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Dr. "Anna" Bettios

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

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that everyone is having a wonderful summer and stayed cool during these past few humid weeks. As I wrote about last month, my overarching focus when we start back in September is to keep moving forward with our strategic priorities, especially to continue advocating on behalf of our members, particularly before the Board of Dentistry and the DC Council.

DCDS continues to advocate for repeal of the requirement that all Level I dental assistants must register with the Board of Dentistry. The requirement for Level I dental assistants to register puts DC dental practices at a disadvantage with practices in Maryland and Virginia, where only dental assistants who perform advanced functions are required to register. Some members attended the July meeting of the Board of Dentistry and spoke about the continued struggles of DC dentists with shortages to find qualified dental assistants and dental hygienists for their practices. We continue to bring attention to this issue in an effort to make it easier for dental professionals to come to work in the DC area.

We are stronger together. To support prospects for success of our advocacy efforts, DCDS needs to remain an organization that represents a significant proportion of practicing dentists in DC. That is why a big part of our strategic plan is to retain existing members and attract new members to our society. We are our own ambassadors to grow our society. The excellent continuing education programs, range of social events, special discounts on products and services, and of course, advocacy efforts, create a compelling value for DC dentists. Plus DCDS is backed by the ADA (see page 16 for a summary of recent ADA initiatives). Our members are urged to invite fellow practitioners

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Thursday, September 14th Meeting (Virtual Only): “Update on Digital Dentistry”

Clinical CE Presentation by Dr. Christopher Pescatore

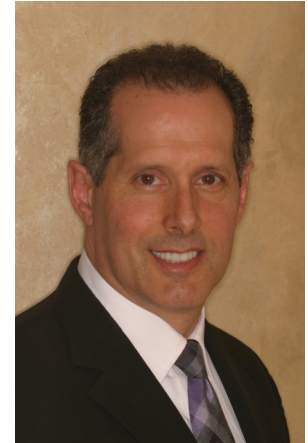
Schedule*: 5:45 PM—Business Meeting with Bylaws Vote
6:00 PM—Education Program Begins

Lecture Format (Virtual Only)

CE Credits Offered: 2.0 CE Credits

Cost: Free to DCDS Members | \$75 for Non-Members

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



Dr. Christopher Pescatore

Meeting Description:

Technology is changing the world around us and that includes Dentistry. Today, many dentists find themselves confronted with the daunting task of embracing a more digital workflow. It can be intimidating to transition from traditional analog techniques to more digital tools, but the excitement it brings to your staff and patients makes it worth it.

Session 1: Digital Dentistry Utilization in Today’s Dental Practice: Part 1

Part 1 presents how digital scanners are not only for replacing impression material.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will be able to identify areas of their practice that can utilize digital scanners.
- Participants will understand the key differences between digital and analog impression techniques.
- Understand various tissue management techniques and tools.
- Understand the proper prep design protocol for today’s materials.

Session 2: Digital Dentistry Utilization in Today’s Dental Practice: Part 1

Part 2 presents how to efficiently use digital scanners and proper technique.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will understand how to create the idea setup for digital scanning.
- Proper scanning techniques and laboratory communication.
- The factors to consider when entering the digital world

DCDS members will vote on proposed By-laws amendments during the business meeting on Thursday, Sept. 14.

See Page 4 for details.

[Register Here](#)

*All times are approximate.

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who are not current members to join DCDS and the ADA. You can bring them to an upcoming continuing education presentation or events. If that dentist joins, the referring dentist will receive \$100 award in appreciation. We are making progress to grow our society. Recently DCDS received an award from the ADA recognizing DCDS with the greatest net gain in membership in 2022 for a society with fewer than 500 members. We can build on that progress. I hope that you will join in this effort.

Thank you to the several members who expressed an interest in serving on committees. I have reviewed the list of volunteers, which will be forwarded to the DCDS board of directors for review and approval. All members will be notified of the action by the board in the coming weeks. I am optimistic that the proposed bylaws amendment will be approved by the DCDS membership in September so that the board of directors has the flexibility to create and disband committees, as well as to expand the number of committee members above the current limit of 5, to meet the needs of DCDS.

We still need talented individuals to assist with our social media efforts. Interested members are asked to contact the DCDS staff by mid-August.

