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Dr. Ioana "Anna" Bettios

Letter from the DC Dental Society President Ioana "Anna" Bettios, DDS, MS, FACP, FICD, FACD

Dear Colleagues,

It's amazing that another month has passed and we are in the middle of winter! Despite the economic uncertainties and prolonged presence of the pandemic, our dental profession remains strong.

According to the September 2022 US Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook, "the overall employment of dentists is projected to grow 6 percent from 2021 to 2031, about as fast as the average for all occupations, and about 5,100 openings for dentists are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Many of those openings are expected to result from the need to replace workers who transfer to different occupations or exit the labor force, such as to retire." This is great news for our profession. Dentists rank high among professionals, and some dental specialties appear on the list of [top 20 salaries](#). Despite ongoing inflation and global economic developments, the dental profession continues to break through with innovations, efficiencies, and new digital technology platforms and procedures in both the clinical and laboratory environments that provide outstanding dental care for our patients.

We had an exciting month with two webinars, as well as board and committee meetings. The DCDS board of directors heard updates on the DC Board of Dentistry meeting by our executive director. The DCDS board continues to prioritize initiatives to improve licensing challenges for our dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants. It was encour-

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aging to hear that the DC Board of Dentistry largely accepted our recommendations by updating the scope of practice regulation to authorize dental assistants to perform coronal polishing and to place pit and fissure sealants. In addition, the Board of Dentistry has opened the door to dentists using BOTOX to treat dental conditions. These changes now need to progress through the regulatory approval process in DC, which we will monitor.

During the DCDS board meeting, Mr. Chad Olson, Director of the ADA Department of State Government Affairs and Dr. Tony Ziebert, Senior Vice President for Education and Professional Affairs, provided a brief update on the initiatives to advance insurance reform and to implement a recently finalized interstate licensing compact for dentists and dental hygienists. At this time, the decision is to monitor steps taken by neighboring states MD and VA on these initiatives, while we press our priorities to improve licensing challenges. The board also heard information about the Employee Retention Credit, COVID assistance provided for under the CARES Act, from representatives of ERC Advisors. A webinar to inform members about how to secure these potential tax credits is scheduled. For more information, see page 6 in this newsletter.

During the board meeting, the Membership Committee briefed the board on upcoming events, including a potential social event that will be held in conjunction with the Spring Symposium for Licensure. For more information about our Spring Symposium, see page 7 in this newsletter.

At our January monthly educational meeting, we heard a wonderful presentation by Dr. Margeas on “Practical Tips for the Everyday Practicing Dentists from Composite Resins, Immediately Placed implants, and Treating the Worn Dentition,” which was offered virtually. Also in January Health-Pro Realty Group presented a webinar, “Commercial Real Estate and Your Dental Office: How to Maximize the Purchase or Lease of Your Dental Space.”

As a reminder, we will return to a hybrid model for monthly meetings on February 15th with a presentation by Dr. Israel Puterman on “Trials and Tribulations of Digital Dental Implant Surgery.” On March 14th Dr. Negaar Sagafi will present on “Updates in Orthodontics.” As always, pre-registration is strongly encouraged due to the popularity of our monthly meetings. Please check details about these and other upcoming lectures on page ## of this newsletter and on our website. The new protocol for monthly meetings established by the board of directors will begin with the

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February meeting. DCDS will no longer offer live streaming of meetings that are presented in person. For those meetings, a recording will be made available within 48 hours of the live presentation. This practice was approved to reduce the number of no-shows for in-person attendance at presentations.

We have set a strategic goal to increase market share over the next few years. To help reach our goal, we continue to encourage our members to recruit new members, with a reward of \$100 (up to four members) if the recruited providers join our society.

I am looking forward to seeing our members at our next continuing education event on Feb 15.

Stay safe and well,

Dr. Ioana “Anna” Bettios, DDS, MS, FICD, FACD, FACP
President 2022-2023

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February 15th Meeting (In-Person and Virtual): “Trials and Tribulations of Digital Dental Implant Surgery”

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Clinical CE Presentation by Dr. Israel Puterman

Business Meeting Begins at 5:45 PM

Education Program Begins at Approximately 6:00 PM

CE Credits Offered: 2.0 CE Credits

Cost: Free to DCDS Members | Non-Members—\$75 Virtual or \$110 In-Person

Location for In-Person Event:

DCDS Headquarters
2001 K Street, NW, 14th Floor Conference Room
Washington, D.C.



[Register Here](#)

Space is limited for in-person attendance. **Complimentary dinner is provided!**

Live streaming of the presentation will not be offered. A recording will be available within 48 hours of the lecture.

