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Dr. "Anna" Bettios

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

Dear Colleagues,

It is hard to believe that the leaves are turning and fall is upon us. I want to thank the Education Committee for securing our speaker for September, Dr. Christopher Pescatore, who provided a great presentation on "Digital Dentistry Utilization in Today's Dental Practice." I also wanted to thank the Membership Committee and New Member Dentists Subcommittee for their efforts that helped us to gain 16 new members since our CE event in May. The Membership Committee also helped to organize the next DCDS social outing to see the Cirque du Soleil show "Echo" on October 14. I hope you will join DCDS for the 7:30 PM show at Tysons II in Tyson's Corner. DCDS secured discounted tickets of up to 25% off. See page 13 of this newsletter for additional details. If you can't attend October 14, you can get 20% off your tickets on another day in October. The deadline to receive DCDS discounted tickets is October 9.

The remainder of our continuing education events for the year will be held in person at the DCDS headquarters. Our next CE event will be held on October 17. Dr. Amelia Orta will deliver a presentation on "Biomimetic Dentistry: Introduction, Preparation Considerations, Material Selection and Cementation Techniques." During the October meeting we will also conduct a call for nominations. In 2023 DCDS will conduct an election for a number of officer and board seats. See page 5 for additional details. I hope you will join us for dinner, education and camaraderie. If you are not able to attend, the recording will be available about 48 hours after the event. Social networking and dinner starts at 5:30 PM. I encourage you to bring any colleagues who are not DCDS members to our CE and social event so they may network and be introduced to our Society.

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Tuesday, October 17th Meeting (In Person):

“Biomimetic Dentistry: Introduction, Preparation Considerations, Material Selection and Cementation Techniques”

Clinical CE Presentation by Dr. Amelia Orta

Schedule*: 5:45 PM—Business Meeting with Call for Nominations

6:00 PM—Education Program Begins

Lecture Format

CE Credits Offered: 2.0 CE Credits

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

Location for In-Person Event:

DCDS Headquarters
2001 K Street, NW, 3rd Floor
Washington, DC 20006

Register early for in-person attendance (space limited). **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. Orta here](#).

Meeting Description:

Reducing and preventing complications associated with our restorative dental treatment is a top priority for clinicians and patients. Biomimetic dentistry provides clinicians the opportunity to minimize the reduction of tooth structure and provide our patients the opportunity to retain their own natural teeth for longer periods of time, delaying or preventing tooth loss. This presentation will discuss the basics of biomimetic dentistry, preparation considerations, material selection and adhesive techniques that can be readily implemented in your daily restorative and prosthodontic practices.

Session 1: Biomimetic Dentistry Background and Partial Coverage Prep Design

Learning Objectives:

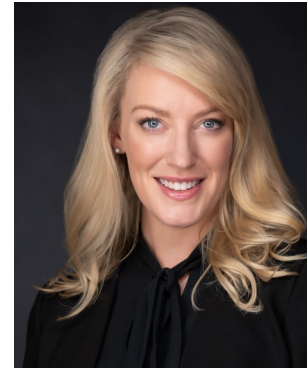
- Understand what is biomimetic dentistry
- Understand various factors that influence preparation design
- Understand material selection for indirect restorations

Session 2: Advanced Adhesion and Cementation

Learning Objectives:

- Understand various concepts of advanced adhesive dentistry including immediate dentin sealing
- Understand various cementation techniques for adhesively retained restorations

Meeting Sponsors



Dr. Amelia Orta

[Register Here](#)

Call for Nominations

A call for nominations is scheduled for the October 17 business meeting. Please join at 5:45 PM to offer nominations for:

- President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer
- DCDS Director Positions (1 open; 3 eligible for re-election)
- ADA Delegate and Alternate Delegate
- DCDS Foundation Director Positions (4 eligible for re-election)

Nominations are also being accepted online for DCDS and DCDS Foundation Awards.

For details on committee positions and award nominations, see page 5.

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In November we will have a CE presentation on “Risk Management” delivered by Andrew Gerner of R.K. Tongue Co., Inc. and in December Dr. Uche Odiatu will present on a “Fit Body. Calm Mind. Inspired Practice.” You can register at dcdental.org.