The Membership Committee is planning events for the remainder of the year. We are in contact with potential venues where we can host a back-to-school happy hour in collaboration with the Howard University College of Dentistry for early September. We are also organizing an outing to see the new Cirque du Soleil show entitled “Echo” on Saturday, October 14. DCDS is pleased to offer members discounted tickets. Save up to 25% off if you join us under the big top on the 14th! If you can’t join us that day, members will receive 20% off alternate days and times. To purchase tickets, [email](#) or call Cirque du Soleil’s Michael Ciaccia at 702-850-5211, ext. 5689 and mention you’re with DC Dental Society. Michael will provide tickets prices and seating choices available for your purchase.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14th and will feature a presentation by Dr. Christopher Pescatore on “Digital Dentistry Utilization in Today’s Dental Practice.” During the business meeting held prior to the CE presentation, members will vote on the proposed changes to our Bylaws, so please be sure to attend (see Page 4 for list of items for voting). Because Dr. Pescatore is not able to present in person, we will livestream the September monthly meeting. As a reminder, all members of the DC Dental Society can attend our monthly meetings at no cost. We will return with an in-person meetings on Tuesday, October 10 when Dr. Amelia Orta presents on “Biomimetic Dentistry: Introduc-

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tion, Preparation Considerations, Material Selection and Cementation Techniques." Don't forget to register in advance on the DCDS website, as these are going to be popular meetings!

Have a relaxing rest of summer! I look forward to seeing you all virtually at our September business meeting followed by our virtual CE event.

Very sincerely,

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

DCDS Proposed Bylaws Amendments

DCDS proposed bylaws amendments are scheduled for a membership vote during the September 14 business meeting before the continuing education presentation. The [proposed bylaws amendments](#) will:

- Affirm the right of members to participate in elections via electronic ballot, including votes on future bylaws amendments.
- Grant the board of directors the flexibility to establish new committees, or disband them, to enable an agile organizational structure that can better meet member needs.
- Specify that elected officers and board members will be announced at the last meeting of the fiscal year. Officers shall assume the responsibilities of their respective offices on January 1st of the following year.
- Affirm that the membership may conduct business via an electronic meeting.
- Specify that the Annual Awards Meeting will be held as the first meeting of the year.

Upcoming DCDS Events

Informational Webinars with Partners and Sponsors

August 9 and 16
(Details on page 5 and 6)

September Back-to-School Happy Hour

Network with DC friends and colleagues at a venue near Howard University. Watch for updates on date and location.

September Monthly Meeting and CE Event

Thurs., Sept. 14 —5:45 to 8:15 p.m.
Virtual presentation by Dr. Christopher Pescatore (details on page 2).

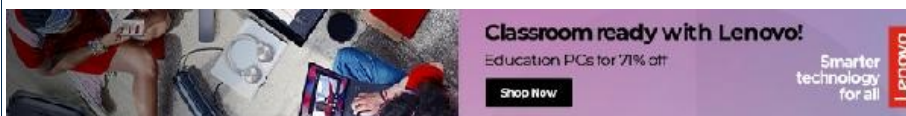
A Night Under the Big Top at Cirque du Soleil "Echo"

Saturday, October 14, 7:30 PM
Tysons Corner, Virginia (Tysons II)

Enjoy a fun evening of entertainment with colleagues, family and friends.

Ticket prices: \$72.75 / \$93.75
Prices include special DCDS member discount of up to 25% off!

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Learn About Special Savings with DCDS Partners and Sponsors

Informational Webinars August 9th and 16th

DC Dental Society partners and sponsors offer member dentists discounted pricing and enhanced services. Learn how these special offers can save you and your practice real money on dental supplies, banking services, professional liability insurance and more!

Learn how to take advantage of these special offers through this summer series of short, informational webinars.

Note that we regret that it is not possible to offer CE credits for these webinars.

Wednesday, August 9

12:00—12:15 PM

Sandy Spring Bank: "Banking for the Dental Professional"

Presenters: Nick Arguero, Angelique Sarr



[Aug. 9, 12:00 Webinar Link](#)

Wednesday, August 9

6:00—6:15 PM

TDSC.com: "Save More On Supplies Than You Spend In Dues"

Presenter: Madison Schwarz



*DCDS Members have saved 34% on products and services with
TDSC.com

[Aug. 9, 6 PM Webinar Link](#)

Wednesday, August 9

6:20—6:35 PM

R.K. Tongue Co., Inc.:

“What Benefits Could You Be Offering to Retain Great Employees?”



