by defining it, scrutinizing products, services and expenses, and developing and investing in new ideas to increase revenue.

Work has already begun to address these strategic priorities and I plan to offer regular updates to the membership as to our progress. I urge you to take a look at the 2017-2020 strategic priorities which are available on the [DCDS website](#).

I wanted to take this opportunity to note a few changes to the upcoming calendar of activities. To avoid a conflict with Passover, the April monthly meeting has been moved to the first Tuesday of the month - April 4, at 5:45 p.m. The speaker and format for this meeting remain unchanged. Last fall the Board approved moving this year's Annual Awards Dinner from its usual June date to coincide with *(continued on page 2)*

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(continued from page 1) this year's Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting in May. This year's awards dinner is now scheduled for Friday, May 5 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. As always, there will be no fee for a member and one guest to attend the event.

Nominations for open board and committee positions are now being accepted via an [online nomination form](#). Nominations for open officer and board positions will also be accepted at the March 14 monthly meeting. The Awards & Nominating Committee will review all nominations and vet all candidates for inclusion on the 2017-2018 Board of Directors ballot (for opposed positions) and make recommendations to the board of directors on committee assignments.

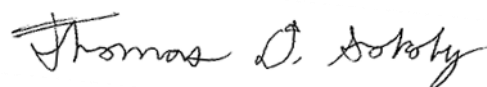
I encourage you to nominate yourself or a deserving colleague for a leadership position to actively contribute to the Society's strategic goals, develop crucial leadership skills and make important career connections. I'd also like to specifically encourage new dentists (those out of dental school less than ten years) to nominate others or self-nominate. The list of current DCDS committees, including charges for each is available on the DCDS website.

Finally, I hope to see you on February 7 for our next monthly meeting. The speaker is Dr. Joseph Carpentieri who will be presenting on the topic "A Hierarchy of Restorative Space Considerations for Implant Dentistry." This meeting will include a dinner following the CE presentation. Please make sure you are current with your 2017 dues so that you may attend without paying the non-member rate.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me should you have any questions.

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Sincerely,



Thomas Sokoly, DDS

President, DC Dental Society



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A Hierarchy of Restorative Space Considerations for Implant Dentistry

February Monthly Meeting

Due to Valentine's Day, the February monthly meeting is February 7, the first Tuesday of the month, at the Westin Georgetown. Dr. Joseph Carpentieri will be presenting on "A Hierarchy of Restorative Space Considerations for Implant Dentistry."

Session Abstract

Implant dentistry is a prosthetic endeavor with a surgical protocol. The basic tenet of implant treatment is to provide patients with a prosthesis that will meet their long-term esthetic, phonetic and functional needs based on highly individualized personal factors. To support this goal, clinicians need to differentiate between numerous prosthetic designs, newer materials and manufacturing options that will achieve a high level of implant success, and prosthesis survival with minimal prosthetic aftercare considerations, which has led to considerable confusion.

Dr. Carpentieri will present a practical, systematic clinical approach that highlights the incorporation of pre-treatment 3-dimensional restorative space assessment (horizontal and vertical) and will discuss its critical relationship in the decision-making process to choose various implant prostheses. These principles are essential and fundamental to the management of the partial and especially the fully edentulous patient and represent an important prerequisite to the treatment planning process.

For the full session abstract, learning objectives, and Dr. Joseph Carpentieri's biography, visit the [DCDS website](#).

Members planning to attend the February meeting should RSVP [online](#), by phone at (202) 367-1163, or via e-mail at info@dcdental.org by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 6. Monthly meetings are free to members as a membership benefit. Members may also bring one guest for free.



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Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, March 14: Sleep Apnea, Paul McLornan, DDS, MS, PLLC

Tuesday, April 4: Conservative Approaches to Treating Common Esthetic Dilemmas, Harald Heymann, DDS, MEd

Presentation Topic

A Hierarchy of Restorative Space Considerations for Implant Dentistry

Schedule

5:00 p.m. — Registration Opens

5:45 p.m. — Business Meeting

6:00 p.m. — Presentation

Dinner to Follow Presentation

Location

Westin Georgetown

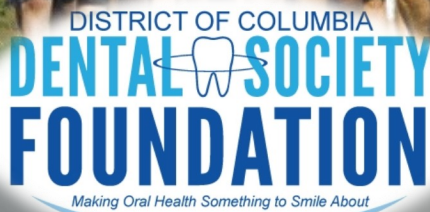
2350 M St NW

Washington, DC 20037

Parking at the Westin

Before 5:00 p.m.: \$15

After 5:00 p.m.: \$10



Saturday, April 22, 2017

ORAL CANCER FOUNDATION

Oral Cancer Awareness Walk/Run In Memory of Peter McGee Hoffman

Registration: 7:30 am - Event begins 9:00 am

Free Public Oral Cancer Screenings
Prizes for Top Fundraisers - Raffle

LOCATION:

Sligo-Dennis Avenue Park
10200 Sligo Creek Parkway
Silver Spring, MD 20902

COST:

Oral cancer survivors are **FREE**.
Walkers: **\$25** to pre-register, **\$30** day of event
5K Runners: **\$30** to pre-register, **\$35** day of event
Students Walkers: **\$15** to pre-register/ **\$20** day of the event
Student Runners: **\$20** to pre-register/ **\$25** day of the event
6-10 year olds: **\$10**
Children 5 and under are **FREE**

REGISTRATION:

For more information or to register, please visit:
<http://peterswalkrun.com>

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February is National Children’s Dental Health Month

The ADA has provided several resources to promote the benefits of good oral health to children for National Children’s Dental Health Month (NCDHM). This month-long national health observance brings together thousands of dedicated dental professionals, healthcare providers, and educators to promote the benefits of good oral health to children, their caregivers, teachers and many others. This year’s NCDHM campaign slogan is “Choose Tap Water for a Sparkling Smile.” Posters in English and Spanish can be found on the [ADA website](#) to help speakers, teachers, and others address a range of age groups. Fun and easy activities, program planning timetable tips, a sample NCDHM proclamation and more are also available on the [ADA website](#).

