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DENTAL SOCIETY

# NEWSLETTER

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## Letter from DC Dental Society President Cheryle Baptiste, DDS, FICD, FIAMDI

Dear Esteemed Members,

As we transition into the vibrant month of May, I extend my warmest greetings to each of you. May brings with it several significant occasions and opportunities for both celebration and reflection. Here are some highlights and important reminders for the month ahead:

*Dr. Cheryle Baptiste*

**Root Canal Awareness Week (2nd Week in May)** and **Root Canal Day (2nd Wednesday in May)** serve as valuable reminders of the importance of endodontic care in maintaining oral health. Let us use this opportunity to educate our patients about the benefits of root canal therapy.

May is also **Mental Health Awareness Month**, a time to raise awareness and reduce stigma surrounding mental health issues. As oral health professionals, we play a crucial role in supporting the mental well-being of our patients.

**National Receptionist's Day (May 12th)** provides an excellent opportunity to express gratitude to the invaluable members of our dental teams who greet patients with warmth and professionalism every day.

**Mother's Day (May 12)** is a cherished occasion to honor and celebrate the mothers in our lives. I encourage each of you to extend kindness and support to senior citizens in our community, as exemplified by RTFDS Financial Secretary Dr. Belinda Carver Taylor's thoughtful Mother's Day campaign.

Congratulations to the **Howard University College of Dentistry Class of 2024** graduates on their remarkable achievements. This class survived the rigors of training during the pandemic. Your professionalism, dedication, resilience, and commitment to serving your community are truly commendable. This week DCDS was honored to host the annual HUCD Signing Day Event, where

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Cover photo: DCDS National Signing Day Event at the Howard University College of Dentistry held on May 1. This year, 100% of the class signed up as members of the ADA. Congratulations to the Class of 2024!

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## Advocacy Update

### DC Dentists Call for Increased Medicaid Fees During Council Budget Hearing

Several DC dentists testified during a DC Council Committee on Health budget hearing on Monday, April 29 to call for an increase in fees paid to dentists for covered dental services. DCDS President Dr. Cheryle Baptiste was joined by Dr. Dereje Bereded, Dr. Edward Brown, Jr., Dr. Takeisha Presson, and Mr. Kurt Gallagher in testifying during the Budget Oversight on the FY2025 budget for the Department of Health Care Finance, the agency that administers the Medicaid program in DC.

Medicaid fees paid to dentists for dental procedures have not increased en masse since the adult dental benefit under Medicaid was established in 2007. Analysis published by the ADA in August 2023 titled “Medicaid Fee-For-Service Reimbursement as a Percentage of Dentist Charges for Child and Adult Dental Services, 2022” found that DC Medicaid reimburses dentist only 43.3% of the amount that dentists bill insurance companies.

DCDS is conducting a survey to quantify the number dentist in DC who are enrolled in the Medicaid program who are accepting new patients and to collect data related to operating costs and increases in those costs since the adult dental benefit under Medicaid was established in DC (see button to right).

To learn more about DCDS advocacy efforts, write to [info@dcdental.org](mailto:info@dcdental.org).

#### DCDS Survey to Support Effort to Increase Medicaid Fees

Please take a few minutes to share data to support our effort to increase Medicaid fees paid in DC for covered dental services.

[Take Survey](#)

### DCDS Fights Specialist Dentists Licensure Proposal

The DC Council is considering legislation that would require all specialist dentists to obtain a specialist license and be board certified to practice in DC (Dental Specialties Licensure and Scope of Practice Amendment Act of 2023, [B25-0632](#)). DCDS is finalizing letter to send to the DC Council outlining its concerns. All specialists will be asked to join as a co-signer to the letter.

DCDS is also conducting a survey among specialist dentists to collect DC-specific statistics to share with the DC Council.

#### DCDS Survey on Specialist Dentists

Please answer a few short questions to help DCDS fight the proposal to require that all specialist dentists be board certified to practice in DC.

[Take Survey](#)

## Letter from the President

fourth-year students had the opportunity to join the ADA and learn about the advantages of DCDS membership. Students also received a gift of the “The Chairside Instructor – A Visual Guide to Case Presentation.” We signed up 100% of the graduating class as members of the ADA. Thank you to all who contributed to the success of this event.