Visit the [DCDS Registration Fees & Cancellation Policy page](#) for more details on registration and [read about Dr. Puterman here](#).

Program Description: Digitally-Oriented Tooth Replacement: A Surgical Perspective

Session 1: Digital vs. Analog Implant Surgery: What’s the Difference?

Session Description: Review various surgical scenarios and how they are treated, directly comparing analog and digital implant surgery.

Learning Objectives:

- Recognize the strengths and limitations of implant surgery using digital technology
- Recognize the strengths and limitations of implant surgery using analog technology
- Understand the methods used to maintain gingival architecture around an immediate implant

Session 2: Challenges in the Replacement of Adjacent Missing Teeth

Session Description: This lecture will explore complex situations involving adjacent anterior missing teeth and the decisions involved in their replacement

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the complexity in replacing 2 adjacent missing teeth in the anterior
- Understand the options to improve a situation with a malpositioned anterior implant
- Understand the role of bone and soft tissue grafting in obtaining a favorable outcome

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Upcoming 2023 Continuing Education Presentations

Monthly business meeting begins at 5:45 p.m. Educational session begins at approximately 6:00 p.m.
[Visit the DCDS website](#) for course information, speaker bios, fees and cancellation policy.

Beginning in February, live streaming will no longer be provided for meetings that offer in-person attendance. This change will not affect virtual only presentations (i.e., no in-person option). Recordings will be made available within 48 hours of the live presentation to all who register to attend virtually.

About DCDS Speakers

Your DC Dental Society has developed a continuing education program that features leading experts in dental care whether they practice across the country or down the street. The inclusion of local presenters on the program for DCDS monthly meetings is intended to foster collegiality and support our local community. DCDS does not endorse one specialist over another, but celebrates D.C. talent.



Tuesday, March 14th

Orthodontics Update

Virtual and In Person

CE Credits Offered: 2.0 CE Credits

Course Presenter: Dr. Negaar Sagafi

Tuesday, May 16th

**5 Ways to Attract & Retain High
Performing Team Members**

Virtual and In Person

CE Credits Offered: 2.0 CE Credits

Course Presenter: Dr. Robyn Reis

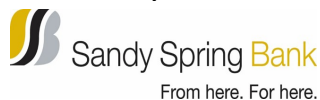


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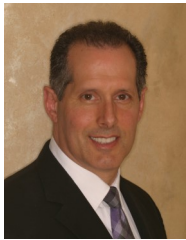
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Upcoming 2023 Continuing Education Presentations



Thursday, September 14th
Update on Digital Dentistry
Virtual Only
CE Credits Offered: 2.0 CE Credits
Course Presenter: Dr. Christopher Pescatore
Registration available soon



Tuesday, October 10th
Biomimetic Dentistry
Virtual and In Person
CE Credits Offered: 2.0 CE Credits
Course Presenter: Dr. Amelia Orta
Registration available soon



Tuesday, November 14th
Risk Management
Virtual and In Person
Course Presenter: Andrew Gerner, CFP, RK
Tongue
Registration available soon



Tuesday, December 5th
Fit Body. Calm Mind. Inspired Practice.
Virtual and In Person
Course Presenter: Dr. Uche Odiatu
Registration available soon

Special Practice Management Webinar

DCDS will host a webinar sponsored by ERC Advisors

Date: February 23

Time: 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Topic: Receive up to \$26,000 per employee with the Employee Retention Tax Credit

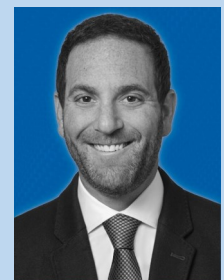
Webinar Outline:

- Introduction to the Employee Retention Credit
- Changes to the ERC Program
- ERC Misconceptions
- ERC Basics (How much is available, how its paid, directives, and how long)
- Qualification Process
- Information about our firm: ERC Advisors
- Next Steps and Timeline
- Fee Structure

Speakers:



Steve Harvey



Scott Kulberg

ERC Advisors

[Register Here](#)

Announcing the 2023 Spring Symposium for Licensure

The D.C. Dental Society will host the 2023 Spring Symposium for Licensure to assist dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants who need to complete specific required courses to renew their license on infection control, LGBTQ cultural competence and ethics. A session on opioids misuse will also be included for prescribing dentists.

Sessions will be hosted during the evening, the second and fourth weeks of April (April 11, April 13, April 25, April 27).