I am happy to announce that our proposed bylaws changes were adopted during our September 14 membership meeting. A summary of the bylaws changes are available for review on the [DCDS website](#). Moving forward, all elections will be conducted by electronic ballot, making our society more inclusive and democratic. Members may request a paper ballot if that is their preferred method of voting. We will host the Annual Awards Meeting in January, when our newly elected officers and board members will be installed. I hope you will join us for that festive event.

During the Board of Directors meeting held on September 19, we heard a presentation from Kate Bouwkamp of the DC Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants on the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP). The program is designed to support and protect victims of domestic violence. Dentists and dental team members often see our patients more frequently than any other healthcare provider. Given that dental appointments generally are conducted without a spouse, partner or other family member present, we are in a unique position to assist those who are victims of abuse. Learn more about this potentially life saving program on pages 19 and 20. Also during the meeting, the board voted on final appointments to the Strategic Plan Committee and will hold a meeting following the ADA House of Delegates (HOD) meeting that will take place later this month.

There are many resolutions to be discussed at the HOD meeting. We are very fortunate to have a great delegation representing our members: Drs. Katie Clark and Angela Noguera who serve as delegates, Drs. Pat Grogan and Clare McGorry who serve as alternate delegates. Also participating as a member of the delegation will be DCDS Secretary Dr. Sally Cram and our executive director, Kurt Gallagher. The team has worked hard to read and understand all of the resolutions that will be considered at the HOD meeting. I have learned so much from the meetings over the past year, from participation at the House of Delegates meeting in Texas in 2022 to attending the 4th District Annual Pre-Caucus in late September. We have exceptional representatives, and I am looking forward to participating with our delegates at SmileCon and the HOD meeting in Orlando. Of interest to watch for at the ADA House of Delegates meeting are the outcomes of many topics including resolutions on education, interstate licensing, incorporation of dentists who work for DSOs as members, as well as how to define underserved areas with respect to access to dental care. We will update the membership on outcomes from the ADA meeting.

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The DCDS Board voted to add several new members to our committees now that the bylaws amendment was approved by the membership that grants flexibility with respect to committees. Thank you to those who volunteered and to those who have dedicated their time to our committees over the past year. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact the DCDS office.

We continue to advocate for our members and represent the concerns of members before DC Health and the DC Board of Dentistry. Our lobbying team, Mr. Brett Greene and executive director, Mr. Kurt Gallagher, led an effort to expand the scope of practice for dental assistants. The Board of Dentistry accepted our recommendation to authorize dental assistants to perform a number of advanced functions: coronal polishing, placement of pit/fissure sealants, and conducting glucose testing. The Board of Dentistry voted to advance the proposed regulations to implement these changes at its September meeting. We are awaiting publication of the final regulations, which will establish the new category of a Level III Dental Assistant authorized to perform the expanded functions.

As published in our last newsletter, we received clarification from the Board of Dentistry about new mandates for criminal background checks. Fingerprinting (by traditional ink and paper method or digital scan) will not be required for dental license renewal. In addition, during its September meeting, the Board of Dentistry adopted a policy to allow unregistered dental assistants who have been working in DC to register with greatly reduced financial penalties imposed. We are aware of several cases over the past year where dental assistants who worked in DC without first registering with the Board of Dentistry were fined up to \$5,000 and the dental practice was fined up to \$30,000. The [Board's Policy on Incentivized Time Period for Registration of Dental Assistants](#) is a way for unregistered dental assistants to come into compliance with DC requirements at greatly reduced penalties: \$250 paid by the dental assistant and \$500 assessed on the dentist or dental practice for each unregistered dental assistant. To receive these reduced penalties, the applicant [must submit this cover letter](#) with their registration application.

I hope to see you at an upcoming DCDS event. As always, I'd appreciate hearing any ideas or feedback you may have. Please contact the DC Dental Society at info@dcdental.org or (202) 367-1163.

Sincerely,

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

We are DCDS: Passionate About Advancing Dental Medicine, Serving Our Community and Engaging Dental Professionals!

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Call for Nominations Open Through October 17

Nominations are being accepted for DCDS and DCDS Foundation board and committee positions. Nominations may be submitted via the [online nomination form](#). All nominations will be reviewed and evaluated by the Nominating Committees and presented to the board of directors for action.