Presenter: Sherrie Shaffer

Aug. 9, 6:20 PM Webinar Link

Wednesday, August 16

12:00—12:15 PM

Alternative Systems:

“3 Simple Things to Protect your Practice from Cyberattacks!”



Presenter: Shane Serrant

Aug. 16, 12:00 PM Webinar Link

Wednesday, August 16

6:00—6:15 PM

Best Card: ‘Reducing Your Credit Card Processing Overhead’



Presenters: Phil Nieto, Rachel Nieto

Aug. 16, 6 PM Webinar Link

Upcoming Fall 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.

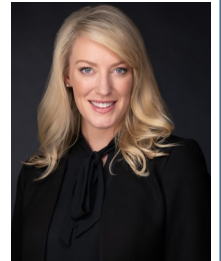
About DCDS Speakers

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.



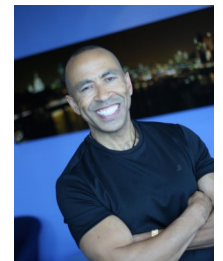
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Digital Dentistry Update
Virtual Only
CE Credits Offered: 2.0
Presenter: Dr. Christopher Pescatore

Tuesday, October 10th
Biomimetic Dentistry
In Person
CE Credits Offered: 2.0 CE Credits
Presenter: Dr. Amelia Orta



Tuesday, November 14th
Risk Management
In Person
CE Credits Offered: 2.0
Presenter: Andrew Gerner,
CPF, R.K. Tongue

Tuesday, December 5th
Fit Body. Calm Mind. Inspired Practice.
In Person
CE Credits Offered: 2.0
Presenter: Dr. Uche Odiatu



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DCDS Supports Expanded Functions for Dental Assistants, Awaits Final Rule.

Throughout 2022, DCDS advocated to the Board of Dentistry to authorize dental assistants to perform expanded functions. Since the Board of Dentistry voted in October 2022 to allow dental assistants to perform coronal polish and place pit/fissure sealants, DCDS has been awaiting the final rules authorizing the procedures. In June DCDS submitted comments in response to a notice of proposed rulemaking to support authorizing the expanded functions.

DCDS comments also provided a practical perspective on the impact of provisions that would further restrict the list of procedures that dentists are permitted to delegate: placement of a liquid dam and whitening or bleaching (internal, laser or high-intensity). The DCDS letter noted that dental hygienists and dental assistants can be trained to safely place a liquid dam and administer whitening or bleaching that is not internal under the direct supervision of a dentist.

The [full text of the DCDS comments](#) are available on the DCDS website or via the image to the right. DCDS will share information on the regulations when finalized.



DCDS supported expanded functions for dental assistants in its June 23 comments.

Strength in Numbers

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L to R: Dr. Cheryle Baptiste, Kurt Gallagher, Dr. Clare McGorry accept award from the ADA

Welcome New Members



Dr. Drake Lindholm, DDS is a general dentist doing a one year general practice residency at the VA Medical Center in Washington DC. Dr. Lindholm enjoys working with the veteran population to achieve greater oral health. He also enjoys the exposure the VA has to the variety of different disciplines within dentistry. Upon completion of the residency Dr. Lindholm plans to seek out an associate dentist position within the greater DC area. He is from Madison, Wisconsin and recently moved to DC with his wife Sarah Lindholm, DPT. Dr. Lindholm completed his undergraduate education at the University of Minnesota and his DDS at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

Outside of work Dr. Drake enjoys traveling and getting to explore all that DC has to offer with his wife Sarah.

Dr. Madison Moore is a first-year orthodontic resident at MedStar Washington Hospital Center. She was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois and received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Illinois at Champaign. While working in the administrative realm of an orthodontic practice, she gained exposure to numerous exciting clinical cases and outcomes in Orthodontics. She decided to pursue her career in dentistry and attended Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine near St. Louis, where she graduated with Cum Laude honors and her DMD. Dr. Moore is thrilled to have matched at MedStar Washington Hospital Center and is already enjoying her orthodontic training and serving her patients in the DC area.



