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Dr. "Anna" Bettios

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

Dear Colleagues,

Your DC Dental Society is working diligently to represent you and bring you programs that will support your practice. A top priority for DCDS is advocating on your behalf before the DC Board of Dentistry and the DC Council on critical issues including staffing shortages, the lengthy process for dental professionals to secure a new license and scope of practice for dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants. In the District, a new Council was seated in January, and the annual process of conducting oversight hearings has begun. On February 28 DCDS testified at an oversight hearing on licensing boards that was held by the DC Council Committee Health ([read testimony](#)). In addition, DCDS recently joined with other DC healthcare organizations to raise concerns with the DC Department of Healthcare Finance about payment delays for Medicaid claims and delays in the credentialing process. The memo also calls upon the department to require Medicaid MCOs to report additional statistics on claims processing to evaluate trends ([read memo](#)).

In our testimony we highlighted the staffing shortage and recommended a number of legislative actions that could be taken by the Council to improve the licensing process, including DC joining the new interstate licensing compact for dentists and dental hygienists, rescinding the requirement that all dental assistants be registered, and eliminating the "clean hands" requirement or raising the threshold that prevents a person from applying for a license until all moneys owed to the DC government have been paid. We also testified to the long delays and difficulties that many dental professionals experienced before their license was issued. We will continue to represent DC dentists on these critical issues until they are resolved.

I would like to offer special thanks to the Symposium Committee that is led by

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Dr. Menhinick and to the DCDS staff team for their great work in setting up the Symposium for Licensure. The Symposium enables members and their dental office teams (hygienists and assistants) to take those courses required for license renewal by the Board of Dentistry. The Committee selected an impressive and engaging lineup of speakers. The Symposium will be held virtual on four evenings during the month of April.

- LGBTQ+ Cultural Competency on April 11 (6-8 PM) presented by Rosa Chaviano-Moran, DMD, Associate Dean for Admissions and Herminio Perez, DMD, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Diversity and Inclusion, both from the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine
- Infection Control on April 13 (6-8 PM) presented by Lori Serna-Pate, RDH, M.Ed., President and CEO of Dental Training Solutions
- Ethics on April 25 (6-7 PM) presented by Fotini Anagnostopoulos-King, DMD, Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry
- Opioids Abuse and Misuse on April 27 (6-8 PM) presented by Dr. Ernest Luce at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

To bring us together, the Membership Committee and Symposium Committee joined forces to create a special social event that will be conducted in conjunction with the Symposium. Let DCDS take you out to the ball game! Join DCDS on Wednesday, April 19 for an evening at National Park when the Nats play the Orioles. DCDS is offering members tickets at a special price of \$15 (see disclaimer below for more information). Tickets can be purchased when you register for the Symposium, so don't delay!

I am looking forward to the monthly continuing education presentation on March 14th by Dr. Negaar Sagafi, who will present "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](#) in this newsletter and on our website. The Education Committee is beginning the process of developing an educational program

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for 2024. If you have suggestions, send them to DCDS at info@dcdental.org.

In addition, DCDS recently brought you two bonus webinars on practice management topics:

- Commercial Real Estate and Your Dental Office: How to Maximize the Purchase or Lease of Your Dental Space sponsored by the Health-Pro Realty Group
- A presentation on the Employee Retention Tax Credit sponsored by ERC Advisors

Recordings of these and other past webinars are available on the DCDS website.

Lastly, I would like to offer an encouraging reminder to attend the monthly meetings of the DC Board of Dentistry to hear what topics that Board is discussing that could impact your practice. Board of Dentistry meetings are open to the public and are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 9 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15th and will be held virtually only via WebEx ([use this link to join](#)).

I would also like to thank our sponsors and partners, Platinum Sponsor Choice Dental Practice Transitions, Gold Sponsor Sandy Spring Bank, Silver Sponsors Alternative Systems and Implant Direct, and Garfield Refining and Align for sponsoring some of our educational events.