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- ADA Delegate and Alternate Delegate
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[Submit Nomination](#)

Nominate a Colleague for a DCDS Award

DCDS and the DCDS Foundation are now accepting nominations for the following awards:

- Sterling V. Mead Award
- Committee Member of the Year
- Special Recognition of a Member
- Humanitarian Award
- Community Spirit Award

To view the criteria for each award, visit the [DCDS](#) or [DCDS Foundation](#) awards pages. Nominations may be submitted via the [online nomination form](#).

Recipients of the 2023 awards will be honored at the January 2024 DCDS Awards Meeting. Additional details to follow.

DCDS Sponsor Webinar: “The Current State of Dental Transitions”

Thursday, November 2
6:00 PM—7:00 PM

Cost: Free for Members, Non-Members

Presented by DCDS Sponsor Choice Transitions

Dr. Harry Snyderman and Dan Baccari

CE Credits

We regret that we are not able to offer credits for this presentation.

Webinar Description

We will discuss and review for both traditional and DSO type sales:

1. Steps to take to prepare to sell
2. Appraising and valuing the practice
3. Professional assistance
4. Maintaining confidentiality and marketing to buyers
5. Steps in the selling process
6. Types of transitions
7. Trends with DSO buyers



Dr. Harry Snyderman



Dan Baccari

[Read about Dr. Snyderman here](#)

[Read about Dan Baccari here](#)

Webinar Link



DC Board of Dentistry Adopts Policy for Greatly Reduced Financial Penalties When Unregistered Dental Assistants Come Forward to Register Through 12/31/2023

All dental assistants who work in DC are required to register with the Board of Dentistry. Over the past year the Board of Dentistry imposed fines on dental practices and dental assistants when it learned of unregistered dental assistants working in DC. Fines can range as high as \$5,000 on each dental assistant and \$30,000 on the dentist/dental practice.

DCDS is your advocate. We called upon the Board of Dentistry to suspend penalties to allow unregistered dental assistants to come forward to register with the Board. We also called for an end to the registration requirement for Level I dental assistants, but that proposal has not been accepted.

Recently the Board of Dentistry adopted the [Policy on Incentivized Time Period for Registration of Dental Assistants](#) to allow unregistered dental assistants who have been working in DC to register with greatly reduced financial penalties assessed.

- The policy will remain in effect until 12/31/2023.
- The [Incentivized Dental Assistant Registration Cover Letter](#) ("Cover Letter") must accompany a registration application in order to be covered by this policy.
- The penalty imposed on each dental assistant will be \$250 when they apply.
- The penalty for supervising dentists/dental practices will be \$500 per unregistered dental assistant.
- Dental assistants and dentists covered by this policy will be required to complete 2 continuing education hours in ethics.
- The Cover Letter includes the disclaimer that it "cannot be used against me for any other purpose," which provides the unregistered dental assistant and dentist/dental practice with protection from higher fines related to the employment of an unregistered dental assistant.

[Read Board of Dentistry Policy](#)

[Dental Assistant Incentivized Registration Application Cover Letter](#)

Unregistered dental assistants should apply to register with the Board of Dentistry through the [DC Health Licensing Portal](#). If this is the first time they attempt to register, dental assistants will be eligible to submit the [90 Day Supervised Practice Form](#) that allows them to practice for 90 days, upon approval by the Board of Dentistry, while the application is under review.

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DC Board of Dentistry Updates

DC Registration/Licensing Resources

[DC Dental Society Licensure Informational Web Page](#)

[DC Health Licensing Portal](#)

[DC Board of Dentistry Web Page](#)

[DC Dental Assistant Registration Information](#) (Board of Dentistry)

Cover Letter acknowledgement (emphasis added)

I acknowledge and understand that as a result of the Applicant's unregistered dental assisting practice in the District of Columbia, the Applicant and Supervisory Dentist/Practice Owner will be subject to a **monetary assessment of \$250.00 for the Applicant and \$500.00 for the Supervisory Dentist/Practice Owner** and required to complete **(2) continuing education credit hours in ethics**, but **this cover letter cannot be used against me for any other purpose**. I acknowledge and understand that the benefits and protections of this cover letter shall only apply to applications submitted with this completed cover letter between September 20, 2023 and December 31, 2023. Failure to provide correct and complete information on this cover letter may result in additional penalties.