Dr. Moore, along with her husband and English bulldog, enjoy hiking, playing golf and pickleball, and exploring their new city. In addition to traveling whenever they have the opportunity, they also love spending time with their niece and nephew in nearby Richmond.



Dr. CyVanie Ramkelawan recently moved to Washington, DC and is a current orthodontic resident at Howard University's College of Dentistry. Originally from Shreveport, LA, she earned her bachelor's degree at Louisiana State University Shreveport and DDS degree at Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry. She has affiliated memberships with the ADA, NDA, AAWD, and AAO. In her spare time, she enjoys yoga, traveling, and spending quality time with family and friends.

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DCDS Member Happenings!

DCDS member Dr. Aliya Kassam was recognized last month with a 40 Under 40 award from the National Dental Association.

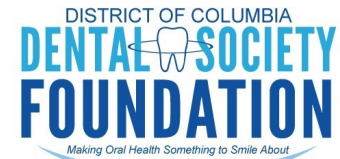


(From Left to Right): ADA President-Elect Dr. Linda Edgar, Dr. Aliya Kassam, NDA President Dr. Marlon Henderson, ADA President Dr. George Shepley

Dr. Aliya Kassam proudly holds the award with her mother, Mrs. Zulekha "Julie" Kassam.



Share your trips, activities, achievements with us! Send descriptions, along with photos, to info@dcdental.org and you may see them in an upcoming newsletter issue.



Foundation Launches New Scholarship for Howard University Dental Students

The DC Dental Society Foundation has established a dental student scholarship to support Howard University College of Dentistry (HUCD) students and their contributions to dentistry. The scholarship was established to act on concerns about the high cost of dental education by providing meaningful financial assistance to dental school students. Scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded annually to up to three students enrolled in the Howard University College of Dentistry.

The award is subject to eligibility requirements. Each scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the DCDS Foundation Scholarship Committee. Applicants will be evaluated on their financial need, academic merit, community service and a letter of recommendation among other criteria. A letter of endorsement may be submitted by HUCD alumni, HUCD faculty members or D.C. Dental Society members. Candidates should demonstrate financial need and be in good academic standing.

Complete information and applications are being accepted at dcdental.org/scholarship. The deadline for applications for the 2023 award period is Sunday, September 17.

Donation to the DCDS Foundation are accepted at dcdental.org/foundation/donate.

Feel the joy. Sign up for DC Dental Cares, the DC Dental Society Foundation's pro bono program.

This program is win-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.

Patients are fully vetted for need by our partner, the Catholic Charities Healthcare Network (CCHCN), and the treating dentist sets the level of care provided. You can treat one person a year or several a month, all while in the comfort of your own office.

DC Dental Cares Sign Up Form

A Joy to Serve

"It just brings a joy to the heart to serve and give expecting nothing in return and the gratefulness of the patients is infectious." Dr. Rodney Savoia

DCDS and ADA Help Dentists Fulfill New DEA Education Requirement

DEA requires 8 hours of training on safely prescribing controlled substances

DCDS has offered a number of courses on opioids in recent years that may count towards satisfying the new, one-time training requirement from the DEA. Follow the step-by-step guide below to access your DCDS/ADA course transcript to identify all courses you have completed that may be applicable.

Recent DCDS courses include:

- Dr. Tom Viola, “Top of the Heap” Frequently Prescribed Medications and Clinical Dental Considerations” (2.5 CE Hours; May 2020)
- Dr. Raymond Dionne, “Implementing Best Practices for Acute Dental Pain to Optimize Analgesia and Minimize Substance Abuse” (2.0 CE Hours; Spring & Fall Symposium for Licensure)
- Dr. Ernie Luce, “Opioids and Analgesic Prescribing for the Dentist” (2.0 CE Hours; Spring Symposium for Licensure)

How to Access your CE Record

Visit the DCDS website and click on the “Track Your CE” link or the “Track CE” menu item.