Very sincerely,

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

DCDS: Advocating on Your Behalf

On February 28, DCDS Executive Director Kurt Gallagher, CAE testified during the DC Council Committee on Health’s Oversight Hearing on Medical Boards. The testimony highlighted the staffing challenges that DC dental practices are experiencing, and how delays in the issuing of licenses and registrations is worsening staffing shortages. The testimony called for a number of actions to ease the tight market for staffing by updating the licensing process, including:

- DC joining the new licensing compact for dentists and dental hygienists.
- Repealing the requirement that Level I dental assistance register with the Board of Dentistry.
- Eliminating the “clean hands” requirement for licensee applicants.
- Easing the requirements to allow on-the-job training for dental assistants and dental hygienists.
- Improving communication by DC Health with applicants in the event an application is missing elements.
- Reducing the timeframe to update licenses applications when new information is provided.
- Requiring DC Health to report meaningful statistics on the licensure process, including:
 - The number and percentage of applications that are approved after a manual review.
 - The number and percentage of applications that are in process, including:
 - A breakdown of the number of days passed from the date of submission by the applicant.
 - A breakdown on the cause of delay, such as whether an applicant lacks “clean hands” or whether a specific type of documentation is pending receipt.

For more information on DCDS advocacy or to get involved, write to info@dcdental.org.

DCDS Spring 2023 Symposium for Licensure

Save up to \$100 with our Early Bird Rates. Offer expires March 10th.

The 2023 Spring Symposium for Licensure provides four courses that are required for license renewal in DC: infection control, LGBTQ+ cultural competency, ethics and opioids misuse (prescribing dentists only). Dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants are invited to attend.

All sessions will be hosted 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 [Dentistry in the District](#) web page.

Schedule for DCDS 2023 Spring Symposium for Licensure

Tuesday, April 11

6-8 PM

Embracing Diversity, Inclusion and the LGBTQ Community

Dr. Rosa Chaviano-Moran
Dr. Herminio Perez



2 CE Hours Offered

Thursday, April 13

6-8 PM

Infection Control

Lori Serna-Pate, RDH



2 CE Hours Offered

Wednesday, April 19

DCDS Night at Nationals Park

Join your DCDS friends and colleagues when the Nats play the Orioles. See next page for details



Tuesday, April 25

6-7 PM

Ethics

Dr. Fotini Anagnostopoulos-King



1 CE Hour Offered

Thursday, April 27

6-8 PM

Abuse and Misuse of Opioids/Prescription Drugs

Dr. Ernest Luce



2 CE Hours Offered

DCDS Spring 2023 Symposium for Licensure

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

[Register for Symposium](#)

Meet Your DCDS Friends at Nationals Park, April 19 Order Nats Baseball Game Tickets with your Symposium Registration!

Join your DCDS friends and colleagues on Wednesday, April 19 for an evening at National Park when the Nats play the Orioles. Baseball tickets may be purchased during the registration process.

DCDS is offering tickets for the member price of \$15 for the first 99 tickets sold*. Join your friends and colleagues for this special outing. Family members are welcome.

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Rosa Chaviano-Moran, DMD—Co-Presenter on LGBTQ+ Cultural Competency

Dr. Chaviano Moran is Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, RSDM, Associate Dean for Admissions and Associate professor in the Departments of Periodontics and Community Health. Her focus is inclusivity, diversity, equity and educational excellence. Her roles as faculty and administrator, have led to considerable contributions to dental education at the local, national and international levels. She is the Director of RSDM Internationally Educated DMD Program, dental pathway programs; K-12 and college level. Principal Investigator for the “Creating Awareness in Academic Dentistry” grant, RSDM Faculty Advisor for both, Hispanic Student Dental Association and the Dental Association for Equality (providing advocacy in the LGBTQ student, staff and faculty community). Nationally selected to American Dental Education Association, ADEA Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee, past president of the Hispanic Dental Association as well as the Board of Directors of the Diverse Dental Society. Memberships include American Dental Association, Fellow in both the American College and the International College of Dentists. In 2022, she received the ADEAGIES award for institutional VISION for her work with the LGBTQ student community. She is co-author for the MetLife’s Quality Resource Guide *Caring for LGBTQ+ Individuals in Dental Practice*.