Advancement of Proposed Regulations for Dental Assistants

The Board of Dentistry voted to advance the proposed rule that authorizes advanced functions for the newly created Level III Dental Assistant:

- Coronal polishing
- Placement of pit/fissure sealants
- Performance of glucose testing
- While the Board declined to accepted the changes to the proposed regulations we recommended in our comments submitted earlier this summer , this action does advance implementation of the expanded functions.
- DCDS will provide notification when the final rule is published.
- Board staff did indicate that one of our recommendations may be taken up for consideration after the related update to DC law is passed (expected later this year).

Next DC Board of Dentistry Meeting

October 18, 2023

9:00 AM

[Webinar Link](#)

2023 License/Registration Renewals

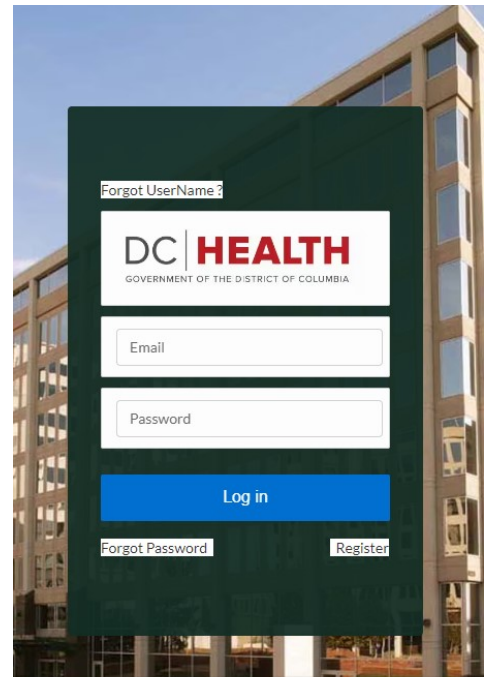
2023 is a license/registration renewal year. All applications to renew a license or registration to practice dentistry in DC must be submitted through the DC Health Licensing Portal. The portal will begin accepting renewal applications from dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants in October. A specific date has not yet been announced. Dental professionals should receive notification by email from DC Health when the portal opens for renewal applications, and the DC Dental Society will send out a supplemental notification.

DC Health strongly encourages all users to review the instructions prior to beginning the process. **License renewal applications must be submitted by December 31, 2023.**

For any questions regarding application requirements, please review materials provided on the [Board of Dentistry website](#) or contact the Board of Dentistry at [by email](#) or by calling 202-724-8801.

Licensing Portal Link

To access the DC Health Licensing Portal, visit <https://doh.force.com/dchealthrenewals/s/portal-page>.



Contact Support
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DC Required Continuing Education Available from DCDS

Are you looking for those required courses for your license renewal application? Infection Control? Ethics? LGBTQ+ Cultural Competency? Alternatives to Opioids?

Get them in one place. Recordings of the 2023 DCDS Spring Symposium for Licensure are now available.

See next page for additional details.

Purchase Symposium Recordings

Board of Dentistry Clarifies Criminal Background Requirement

A criminal background check (CBC) will be required for license/registration renewal submissions in 2023 (fee of \$50). The Board of Dentistry recently clarified that the requirement will be dependent upon the type of application submitted. The table below summarizes how the requirement will be implemented.

Application Type	Method of Criminal Background Check
Renewal	Name search—include the applicant’s gender, Social Security number, date of birth, and mailing address No fingerprint required.
New License/Registration	Fingerprint Fingerprint may be taken by traditional roll method or live/electronic scan.
Reinstatement/Reactivation	Fingerprint Fingerprint may be taken by traditional roll method or live/electronic scan.

Courses Required for DC License Renewal

The table below lists the continuing education requirements for 2023 license/registration renewal. DCDS offers the required courses as recordings from the 2023 Spring Symposium for Licensure.

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.

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.”

Purchase Symposium Recordings

Registrant Type	Price for Complete Program
DCDS Member Dentist	\$400
Non-DCDS Member Dentist (includes ADA members)	\$650
Dental Hygienists	\$150
Post-Doc/Residents	\$175
Dental Assistants/Other Staff	\$125
Non-Dental Healthcare Providers	\$650

Visit the [Symposium Registration Information page](#) for additional details on registration fees and cancellation policy.

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Upcoming Fall 2023 Continuing Education Presentations

As a reminder all members of the DC Dental Society, including those in a residency program, can attend our monthly meetings at no cost. I hope you will join us in-person at the DCDS office to reconnect with your friends and colleagues in the dental community over dinner, while earning up to 2 hours of continuing education.