The screenshot shows the DCDS website homepage. At the top, there are logos for the District of Columbia Dental Society and ADA, along with a search bar. Below the logos is a navigation menu with items: MEMBER CENTER, MEETINGS, NEWS, ADVOCACY, ABOUT US, FOUNDATION, and FOR THE PUBLIC. The MEMBER CENTER menu is open, showing options like DC Licensure, Join / Renew, Member Benefits, Member Directory, Track CE (circled in red), Volunteer and Donate, and Career Center. On the right side of the page, there is a vertical list of links: DCDS Monthly Meetings, Hesy-Re Marketplace, Online CE Evaluation, Track Your CE (circled in red), Apply for/Renew Membership, and Classifieds. The main content area has a blue header with a play button and a 'Welcome to the District of Columbia Dental Society!' message.

Click on the “Log in CE” button.

The screenshot shows the 'Track CE' page on the DCDS website. The page title is 'Track CE'. The main content area contains instructions for logging into the CE portal and uploading certificates. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Log Into CE' button circled in red. There are also two advertisements: one for ADA American Dental Association and another for a dental product.

Filter courses by date.

Download or print your CE record.

Education Unit Summary

From Date: MM DD 2023
 To Date: MM DD 2023

Sort by Earned Date: Sort by Date: Newest to Oldest

* Filter will be applied to "Course End Date (DateEarned)"

Provider	Title	Status	Education Category	Location	CEUs	Earned Date	Expiration Date	Description	Actions
ADA	Conscious and Unconscious Bias in Dental Practice Ethical Considerations	Approved	ADA-Chicago	ADA Online	2.00	5/24/2023	-		
ADA	Clinical Complications In Fixed Prosthodontics: Causes, Prevention, and Management, Part 3	Approved	ADA-Chicago	ADA Online	1.00	5/24/2023	-		
ADA	Physical intimate partner violence and oralhealth problems during pregnancy (April 2023 Article 2)	Approved	ADA-Chicago	ADA Online	1.00	5/24/2023	-		

Need more opioids courses? Check out these courses from the ADA.

Course	Credit Type
Special Considerations of Pain Management and Opioid Use in Older Adults	CE Credit (ADA CERP)
Emergency Department Referral Model in Action: Addressing Dental Access Opioid Prevention and Pain Management	CE Credit (ADA CERP)
Clinical Practice Guideline for Management of Acute Dental Pain	CE Credit (ADA CERP)

The following one-hour ADA webinars are hosted by the ADA through the Providers Clinical Support System. The courses are free and include a certificate of completion. The ADA is an approved training provider.

Course	Credit Type
The Dental Hygienist’s Role in Supporting Patients with Substance Use Disorder	Certificate of Completion (ADA/PCSS)
What You Need to Know About Pain Management as the Opioid Overdose Crisis Evolves	Certificate of Completion (ADA/PCSS)
Opioids, Dentistry and Addiction: The Dentist’s Role in Treating Pain	Certificate of Completion (ADA/PCSS)
The Impact of COVID-19 on the Addiction Field: A Call to Dentists	Certificate of Completion (ADA/PCSS)
Integrating Controlled Substance Risk Assessment and Management into Dental Practice	Certificate of Completion (ADA/PCSS)

Programs and Discounts

DC Dental Society has partnered with service providers to offer member discounts. We currently partner with:

Affinity Programs

Educational Loans



Compliance Services



Insurance



Dental Supplies



ADA Endorsed Programs

Our Endorsed Company Program brings you special member savings on products and services designed specifically to work for your practice: from professional liability insurance to business credit cards to office supplies and computers. There are also endorsements geared towards your home life, such as health insurance, appliances, and even automobiles.

Many members are able to recoup a great deal of their dues dollars through the savings they receive by simply participating in these programs. Take advantage of the benefits of membership.

For more information about these programs, visit the [DCDS website](#)

Did You Know?

If You Missed the Live Symposium Presentations, You Can Still Purchase and Access the Recordings

The 2023 Spring Symposium for Licensure was held April 11 to April 27, 2023. The Symposium provides four courses that are required for license renewal in DC: infection control, LGBTQ+ cultural competency, ethics and opioids misuse (prescribing dentists only).

These courses were held virtually. The Board of Dentistry now allows all CE requirements to be satisfied through online courses. Additional details regarding DC continuing education requirements for dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants are available on the DCDS [DC Licensure](#) web page.

If you have not registered for these courses, registration is still open to receive the course recordings. Dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants are invited to register.

View more information about the [Symposium](#).