Herminio L. Perez, DMD, MBA, EdD—Co-Presenter on LGBTQ+ Cultural Competency

Dr. Perez received his dental degree from Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, followed by a General Practice Residency at BronxLebanon Hospital. After residency, he continued the Hospital affiliation as a faculty and Site Administrator in the Department of Dentistry. Dr. Perez received his MBA in Healthcare Systems from the Silberman College of Business, Fairleigh Dickinson University, N.J.

In addition, Dr. Perez received his doctoral degree in education with a concentration in Leadership and Innovation from the NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development.

Dr. Perez serves as the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Diversity & Inclusion, and Assistant Professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry at the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine.

In addition to his academic and administrative responsibilities, He is a member of the Diversity Leadership Council at Rutgers Biomedical Health Sciences, where he co-chairs the sections of the Antiracist Taskforce and the RBHS University-wide Diversity Strategic Planning Process. In 2021, Dr. Perez was appointed as a Member of the American Dental Association Board of Trustees' Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Dr. Perez has been an active member of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) and has served as Chair of the Student Affairs/ Financial Aid Section (AFASA). Currently, he holds the position of Councilor for the ADEA PRIDE Section, Chair-Elect of the ADEA Leadership Institute Alumni Association Board (ADEA LIAA), and Chair-Elect of the American Dental Education Association Annual Session Program Committee (ADEA ASPC).



Lori Serna-Pate, RDH—Presenter on Infection Control—Lori Serna-Pate is a native New Yorker who has spent more than 3 decades in a dental setting. Her passion for Infection Control stems from her interest in microbiology and infectious diseases. Microbiology was her first passion, having come of age during the HIV global epidemic. She majored in Microbiology at SDSU in California. During her Senior year at SDSU, while working in a diagnostic lab, she realized that her true passion was helping others and so in 1997 she graduated from Loma Linda University as a Dental Hygienist.

Being a clinician enabled her to merge her passions together and so she became the OSHA lady wherever she practiced. In the Summer of 2015, after working in Saipan, a small island in the North Pacific Ocean, as a DH for 15 years, she moved back to the East Coast. Working with dental professionals in various training, inspired her to receive her master's in education in 2006. Her desire to educate and assist dental professionals with the intricacies of Infection Control and Regulatory Compliance led her to calibrate with Dr. Mulreany in the Fall of 2017. This allowed the ability to continue to provide individual office evaluations (Compliance Analysis), staff OSHA trainings, and group infection control continuing education seminars. Ms. Serna-Pate's Infection control seminars are approved by the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners as well as the Academy of General Dentist. She has presented at MAGD's annual meeting as well as MSDA and other Dental Societies and Organizations.

This course's aim is to communicate the regulations and standards in an engaging manner, sharing practical solutions to theoretical infection control challenges is the key behind the information given. It is her goal to become an infection control resource to all the dental professionals who are interested in following the I.C. regulations and standards and are looking for support and guidance in that endeavor. She continues to be involved in the clinical setting by working at Howard Community College as an adjunct clinical DH instructor. She serves the DC Dental Board as an inspector and is a member of ADA, ADHA, and OSAP (Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention).

Ms. Serna-Pate lives in Columbia, MD with her husband, with 3 children in college and one still at home as well as 4 pets, she keeps busy. She enjoys traveling, reading and working with her clients to make every dental visit as safe as possible.



Dr. Fotini Anagnostopoulos-King, DMD—Presenter on Ethics—Dr. Fotini Anagnostopoulos-King was born and raised in Greece. She finished high school in England, received her Bachelor's degree from Ohio University and D.M.D. from Tufts School of Dental Medicine. She completed an Advanced General Dentistry residency at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. She recently obtained a graduate certificate in Research Ethics at the University of Maryland Graduate School and is currently pursuing a Certificate in Professionalism at the Academy for Professionalism in Health Care.