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.



Tuesday, October 17
Biomimetic Dentistry

In Person
CE Credits Offered: 2.0
Presenter: Dr. Amelia Orta



Tuesday, December 5
Fit Body. Calm Mind.
Inspired Practice.

In Person
CE Credits Offered: 2.0
Presenter: Dr. Uche Odiatu

Tuesday, November 14
Risk Management

In Person
CE Credits Offered: 2.0
Presenter: Andrew Gerner, CPF
R.K. Tongue



[Register Here](#)

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DCDS Members Pass Bylaws Amendment

During the September 14 monthly meeting, DCDS members voted to approve the proposed bylaws amendments.

The changes in the updated bylaws include:

- Affirming the right of members to participate in elections via electronic ballot, including votes on future bylaws amendments.
- Granting 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.
- Specifying 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.
- Affirming that the membership may conduct business via an electronic meeting.
- Specifying that the Annual Awards Meeting will be held as the first meeting of the year.

Thank you DCDS members for your participation in this vote.

[Read Bylaws Text](#)

ADA Terminates Relationship with Liquidation Company Following Complaints

The ADA is no longer accepting advertising from or conducting any business with liquidation company Overstocker after receiving multiple complaints from dentists alleging unfulfilled orders, unauthorized credit card transactions and limited or no customer assistance from the company.

The Association is advising members not to place further orders with Overstocker. Members who have already ordered products from the company should immediately contact their credit card companies to dispute charges if they have not received orders or notice unauthorized charges.

Members experiencing issues with Overstocker can report their experiences to the [Better Business Bureau](#), [Federal Trade Commission](#) and with [state consumer protection offices](#). Read more in [ADA News](#).



Join DCDS for a Night Under the Big Top at Cirque du Soleil ECHO

Tysons Corner, VA (Tysons II)

October 14 at 7:30 PM

**Get your tickets by October 9 for
Special DCDS Member Pricing up to 25% Off!**

Cirque du Soleil's 20th Big Top show brings bold new visuals and a unique aesthetic on tour. Packed with vibrant characters, inspiring music, astounding lights and projections, and never-before-seen acrobatic feats, ECHO invites audiences on a journey through a universe of color, wonder, and infinite possibilities.

Special DCDS Member Pricing

DCDS members will receive up to 25% off when you purchase tickets [using this link](#).*

Or contact Cirque du Soleil's Michael Ciaccia at 702-850-5211 ext. 5689 or at michael.ciaccia@cirquedusoleil.com to purchase your tickets.

Be sure to mention DC Dental Society when ordering your tickets by phone or email.

Can't attend on October 14? This show will be presented through October 22. You can use [this link](#) or code SG20DCDS to save up to 20% off select seats/dates in October. For more information about the show, visit the [Cirque du Soleil ECHO website](#).

*Note: Prices with DCDS discount: \$72.75 or \$93.75, depending on section. Online purchases require an account and sign in.

Welcome New Members



Dr. Shebli Mehrazarin is a Board-Certified Periodontist and Dental Implant Specialist and a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology. He was born in Berlin, Germany and grew up in Orange County, California. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry, Doctor of Dental Surgery degree and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Oral Biology from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and completed specialty residency training in Periodontics and Implant Surgery and a Master of Science Degree in Periodontics at Columbia University. He is dedicated to keeping up to date with the latest techniques and technology in order to provide the best treatment options and service to his patients. He is married, and when he is not seeing patients, he enjoys cooking, swimming, traveling, and spending quality time with his wife and son.



Dr. William Porzio is the District's newest periodontist having recently joined DC Perio & Implants. He grew up in Richmond, VA before attending Virginia Tech where he graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry. Shortly after, he attended dental school at UNC - Chapel Hill where he discovered his love for periodontics and detailed surgical work. Dr. Porzio recently completed his specialty training at Virginia Commonwealth University where he indulged these interests and explored all facets of periodontal care. When he's not in the clinic, you can find him exploring the great outdoors, enjoying the performing arts scene, or curling up on the couch with a sci-fi novel.