View more information about the [Speakers](#).

Course Category	CE Credits Offered	Required for Dentists	Required for Dental Hygienists	Required for Dental Assistants
Minimum CE Hours		30 hours	15 hours	10 hours
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

*Includes credit for the self-study article "Supporting Hispanic LGBTQ+ Patients."

Register for Symposium Recordings

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Supporting our dentists. Strengthening our profession.



The advantages of ADA membership extend much further than the many tools, resources and discounts at your disposal. Together we have succeeded in and continue to advance legislation and reforms that matter to you, your patients and the profession.

[ADA.org/memberbenefits](https://ada.org/memberbenefits)

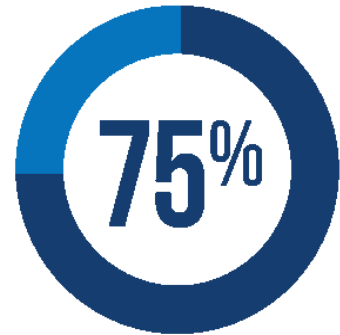
Commitment to Dental Insurance Reform



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new laws reforming dental insurance enacted nationwide since 2020 achieved through public affairs partnership between state dental societies and the ADA which provided strategic and financial support as requested

Successful repeal of the McCarran-Ferguson Act to improve competition and transparency in the healthcare insurance industry



of your ADA membership dues support advocacy, scientific research & standards and your state & local society

\$3,200*

additional savings on average with a 10-year refinanced loan through ADA's student loan refinancing

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108,000+

conversations with dentists who turned to the ADA for personalized support over chat, email and phone in 2022



20,000+

members got 1:1 support with dental benefits, credentialing and coding issues from ADA's Third Party Payer Concierge™

103,000+

dentists have reduced administrative burden through the use of ADA's credentialing service, powered by CAQH®

Cutting-edge Research and Expert Commentary

- **Scientific findings** from the ADA Science and Research Institute (ADASRI), JADA, PracticeUpdate, plus clinical practice guidelines
- **Latest industry trends** from ADA Health Policy Institute
- **\$2,500+ savings** with access to the latest scientific literature, clinical textbooks & scientific journals



9,600+

dentists belong to the ADA Practice Transitions™ (ADAPT) network of dentists who are buying/selling practices, hiring associates, or looking for a job

7M+

children have received oral health services since 2002 through Give Kids A Smile®



secured in federal funding strengthening community programs for FY2023

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What has ADA done for (me)mbers lately?



For Dentists

Keeping You Connected to Our Community

ADA support and resources in the palm of your hand via the reimagined ADA member app, plus the new Dental Sound Bites Podcast offering real talk on dentistry's daily wins and sticky situations.

Programming for New Dentists

Zoom Town Halls, "Ask me Anything," SmileCon® New Dentist Lounge, Real Talk Series, and the

Wellness Ambassador Program offer ways to learn, connect, and heal for early-career professionals.

Having Your Back Along the Career Journey

Resources for every stage of your career, such as contract review, one-on-one dental insurance support, debt management tools, financial planning, group insurance programs, wellness support, as well as **ADA Practice Transitions™ (ADAPT)** for buying, selling, or joining a dental practice.

Advancing Clinical Decision Making

- **Scientific findings** from the ADA Science and Research Institute (ADASRI), JADA, PracticeUpdate, plus evidence-based clinical guidelines give members access to cutting-edge research and expert commentary.
- **ADACEOnline.org** offers 300+ continuing education courses for continued learning.

For the Public and Profession

Empowering Dentists to Practice Anywhere

Increased licensure portability makes it easier for dentists to move across state lines.

Leading Dentistry Through the Pandemic

Enhanced infection-control protocols at the beginning of COVID-19 and low infection rates among dental staff resulted in dental practices remaining open through subsequent waves of the pandemic and dentistry solidifying itself as an essential health service.

Setting the Bar on Safety

The FDA uses 81 **ADA Standards** to assess the safety and efficacy of dental products, while the **ADA Seal** has been the leading mark of dental product safety for over 90 years.

Protecting Dentistry Through Advocacy

- ADA efforts secured increased funding for oral health research/

training, Indian dental health, along with over \$5M to support community programs, and extended funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program through 2029.