I had the privilege of participating in several memorable events recently, including serving as the keynote speaker at the **Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society, PiPi Chapter’s Induction Ceremony**. I was also honored to be the Mistress of Ceremonies for the RTFDS/NDA Pinning Ceremony for senior dental students at HUUCD.

Our advocacy efforts continue to yield positive results. Members of the DCDS Public Policy Subcommittee on Medicaid testified before the DC City Council on April 29 at the FY 2025 Budget Oversight of the Department of Health Care Finance to make the case for an increase in Medicaid fees paid to dentists for covered dental procedures. The DC City Council Health Chairperson, Christina Henderson and DC Deputy Mayor for the DC Health and Human Services and Director, DC Department of Healthcare Finance, Wayne Turnage, responded favorably to our testimonies (see [DCDS update](#) on the DCDS website for more information). We will meet with Mr. Turnage over the next few days as a follow up. The DC Medicaid dental fee schedule has not been increased en masse since 2007. Thank you to Dr. Takeisha Presson, Dr. Edward K. Brown Jr., Dr. Dereje Bereded, and Mr. Kurt Gallagher for your brilliant testimonies. We are pleased with the favorable response received and look forward to further discussions regarding Medicaid fee increases for dental services.

Special thanks to **Dr. Tracey Nguyen** for her insightful presentation last month on "2024 New Trends and Perspectives in the Identification and Treatment of Sleep Disordered Breathing." Please take the time to view her lecture on demand.

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, May 14**, as we welcome **Dr. Jonathan Esquivel**, who will present a lecture on “Modern Implantology, Prosthodontic Approaches to a Biological Challenge.”

Finally, as we celebrate **Cinco de Mayo**, let us embrace the spirit of unity and cultural appreciation.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our profession and commitment to serving our community. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

Warm regards,

Cheryle Baptiste, DDS, FICD, FIAMDI  
President 2024-2025

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# Proposed Bylaws Amendment For ADA Membership Pilot

A proposed bylaws amendment has been introduced for consideration by the DCDS membership that would authorize the board of directors to adjust membership categories and associated dues levels while participating in a pilot project being conducted by the ADA from 2025 through 2027.

The goal of the Membership and Engagement Pilot Project is to test streamlined membership categories, a reduced dues rate structure and a new loyalty points system similar to those offered by credit cards and other companies.

Earlier this year, the DCDS board of directors approved participation in the pilot project. Because membership categories are written into the bylaws and any change in the base membership dues rate requires approval of the membership, ratification of the proposed bylaws amendment is required for participation in the pilot project.

## Expected Changes As a Pilot Participant

- A reduction in ADA dues in 2025 to \$300. This would be a 50% reduction from the 2023 dues rate. This reduction is pending approval by the ADA Board of Trustee.
- A potential reduction in DCDS dues for 2025. The ADA is assisting DCDS with financial modeling to assess potential membership numbers and revenue in 2025 based on a range of dues rate levels.

The proposed bylaws amendment was read to the membership during the April 9 monthly CE meeting. The amendment would create a new section 5.11 in the bylaws, shown in red text below:

### 5.10 RESPONSIBILITIES

Direct the business of the Society, advise, govern, oversee policy and the strategic direction to support the Society's mission, except as otherwise provided for in the Bylaws.

#### 5.11 Pilot Programs

Notwithstanding any provision in these Bylaws, the Board of Directors may authorize pilot programs of limited scope that do not conform to the current provisions of these Bylaws. As a part of that authorization, the Board of Directors will approve the guidelines under which the pilot program operates, including the duration of the pilot program, which will not exceed three (3) years, and that may affect membership classification, membership privilege and other provisions of these Bylaws.

The bylaws amendment would also make a technical correction in section 2.11 to acknowledge the formal name of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

# Tuesday, May 14th Meeting (In-Person): “Modern Implantology, Prosthodontic Approaches to a Biological Challenge”

Presented by Dr. Jonathan Esquivel

Business Meeting Begins at 5:45 PM

Education Program Begins at Approximately 6:00 PM

Lecture Format

**CE Credits Offered:** 2.0 CE Credits

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

**Disclosures:** None

## Meeting Description

Treating patients with dental implants is a popular approach now-a-days, but patients have become more demanding as they want restorations that emulate natural dentition.