All sessions will be hosted virtually. Course presenters and specific session dates are being finalized. For those renewing their license in 2023, all CE requirements may be satisfied through online courses. Additional details regarding DC continuing education requirements for dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants are available on the DCDS [Dentistry in the District](#) web page.

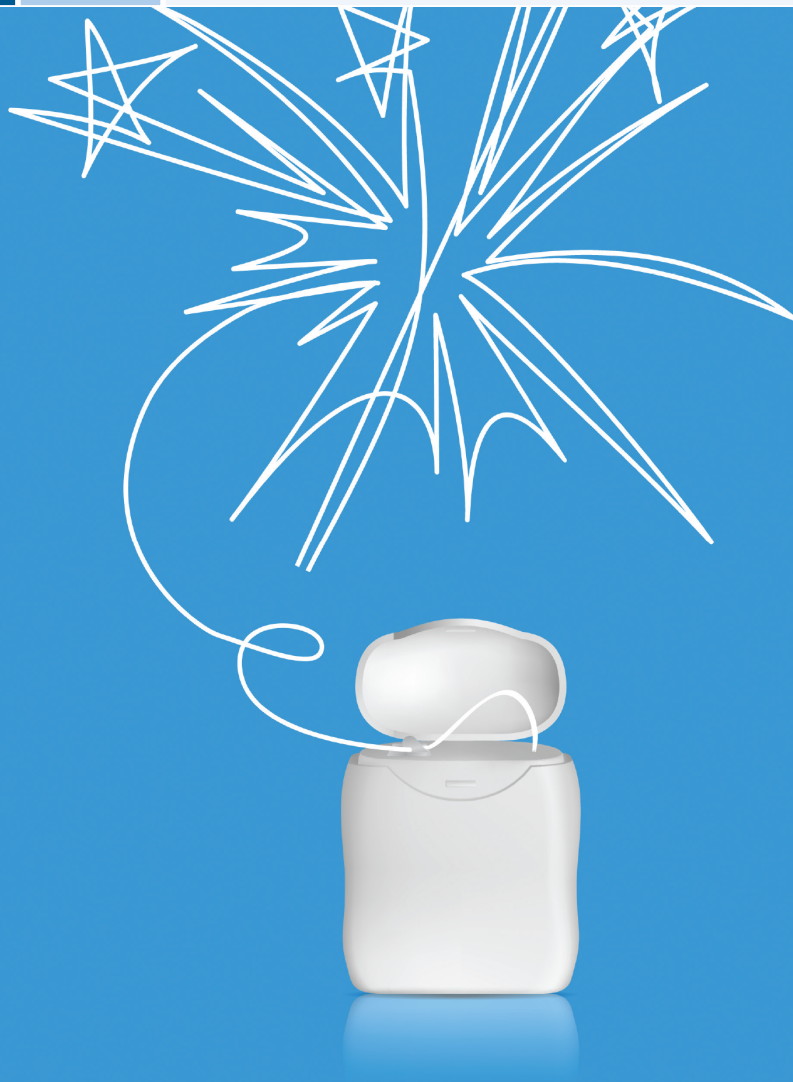
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Course Category	CE Credits Offered	Required for Dentists	Required for Dental Hygienists	Required for Dental Assistants
Infection Control	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours
LGBTQ Cultural Competency	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours
Ethics	1 hour	1 hours	1 hour	1 hour
Abuse and Misuse of Prescription Drugs/Opioids	2 hours	2 hours for prescribers	Not Required	Not Required
CPR	Not Offered	CPR for health care providers	Basic Level CPR	2 hours in Basic Life Support

Registration Rate	Early Bird Price	Regular Price
DCDS Member Dentists	\$300	\$400
Non-DCDS Member Dentists (including ADA members)	\$550	\$650
Dental Hygienists	\$125	\$150
Dental Assistants and Other Office Staff	\$100	\$125
Non-Dental Healthcare Providers	\$550	\$650

Dental hygienists and dental assistants must be registered through the account of a dentist.

Visit the DCDS website for additional details.



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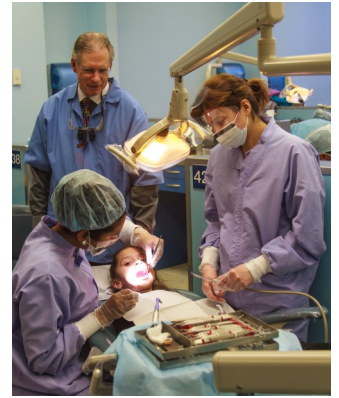
Answer the call

DCDS Pro Bono Program Lets You Provide Care in Your Practice

DC Dental Cares is a pro bono program of the DCDS Foundation created to enable humanitarian outreach by DCDC members in our local community. DCDS has partnered with the Catholic Charities Healthcare Network (CCHCN) to provide dental care for the most vulnerable and in need members of our community. This program is win-win: for our community, for the individuals who receive dental procedures that would not otherwise be possible due to costs, and for the DCDS volunteer who gains that warm feeling that comes from doing good.