- Successfully partnered with 10 state dental societies to **reform their Medicaid programs**, making it easier for dentists to participate.
- Relieved the burden of educational debt by protecting the student loan interest deduction and supporting regulation to eliminate loans subject to interest capitalizations, plus ongoing advocacy to help dentists manage their student debt.
- Invested \$5.5M to help win the **Medical Loss Ratio** bill in Massachusetts in 2022, setting the stage for dental insurance reform across the country.
- As dental insurance remains a pain point for many, the ADA is working on the state and federal levels to create a better benefits system for dentists and patients.

Promoting Practice Solutions

ADA's Credentialing Service (used by 100K+ dentists) reduces admin burden and allows practices to spend more time on clinical care, while ADA maintenance of CDT codes and the ADA dental claim form allows all dentists to be more efficient with billing and getting paid.

Improving Access to Care

- Seven states added dental coverage **for adults** insured under their state Medicaid program, leading to increased coverage for oral health for low-income adults, reduced hospital ED spending, and lower overall medical costs.
- **Give Kids A Smile®** has provided more than 7M children with oral health services since 2002.

Raising Public Awareness

MouthHealthy.org, social media, and media outreach continue to educate the public on the importance of oral health to overall health. In 2022, coverage citing the ADA resulted in an audience reach of 34.8B.

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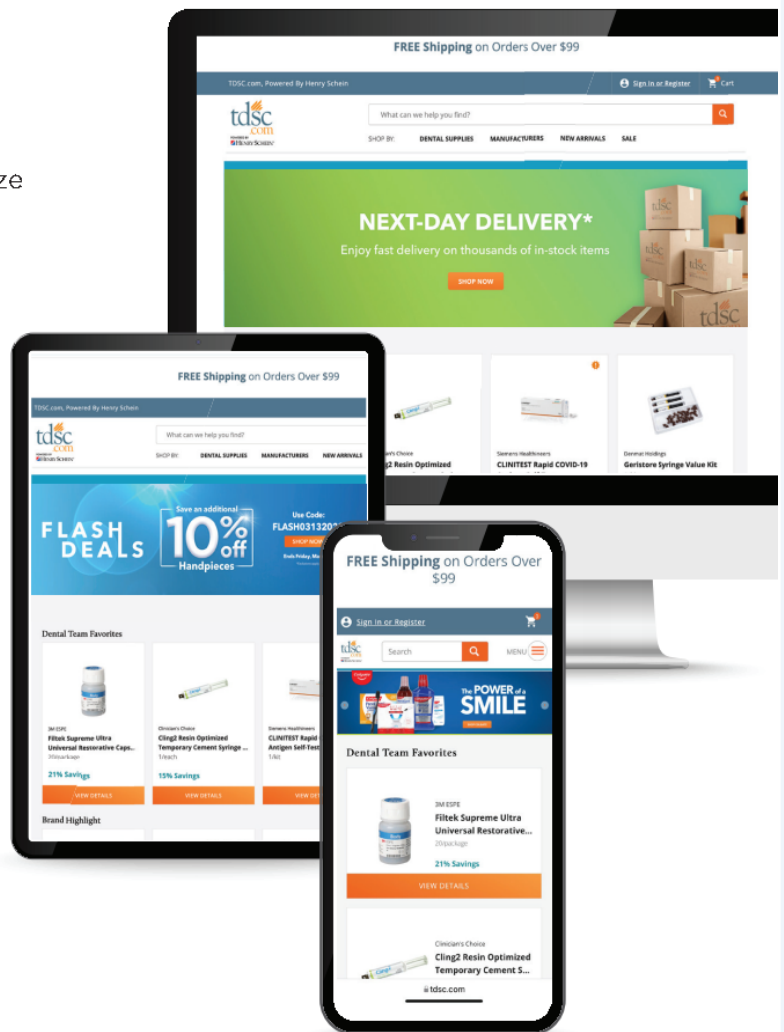
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ADA works toward standards for electronic dental records

ADA Morning Huddle, July 31, 2023

Electronic dental records are becoming ingrained in dental practices, and so the ADA Standards Committee on Dental Informatics is working toward dental standards, accredited by the American National Standards Institute, in four areas: information exchange, clinical informatics, knowledge management and forensic odontology informatics. The ADA also has been communicating with the federal government about adopting standards for health IT that apply to dentists' needs, streamlining the prior authorization process, promoting interoperability and setting standards for electronic transactions.