Dr. Anagnostopoulos-King worked as a general dentist in the private sector for twenty years and joined the University of Maryland School of Dentistry as a Clinical Assistant Professor nine years ago.

She loves international film, ethnic music, traveling with family and friends, reading, writing and swimming.



Dr. Ernest Luce—Presenter on Opioids—Ernie Luce DDS completed a Bachelor’s degree in Chemistry from Texas Tech in 1981, a dental degree from the University of Texas at Houston in 1985 and a one year General Practice Residency at the University of Texas in San Antonio in 1986. Since then, he has held a full or part time position in the Department of Comprehensive Dentistry in San Antonio working mostly with the Graduate General Dentistry Residents. His primary focus is to teach the dental management of medically compromised patients, management of medical emergencies in the dental office and the delivery of moderate parenteral sedation in the dental office.

Registration Information

Dental hygienists and dental assistants must be registered through the account of a dentist. Visit the DCDS website for additional details on registration, including the cancellation policy.

Registration Rate	Early Bird Price Ends March 10	Regular Price
DCDS Member Dentists	\$300	\$400
Non-DCDS Member Dentists (including ADA members)	\$550	\$650
Residents	\$150	\$175
Dental Hygienists	\$125	\$150
Dental Assistants and Other Office Staff	\$100	\$125
Non-Dental Healthcare Providers	\$550	\$650

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March 14th Meeting (In-Person and Virtual): "Orthodontics Update"

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Clinical CE Presentation by Dr. Negaar Sagafi

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, 3rd Floor
Washington, D.C. 20006



[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. Sagafi here.](#)

Program Description: Current Ecosystem of Orthodontics in the Realm of "Disruptive" Innovative Technologies

Session 1: Trends in Orthodontics Part 1

Session Description: A review of orthodontic history past, present and the future

Learning Objectives:

- Understanding the current explosive orthodontic industry in relation to present clinical technologies and the direction thereof.
- Understanding the importance of treatment timing in relation to treatment planning options as well as aligners vs fixed appliances through case presentation.

Session 2: Trends in Orthodontics Part 2

Session Description: A review of the orthodontic industry from Aligners to Apps to Rapid Prototyping

Learning Objectives:

- Recognizing the role & ability of Artificial Intelligence in the current dental world.
- Recognizing the role of materials, and analogue vs digital platforms whether for aligners or "custom" braces.

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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



Thursday, September 14th

Update on Digital Dentistry

Virtual Only

CE Credits Offered: 2.0 CE Credits

Course Presenter: Dr. Christopher Pescatore

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Upcoming 2023 Continuing Education Presentations



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



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



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

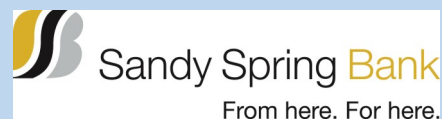
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Nominate a Colleague for a DCDS Award

DCDS and the DCDS Foundation are now accepting nominations for the following awards. Help us recognize the excellence in the DC dental community. Nominations accepted via our [online nomination form](#).

Sterling V. Mead Award

The Sterling V. Mead Award is given annually to an active, active life or retired member of the Society in good standing who has made distinguished contributions to the dental profession and/or has devoted their life to organized dentistry. This may include outstanding contributions to (1) the DC Dental Society and/or the ADA, (2) the dental profession, (3) dental education, (4) dental or oral health research and (5) civic organizations that support oral health.

The award is named after Dr. Sterling V. Mead, a distinguished dentist, past D.C. Dental Society member and author who wrote several books on dentistry between 1935 and 1954, including Oral Surgery, Diseases of the Mouth and Anesthesia in Dental Surgery.

Special Recognition of a Member

This award is presented to a DCDS member who has brought recognition to the Society, the profession, or themselves through their contributions or concrete accomplishments in one or more of the following areas: (1) public service, (2) heroism, (3) altruism or similar activities and (4) dental research and/or education. This award is not given annually if no candidates meet the award criteria.