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Photo features just some of the DCDS members who have given their time to provide free care to the DC community in recent years.



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2022 marks big year for ADA advocacy

ADA Weekend Huddle, January 28, 2023

The Association celebrated a wide range of advocacy wins in 2022, from effectively lobbying for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to improve access to dental surgeries in hospital operating rooms to supporting a successful ballot measure in Massachusetts that establishes a medical loss ratio in dentistry. Visit ADA.org to see [a list of all the Association's accomplishments](#).

[Full Story: ADA Advocacy Wins in 2022](#)

ADA offers resources for National Children's Dental Health Month

ADA Morning Huddle, January 31, 2023

Thousands of professionals, health care providers and educators will promote good oral health throughout February during the ADA's National Children's Dental Health Month. The National Children's Dental Health Month [website](#) offers free posters in English and Spanish for download and has postcards available for purchase.

[Full Story: ADA's National Children's Dental Health Month](#)

Coalition seeks continued support for substance use disorder training program

ADA Weekend Huddle, January 28, 2023

A coalition of stakeholders, including the ADA, sent a [letter](#) to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration asking for continued financial support for the Providers Clinical Support System Medication Assisted Treatment program, which helps train providers to treat patients with substance use disorders, including opioid use disorder, ADA News reported. The coalition said the program fills a gap in substance use disorder education, which includes free ADA CERP-training for prescribers. For more opioid education resources for dental professionals, visit www.ada.org.

[Full Story: Substance Use Disorder Training Program](#)

DQA conference to cover oral health strategies following recent disruptions

ADA Weekend Huddle, January 28, 2023

The theme for the [Dental Quality Alliance's biennial conference](#), which will be held in person April 27-28 at ADA Headquarters in Chicago, is Moving Past Disruption to Improve Oral Health Care, and it will address innovative leadership and strategies in oral health care as the profession moves forward after the past couple years. Marie Schweinebraten, D.M.D., chair of the DQA Education Committee, said the conference, which will offer 12 continuing education credits, will cover important elements in a quality improvement system; how they impact value, cost and quality; and the effect on patient outcomes.

[Full Story: Dental Quality Alliance Conference, April 27-28](#)

MATE Act in spending bill includes changes sought by ADA

ADA Morning Huddle, January 30, 2023

The omnibus spending bill approved by Congress at the end of 2022 includes the [Medication Access and Training Expansion Act](#), which requires dentists to have eight hours of training before obtaining or renewing a Drug Enforcement Administration registration. ADA advocacy was successful in getting Congress to change some MATE Act provisions to align with Association policy, including the removal of a requirement that dentists take three hours of specialized training to prescribe buprenorphine, which is beyond the scope of dental practice.

[Full Story: MATE Act](#)

JADA editorial raises awareness of Black dentists in US

ADA Morning Huddle, January 31, 2023

A guest editorial in [The Journal of the American Dental Association](#) highlights the experiences of Black dentists to raise recognition of the contributions they have made, beginning in 1869 with Robert Tanner Freeman, the first known person of African descent to graduate from a US dental school. The article also notes that in 2020, Black dentists made up 3.8% of dentists in the US, while Black people overall accounted for 12.4% of the total population.

[Full Story: Black dentists recognition](#)

Report shows COVID-19 factored into cardiovascular death increase

ADA Morning Huddle, January 30, 2023

The year 2020 saw a record number of US deaths from cardiovascular disease, 928,741, and the age-adjusted mortality rate rose by 4.6% from 2019 to 2020, the first such increase in many years. The increase in cardiovascular deaths can be linked to COVID-19, as many people delayed and avoided getting care due to the pandemic, and because the infection is linked to heart tissue inflammation and blood clots, according to an American Heart Association report published in the journal [Circulation](#).

[Full Story: Increase in Cardiovascular Deaths Linked to COVID-19](#)

Download a Year's Worth of Brushing Calendars from MouthHealthy.org

ADA Morning Huddle, January 27, 2023

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[Full Story: Brushing Calendars for 2023](#)

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Contact: Uziel Blumenkranz | 301-928-9572 | Uziel.blu12@gmail.com

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