Prosthetically-driven treatment planning is critical in predicting functional, biologic, and esthetic success in implant cases. One of the more complex areas of treatment with dental implants is the soft tissue-restorative interphase, for this transition zone to be esthetic and biologically stable a series of conditions must be met. Proper provisionalization, prosthetic design, material selection and a clear understanding of biology are key for clinicians to achieve desirable results. In this lecture, the clinician will be exposed to protocols which will help treatment plan, and execute implant cases in an organized and straightforward manner to increase their success in this type of therapy.

## Session 1: Treatment planning the implant patient

In this session Patient selection and important perio-prosthodontic considerations for treatment planning implant cases will be discussed. The participant will be exposed to important concepts when treatment planning the patient in need of dental implants.

### Session 1 Learning Objectives:

- Identify important considerations for adequate treatment planning in esthetic implant therapy
- Understand the treatment strategies associated with the initial condition of the patient
- Learn the essential perio-prosthodontic principles for proper soft tissue response

## Session 2: Abutment design and biological response

In this session the relationship between implant position and abutment design will be discussed. Also, the participant will be exposed to important mechanical and biological considerations to abutment design.

### Session 2: Learning Objectives

- Understand the relationship between 3D implant placement and prosthetic design.
- Understand the importance of the different areas of the emergence profile and learn different techniques to condition the soft tissues.
- Understand important mechanical and biologic parameters of prosthetic design

Visit the [DCDS Registration Fees & Cancellation Policy page](#) for more details on registration and [read about the presenter here](#). The District of Columbia Dental Society is an ADA CERP Recognized Provider.

[Register Here](#)

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Dr. Jonathan Esquivel

# DCDS Spring Happy Hour

# LIA'S

May 21, 2024

5:00 - 7:00 PM

4435 Willard Ave, Chevy Chase, MD

Drinks and appetizers provided!

First 30 DCDS members receive 2 free drink tickets.

Come celebrate the start of the summer with your colleagues.



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**Lia's is located near the Friendship Heights Metro Station**

# Upcoming 2024 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.

Meeting Date	Meeting Topic	Speaker
May 14, 2024	Implant Anterior Aesthetics	Dr. Jonathan Esquivel
September 10, 2024	Breathing Disorders/ Myofunctional Therapy	Ms. Gillian Gladstone Teran
October 17, 2024	Updates on Current Dental Materials	Dr. Nate Lawson
November 14, 2024	Risk Management and Malpractice Avoidance	Dr. Marc Leffler
December 10, 2024	Cybersecurity	Mr. Gary Salman

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## Board of Dentistry Update

Next Meeting: Wed., May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM  
Virtual Only

All DC Dentists are encouraged to attend

[Click this link](#) to join online.

## Help Shape DCDS Educational Programs

DCDS is now conducting its annual [Educational Needs Assessment Survey](#). Please take a moment to share your top priorities for continuing education offered during the 2025 program year.

Is there a hot topic you'd like to know more about?

Now is your opportunity to share those ideas as well as feedback on educational sessions over the past year.

All dentists in the DC community are invited to participate in the Educational Needs Assessment Survey. It's quick and it will help to ensure our programming addresses the most relevant and interesting topics in dentistry.

[Take Survey on Education Needs](#)

## Member Notice—We're Moving to a New CE System!

DCDS is moving to a new system for recording CE credits.

Please complete all evaluations and quizzes for 2024 CE meetings by June 9.

Access [Online CE Evaluation Portal](#). The username is your ADA number. The password is dcds.



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On **March 15, 2024**, the District of Columbia Department of Health (DC Health) will accept applications for the Health Professional Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP). The program provides loan repayment services to eligible providers practicing in HPLRP-certified Service Obligation Sites (SOS) in the District.

## Who Can Apply:

Primary Care, Mental Health, and Dental Providers, Including: Physicians, Dentists, Dental Hygienists, Registered Nurses, Midwives, Advanced Practice Nurses & Physician Assistants

The HPLRP will issue up to eleven (11) award contracts. Award contracts will cover two years of participation and award contract amounts will be equivalent to 44 percent of a provider's total eligible debt - up to a maximum of \$72,617.88 for physicians and up to \$39,938.83 for all other eligible primary care providers. The maximum award amount for four years of service is \$165,040.64 for medical doctors and dentists and \$90,770.07 for all other approved DC licensed providers.