Humanitarian Award

The Community Spirit Award is given to a D.C. Dental Society member who has supported the underserved in the District of Columbia by devotion of time and/or expertise, through partnership with others in the dental community, or by generous donation. Recipients of this award have demonstrated one or more of the following:

- Devotion of time and expertise in improving the oral health of our community
- Leadership in the creation of effective partnerships that have resulted in increased access and/or improvement in dental care in our community
- Advocate for oral health and disease prevention in our community
- Volunteer of both time and expertise in treating the underserved within our community
- Generosity in financial support to programs that fund oral health initiatives in our community

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Welcome New Members

Ayodeji Awopegba

Nadeem Azeez

Jacqueline Burgette

Oluwemimo Fagbemi

Courtney Hollingsworth

Laudan Izadi

Ifueko Obadiaru

Jillian Pailin

Karla Platzer

DCDS Member Ads

FREE Employment Ad for DCDS Members. DCDS members who are seeking employment or who have open staff positions can place a classified ad at no charge. Click on the link below to get started.

Advertise with DCDS

Classified ads in the DCDS Newsletter are easy. Simply submit your ad through [the DCDS online form](#). We will then send you a payment link. Payment must be received prior to publication.

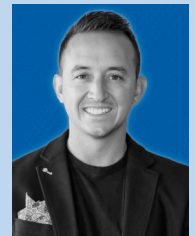
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Chaz Feitel



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DCDS Foundation Unveils New Oral Care Video Series

The DC Dental Society Foundation developed a series of short oral health education videos to assist home health aids, family members and others who serve as caregivers by raising knowledge of potential oral health conditions with the goal of improving oral health. The videos cover a range of topics from the characteristics of a healthy mouth to how to assist other with tooth brushing and oral hygiene.

This project could not have been completed without the generous support of time and financial donations by the DC Dental Society members. We thank Dr. Sal Selvaggio for sharing his knowledge and experience in these videos.

Please click on the links below to view the oral care videos:

[What Do Healthy and Unhealthy Mouths Look Like?](#) (9:21)

[Mouth Biology and Its Effects on Overall Health](#) (10:21)

[General Homecare Tips for Caregivers](#) (10:18)

[Aging and Oral Health](#) (3:55)

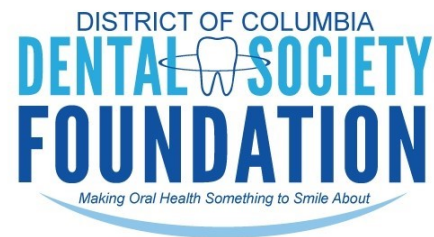
[Helping Patients with Tooth Brushing and Oral Hygiene](#) (10:13)

[Dental Restorations, Dentures and Appliances](#) (8:30)

[Dental Medications](#) (2:52)

[Oral Care for Persons with Cognitive Impairment or Dementia](#) (9:33)

[Watch Dr. Selvaggio's Full Presentation](#) [53 minutes]



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DCDS Pro Bono Program Lets You Provide Care in Your Practice