Dr. Thameaneh Tabatabaeifar (Dr. Taba), a California native, is a general dentist specializing in restorative and aesthetic dentistry. After her UC Davis undergraduate studies, Dr. Taba earned her DDS at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. She was one of four students in her graduating class selected as a Diamond Scholar which enabled her to spend her final year of dental school embedded in the Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency program. Dr. Taba currently practices at Blake Dental Group in Friendship Heights. Beyond her professional life, Dr. Taba is a compassionate individual dedicated to community service. She enjoys spending time with family, friends, her two cats, and actively volunteering with Maryland Mission of Mercy to provide free dental care to underserved populations.

Maria Jviden

Gary Warner

Refer a Dentist and Receive Recruitment Bonus when they Join!

We are stronger together. Help DCDS grow.

Members are encouraged to invite dentists who are not current members to join DCDS and the ADA. When a non-member dentist joins, the referring dentist will receive a \$100 recruitment bonus in appreciation.

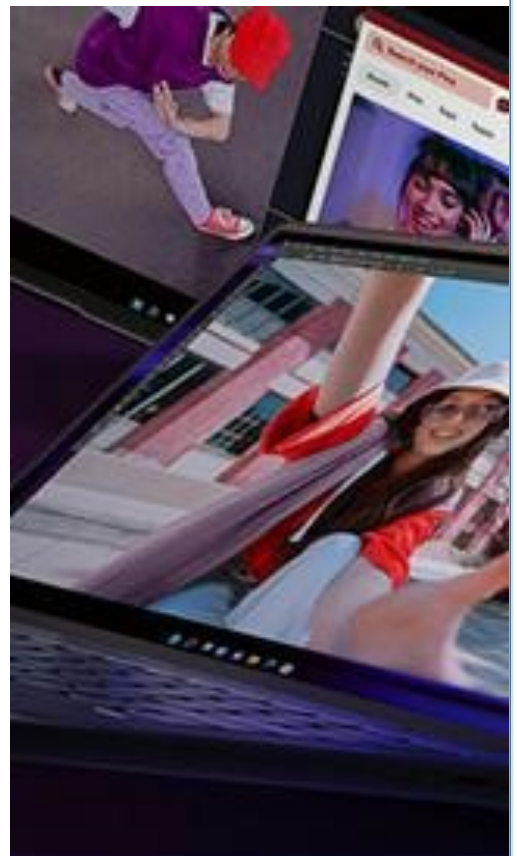
Thank you **Dr. Carol Blake** for referring Dr. Samineh Tabatabaeifar, who was listed as a new member in this newsletter.

DCDS Member Happenings!

Share your trips, activities and achievements with us!

Descriptions and photos can be sent to info@dcdental.org.

You may see them in an upcoming newsletter issue or social media post.



Semi-Annual Sale is back!

Save up to 72% off

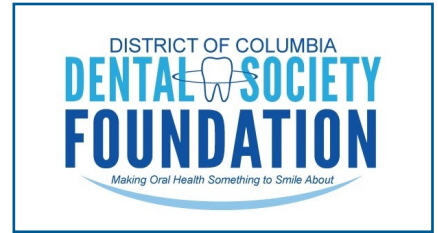
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DC DENTAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION

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

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MEMBER VALUE

Save with DCDS and ADA Programs and Discounts

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

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](#)



The DC Dental Society, in partnership with College Ave Student Loans, is ready to meet your higher education financing needs. Whether you or someone in your family needs a private student loan to pay for college or you are looking to refinance existing dental school loans, College Ave has simplified the student loan experience and offers loans that fit your budget.

We can help you find the best loan with a three-minute application, instant credit decision and no fees to apply. In addition, DC Dental Society members receive a 0.25% interest rate discount on all in-school loans* and 0.5% of the loan amount** paid back to the borrower on all refinance loans.

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[Ways to Support Your High School Senior](#)

*DC Dental Society Members receive a 0.25% interest rate reduction on In-school loans that are opened through the DC Bar member benefits portal. The DC Dental Society member discount will be applied to your loan account after the initial disbursement occurs.

** Amount equal to 0.5% of the initial loan balance to be credited on the borrower's statement within 60 days of closing of the loan. For example, if the consolidated loan equaled \$20,000, the member benefit equals \$100, with a maximum of \$599.99.



Address Confidentiality Program



About the Program

The District's **Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)**, administered by the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG), helps people at risk of harm stay safe by shielding their street address from public records. ACP services are intended as one tool in an individual's broader safety plan.

This free program provides participants with:

- A legal substitute address to protect their **home, work, or school address**
- A confidential **mail-forwarding** service.



Who Is It For?