[Full Story: Electronic Dental Records Wave of Present and Future](#)

ADA urges Congress to renew Action for Dental Health Act

ADA Weekend Huddle, July 29, 2023

The ADA is asking dental professionals to [contact their congressional representatives](#) to urge them to reauthorize the [Action for Dental Health Act](#), which would extend the Health Resources and Services Administration's oral health workforce grant program until 2028. The program funds initiatives supporting oral health education and jobs, among other activities, and is set to expire at the end of this fiscal year if no action is taken, the ADA said in an action alert.

[Full Story: Take Action for Dental Health](#)

Dr. Cohlmia: Collaboration with DSOs supports oral health

ADA Weekend Huddle, July 29, 2023

As dental support organizations grow, the ADA is working behind the scenes to create policies, support dentist-patient relationships and ensure that practices don't face interference, ADA Executive Director Raymond A. Cohlmia, D.D.S., said at the Dykema Definitive Conference for DSOs. Dr. Cohlmia highlighted the Association's work on the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact to reduce barriers to license portability and its partnership with the Association of Dental Support Organizations that helped pass medical loss ratio legislation.

[Full Story: DSO Conference Draws Association Leaders](#)

JADA study assesses hemostatic agent use after extraction

ADA Weekend Huddle, July 29, 2023

A study published in [The Journal of the American Dental Association](#) found that hemostatic agents appear to control bleeding after tooth extractions better than conventional methods among healthy people and those at high risk of bleeding who take antithrombotic drugs. Use of hemostatic agents reduced the time to reach hemostasis as well as occurrence of bleeding events, researchers said. Find additional information related to this subject on the ADA's [Oral Health Topics webpage](#) on oral anticoagulant and antiplatelet medications and dental procedures.

[Full Story: The Role of Hemostatic Agents After Tooth Extractions](#)

HHS advises health systems on AI-related cyberthreats

ADA Morning Huddle, July 27 2023

A [new guide](#) from the US Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Information Security and Health Sector Cybersecurity Coordination Center gives health care systems information on protecting themselves from cyberthreats that have emerged with advances in artificial intelligence. "Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity and the Health Sector" addresses cybersecurity strategies for high-level managers to deploy and how AI impacts phishing, malware and the compromising of supply chains.

[Full Story: Primer on AI, Cyberthreats in Health Care](#)

New ADA app feature expands networking capabilities

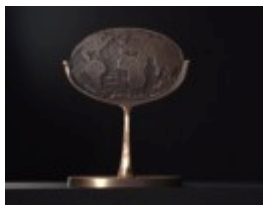
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A new ADA app feature allows members to more easily network with colleagues and mentors in their state and local societies. The chat enhancement lets members find users who are currently online and mentors offering real-time advice and information, along with the ability to create groups for networking.

[Full Story: New ADA App Fosters Mentorship Opportunities](#)

Nominate awardees for 2024 Humanitarian Award by Sept. 1

ADA Morning Huddle, August 1, 2023



The ADA Humanitarian Award, one of ADA's highest honors, is open to member dentists who have distinguished themselves by giving a minimum of 10 years to improving the oral health of underserved populations in the United States. The award includes a \$10,000 gift to the dental charity or project of the recipient's choice and recognition at SmileCon® 2024. [Learn more and submit a nomination.](#)

A guide to attract and retain the right new patients for your practice

ADA Morning Huddle, July 25, 2023



This [free e-book from RevenueWell](#) offers a plethora of practical tips and advice to help dental practices effectively and efficiently acquire new patients. This resource will help dentists better understand two key industry drivers, including increasing competition for patients and the changing online behavior of patients. It will also offer detailed guidance to help dentists better understand the three crucial steps to success: creating awareness, generating interest, and helping patients take that next step in scheduling an appointment. RevenueWell is endorsed by ADA Member Advantage.

Free patient resource: Back-to-school dental exams

ADA Morning Huddle, August 2, 2023



School supply displays have popped up in every store - it's officially back-to-school season! Help parents prep for their child's back-to-school dental appointment with "[5 Questions to Ask at Your Child's Back-to-School Dental Visit.](#)"

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