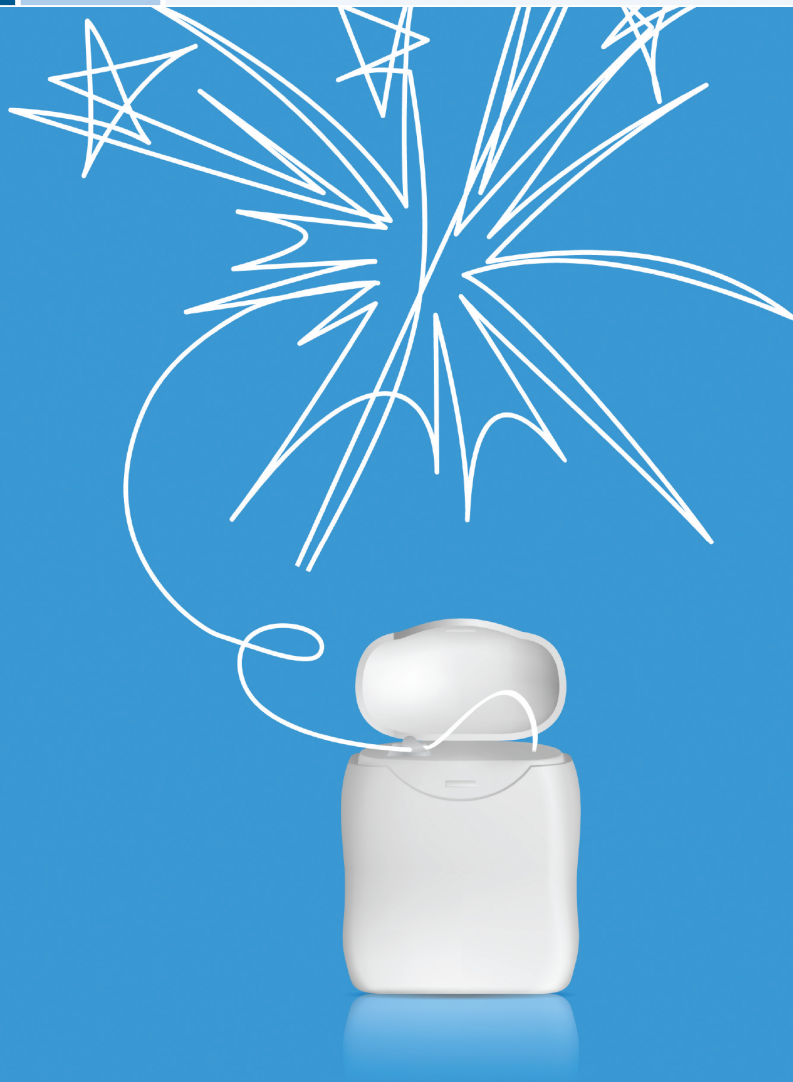
DC Dental Cares is a pro bono program of the DCDS Foundation created to enable humanitarian outreach by DCDC members in our local community. DCDS has partnered with the Catholic Charities Healthcare Network (CCHCN) to provide dental care for the most vulnerable and in need members of our community. This 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.



Patients are fully vetted for need by 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. Sign up using our brief online form via the button below.

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

[Sign Up for DC Dental Cares](#)



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-Dr. Scott Sutter, Northern Nevada Endodontics

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ADA responds to criticism of medical loss ratio policies

ADA Morning Huddle, February 27, 2023

The National Association of Dental Plans Executive Director Mike Adelberg said laws making dental insurance plans adhere to medical loss ratio requirements are "bad public policy that will not achieve intended consumer and dental community benefits," but the ADA's Chad Olson countered that these policies are "a consumer protection that's needed and timely." Massachusetts voters approved a medical loss ratio ballot issue in November, with \$5.5 million in assistance from the ADA, while a number of additional states are considering similar proposals this year. "With consumers more conscious of their pocketbooks than ever, they deserve to get as much out of the premiums they pay for dental insurance as possible," said Olson, who is the ADA's director of state government affairs.

[Full Story: Criticism of MLR Requirements for Dental Insurance Plans](#)

Access the Treating Young Kids Everyday (TYKE) CE course for free

ADA Morning Huddle, February 28, 2023

Through a collaboration with the California Dental Association, the ADA Foundation's GKAS Tiny Smiles Program offers the Treating Young Kids Everyday (TYKE) course for free (a \$200 value) through April 2023. The TYKE course (2 CE) is designed to increase dentists' confidence to see babies and young children and inspire a commitment to decreasing the prevalence of dental caries.

Tiny Smiles is sponsored by Colgate and CareCredit. [Learn more about the collaboration](#) and how to access the course.