Nominate a Colleague for a DCDS Award – Deadline March 3

DCDS and the DCDS Foundation are now accepting nominations for its esteemed awards that recognize the contributions of our members and community leaders working towards improving oral health in the District. Recipients of this year’s awards will be honored at the May 5 DCDS Awards Dinner in conjunction with the Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting being held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. To view details for each award and to nominate a colleague, please visit the [DCDS website](#). The deadline to receive award nominations is Friday, March 3.

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April Monthly Meeting Moved to Tuesday, April 4

The April meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 4 due to a conflict with Passover. The speaker and presentation remain unchanged. The meeting will feature a presentation by Dr. Harald Heymann titled "Conservative Approaches to Treating Common Esthetic Dilemmas" at the Westin Georgetown. Regular, complimentary CE programming is a benefit that we offer to our members. Members interested in attending are urged to [register online](#) by Monday, April 3 at 5:00 p.m., and may bring one guest.

Awards Dinner to Be Held at Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting

This year's DCDS Annual Awards Dinner will be held in conjunction with the Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting on Friday, May 5, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. The dinner will give members the opportunity to celebrate the year's Society award recipients and catch up with other members and annual meeting attendees. Members and one guest may attend at no charge. Members can sign up for the Awards Dinner when registering for the Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting, or e-mail the DCDS Business Office at info@dcdental.org to register if you are not attending the Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting.

Foundation Seeking Volunteers for February 25 Event

The DC Dental Society Foundation is partnering with the Junior League of Washington for its annual "Kids in the Kitchen" event on February 25 from 10:00 a.m. –2:30 p.m. at the YMCA Anthony Bowen located on 1325 W Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20009. This event focuses on showcasing ways kids can eat smart and make healthy lifestyle choices. The Colgate van will be on hand and the Foundation is seeking 8-10 volunteers to work two hour shifts answering questions, passing out materials and performing dental screenings on the van. To volunteer for this opportunity, please visit the [online sign-up form](#).

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CDC Develops Mobile App for Dentists

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The app "automates an infection prevention checklist and allows (dental health care personnel) to easily move throughout the practice as they evaluate their compliance with recommended infection prevention practices," stated CDC Dental Officer Dr. Michele Junger. "It is another tool practices can use to assure their compliance with CDC recommendations." App users can also "navigate to key references and resources for each area of focus including sterilization, safe injection practices and hand hygiene in dental settings," according to the CDC. The CDC recommends using this app at least annually to assess the status of their administrative policies and practices.

Interested users can download CDC DentalCheck through the iTunes App Store. It can be displayed on any iOS enabled mobile device, such as a telephone or iPad.

For more information about the app, visit the CDC [website](#).

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University of Florida
- ♦ Robert Whitman, MSE
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President Trump Freezes All New and Pending Regulations

The White House issued a [memorandum](#) to federal agencies Jan. 20 ordering them to freeze all new or pending regulations so that the Trump administration has the opportunity to review.

The mandate, which is similar to what the [Obama administration](#) did in 2009 and the [Bush administration](#) in 2001, applies to any regulation that has not been published in the Federal Register or yet taken effect. In the memo, Reince Priebus, White House chief of staff, asked the agencies to do the following:

- Refrain from sending any new regulations to the Office of the Federal Register “until a department or agency head appointed or designated by the President” reviews and approves the regulation — with the exception of emergency circumstances as identified by the Office of Management and Budget.
- In regard to regulations that have been sent to the Federal Register but not published, “immediately withdraw them” and follow the proper [Federal Register](#) procedure on withdrawals.
- For regulations that have been published in the OFR but have not taken effect, “temporarily postpone their effective date” for 60 days.

Among the new regulations affected is the Environmental Protection Agency’s final rule requiring dental offices nationwide to install amalgam separators by 2019. The rule was [finalized Dec. 15](#) but was not published.

The freeze also includes the Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records [final rule](#), which the ADA filed comments on in 2016 and was published and expected to take effect on Feb. 17.

The Food and Drug Administration’s [final rule](#) banning most powdered gloves is not included in the freeze as that rule was published and went into effect January 18.



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In October 2015, CMS released a [final rule](#) that modified the requirements for participation in the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs for years 2015 through 2017 as well as in 2018 and beyond. The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has released two attestations worksheets for eligible professionals and eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals. (CAH) All providers are required to attest to a single set of objectives and measures.



The worksheets allow providers to log their meaningful use measures on a document to use as a reference when attesting for the Medicare Electronic Health Record Incentive Program in CMS' Registration and Attestation system.

Before you attest, CMS has resources to organize your information and to make sure your attestation will be successful. Visit the [2015 Program Requirements](#) or [2016 Program Requirements](#) webpages for each year's attestation worksheets for eligible professionals and eligible hospitals/CAHs.

Eligible professionals, hospitals, and CAHs also have the option to submit their group's attestation information using the batch reporting option. For more information about batch reporting for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program, visit the [Attestation Batch Upload webpage](#). Providers must attest by February 28 to avoid a 2018 payment adjustment. The 2016 EP Attestation Worksheet is available [here](#), and Eligible Hospital and CAH Attestation Worksheets [here](#). Visit the 2016 Program Requirements [webpage](#) for more information.

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