You may qualify for the ACP if you:

- (1) fear for your safety;
- (2) currently (or will soon) reside in the District of Columbia; AND
- (3)
 - Have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking;
 - Are employed by an organization whose primary purpose is serving victims who have experienced the above offenses; OR
 - Are employed by an organization that focuses on reproductive healthcare.



Applicants are also required to: have moved within the past 60 days, be planning to move within the next 30 days, or have taken adequate measures to ensure their current address is not easily accessible online or through public records. Both adults and children may qualify.



How to Apply

Application assistants are available in several agencies across the District to answer questions, verify eligibility, and accept applications. They also can provide advocacy services and help you develop a comprehensive safety plan based on your individual needs.

To learn more about the ACP or submit your application, reach out to an application assistant at any of the organizations listed at: ovsjg.dc.gov/acp.



Or contact the **Address Confidentiality Program** directly at ACP@dc.gov • (202) 788-2131

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Address Confidentiality Program



How Does the ACP Work?

Substitute Address

Applicants who qualify receive an ACP **authorization card** with a substitute address. This card can be presented to any DC agency in place of your real home, work, or school address. Authorization cards are initially valid for 3 years.

With this legal substitute address you can interact with DC agencies without fear of your actual address appearing in public records. With a substitute address you can:

- Get a DC driver's license or ID card
- Enroll children in DC public/charter school
- Vote and sign petitions

While only District agencies are required to honor the substitute address, placing it on a DC driver's license or ID card will protect your actual address in many day-to-day situations.

Mail Forwarding

When first-class, certified, or registered mail is received at the substitute address, it is forwarded to your home address.

Limitations

A substitute address does not guarantee your actual address will not be required by other non-government agencies. Your real address will still be required for certain activities, including:

- Purchasing a home or property. (Note that the address may appear in related public listings.)
- Applying for a line of credit on your home.
- Setting up utilities for your home.

Additionally, the ACP does not forward junk mail, packages, or magazines; an advocate or application assistant can help you plan for safely receiving that mail. Other limitations may also apply.

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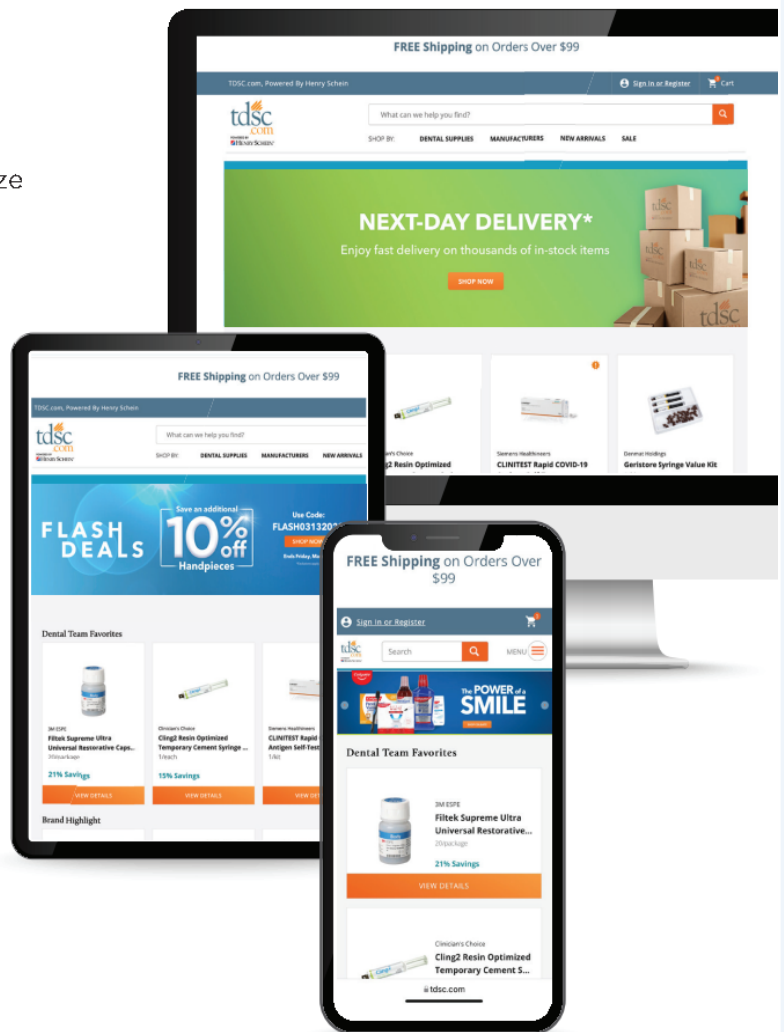
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Dr. Edgar: Dental community must work together to advance oral health