[Full Story: Treating Young Kids Everyday CE Course](#)

Discover the possibilities at our town hall on career pathways

ADA Morning Huddle, March 1, 2023

Join the ADA New Dentist Committee at 7 p.m. CT on March 15 for a town hall discussion on the exciting career pathways available in dentistry! Committee members Drs. Howard Kim, a dental director at an FQHC, and Kayla Klingensmith, an associate at a private practice, will facilitate the conversation and share their personal experiences. You'll meet dentists who have all taken different paths, including FQHC, DSO, academia, private practice and research.

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Celebrate Dental Assistants Recognition Week™ in March!

ADA Morning Huddle, February 27, 2023



March 5-11 marks the American Dental Assistants Association's (ADAA) Dental Assistants Recognition Week, also known as DARW. Celebrate the week by honoring your dental assistants for everything they do to help provide patients with quality dental care. The theme for 2023 is "The ∞ of Dental Offices Through Education, Commitment, & Safety" and acknowledges the rising importance of dentistry's role in health care and the role of dental assistants in that growth.

[Get free tools to help you celebrate the week!](#)

[Full Story: Dental Assistants Recognition Week](#)

Study evaluates autonomous robotic system for dental implants

ADA Morning Huddle, February 28, 2023

A study in the [Journal of Dentistry](#) found evidence to support the use of an autonomous robotic computer-assisted implant surgery system as a possible alternative in dental implant surgery. The robotic system was used with 10 patients under the supervision of a surgeon.

[Full Story: Robotic Computer-Assisted Implant Surgery Alternative](#)

Md. lawmakers consider legislation to expand access to dental care

ADA Morning Huddle, February 27, 2023

Maryland legislators introduced [House Bill 290](#) and [Senate Bill 237](#), which would require parents or caregivers to show proof to the state's public school system or to child care facilities that a child has had a dental screening. The legislation would create requirements and eligibility standards for dental services and reimbursements in the state's Medicaid program and expand the Higher Education Loan Assistance Grant program in the state to include dental hygienists.

[Full Story: Bill Introduced to Require Dental Screenings for Children](#)

ADA offers new scaling, root planing claim submission resources

ADA Finance & Operations Huddle, February 25, 2023

The ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs developed an online resource that provides a [long version](#) and a [short version](#) of the Claims Submission: Scaling and Root Planing document to help dentists better understand the scaling and root planing claims process. The ADA said it has received an increasing number of inquiries about claim denials, alternate benefits and requests for further information from dental insurers.

[Full Story: Scaling, Root Planing Claim Submission Resources](#)

ADA to publish guidance on HIPAA breach compliance

ADA Weekend Huddle, February 25, 2023

The ADA next month will release [Complying with the HIPAA Breach Notification Rule: A Guide for the Dental Office](#) to help dentists prevent, respond to and manage any breaches of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. "Even a dental practice that is fully HIPAA-compliant can have a data breach, but preparation can help manage stress, expenses and even help prevent missteps if a data breach does occur," said Manny Chopra, D.M.D., chair of the ADA Council on Dental Practice. The guidance will be available at the ADA Store, and dentists can save 15% by using promo code 23103 by May 31.

[Full Story: Guidance on HIPAA Breach Compliance](#)

Integration plan creates smooth transition for new hires

ADA Finance & Operations Huddle, February 25, 2023

ADA Practice Transitions Vice President of Operations and Customer Relations Suzanne Ebert, D.M.D., wrote that creating an integration plan for a new hire is important to help the entire practice have a smooth transition and give the new team member confidence. Elements of an integration plan should include allowing a new hire to shadow the practice, creating communications that introduce a new team member, ensuring credentialing and licensing are taken care of and introducing a new dentist to specialists and community members.

[Full Story: Building a Practice That Retains Staff](#)

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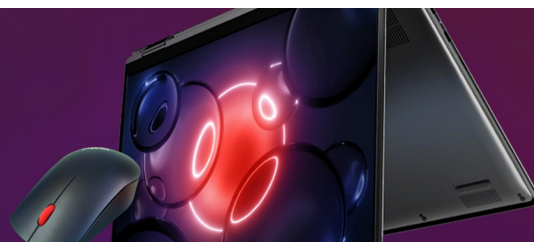
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