ADA Weekend Huddle, September 30, 2023



Linda J. Edgar, D.D.S., who will be installed as the ADA's 160th president in October, said she is "filled with optimism and excitement for dentistry's future." Dr. Edgar wrote in an editorial in *The Journal of the American Dental Association* that the national, state and local dental societies are stronger if they work together to help dentists succeed and advance oral health.

[Full Story: Installation of ADA's 160th President](#)

Former ADA president to lead FDI

ADA Morning Huddle, September 29, 2023

Gregory Chadwick, D.D.S., was installed as FDI president at the FDI 2023 World Dental Congress, after serving as president-elect for two years. Dr. Chadwick, a former ADA president and trustee, thanked the ADA for its support, and ADA President George R. Shepley, D.D.S., noted that Dr. Chadwick's leadership "will help elevate oral health on the world stage."

[Full Story: ADA Past President to Lead FDI](#)

2024 10 Under 10 Award nominations now open!

ADA Morning Huddle, October 3, 2023



The ADA is now accepting nominations for the [2024 10 Under 10 Award](#), which recognizes 10 dentists who graduated dental school less than 10 years ago and are already making a difference in the profession. Winners will receive a \$1,000 cash prize and be recognized in ADA publications and at SmileCon® 2024. Nominations must be submitted by Dec. 31 and winners will be announced spring 2024.

Read the criteria, [nominate an outstanding dentist](#) and share this with your network to help spread the word!

Committee advances bill to increase dental workforce

ADA Weekend Huddle, September 30, 2023

The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee passed the Bipartisan Primary Care and Health Workforce Act Sept. 21 in a 14-7 vote. The bill, which was authored by Chairman Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and Sen. Roger Marshall, R-Kan., would increase funding and ensure that various workforce programs continue, including many for oral health.

[Full Story: Bill to Increase Dental Workforce](#)

Metrics can help dentists ensure practice resiliency

ADA Morning Huddle, September 28, 2023

Understanding metrics such as debt-to-income ratio can help dental practices stay resilient and maintain stability in changing markets, writes Nicole Rose Yen of Breakaway Bookkeeping + Advising. "Once you understand what the metrics indicate and where your practice stands, the most important factor will be how your business is trending," Ms. Yen writes.

[Full Story: Metrics to Improve Practice Resiliency](#)

ADA rallies members to urge Congress to support REDI Act

ADA Morning Huddle, October 3, 2023

The ADA is urging members to contact their representatives in Congress to ask them to cosponsor the Resident Education Deferred Interest Act. This legislation would let medical and dental residents delay repayment of their student loans, with interest accrual suspended, until they are finished with their residency programs.

[Full Story: ADA Encourages Members to Advocate for REDI Act](#)

Dental assistant exam to be offered in Spanish

ADA Morning Huddle, September 27, 2023

The Dental Assisting National Board will offer its Radiation Health and Safety exam in Spanish starting in January 2024, a move commended by the ADA Council on Dental Practice. "By offering the exam in Spanish, the workforce shortage will be reduced, and the diversity will reflect a diverse patient population," said council Chair Jeffrey Ottley, D.M.D.

[Full Story: Dental Assistant Exam Offered in Spanish in 2024](#)

Experts discuss dental care for young children

ADA Morning Huddle, September 27, 2023



Experts say that children should have their first dental visit by age 1 or within six months of the first tooth eruption. This visit often involves parent education to dispel myths. Regular visits help children become comfortable at the dental office and make it easier to discuss dental care, dentists say.

[Full Story: Early Dental Care for Children](#)

CDC leader urges people to get COVID-19, flu vaccines

ADA Morning Huddle, October 2, 2023

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Mandy Cohen, M.D., urged Americans ages 6 months and older to get the flu vaccine and updated COVID-19 vaccines this season. A new survey from the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases found that around 43% of adults have no plans to get, or are unsure of getting, the flu vaccine, while only 40% of adults plan to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

[Full Story: CDC Urges Americans to get vaccines](#)



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