## When to Apply:

New provider applications will be accepted from **March 15, 2024 to April 15, 2024.**

## How to Apply:

[dchealth.dc.gov/service/dc-health-professional-loan-repayment-program-hplrp](https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/dc-health-professional-loan-repayment-program-hplrp)

How to Complete an HPLRP Application

March 14, 2024 3-4pm  
Meeting link: <https://tinyurl.com/5n6m9atd>  
Join by phone: 202-860-2110  
Access code: 2306 248 7393  
Meet virtually with Cisco Webex.

## Additional Information:

Providers interested in the program must be employed or have an employment contract with a certified Service Obligation Site (SOS) to provide direct patient care for at least 20 hours per week. A site must be an approved SOS for a provider to be eligible for the HPLRP. To become an SOS, a site must be a public or nonprofit entity located in a Health Professional Shortage or Medically Under-served Area/Population (HPSA/MUA/MUP) and must submit a Site Certification Application to the HPLRP. HPLRP applications, including recommendation letters and loan verification information, must be completed and received by DC Health by April 15, 2024.

Providers at for-profit facilities are newly eligible. See the website for details.

The anticipated contract start date for selected applicants is **August 2024.**

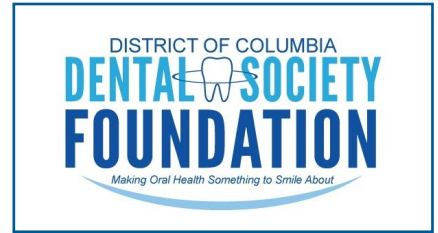


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Dr. Jarred Abel



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

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## **DC Dental Cares Sign Up Form**

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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](#).

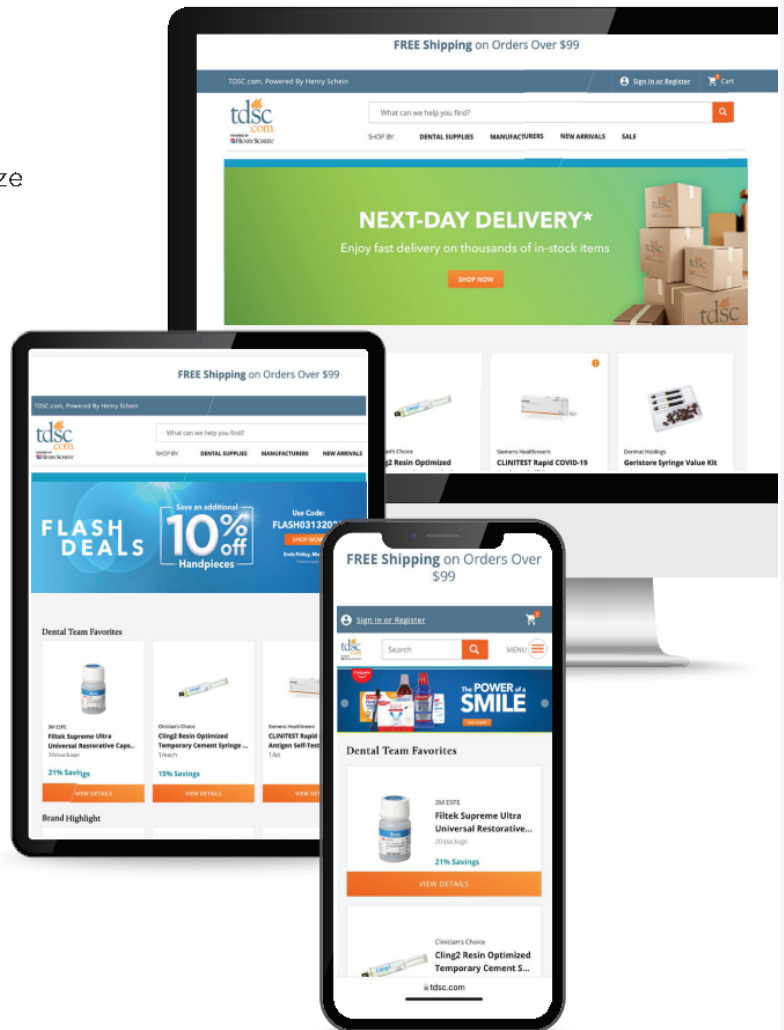
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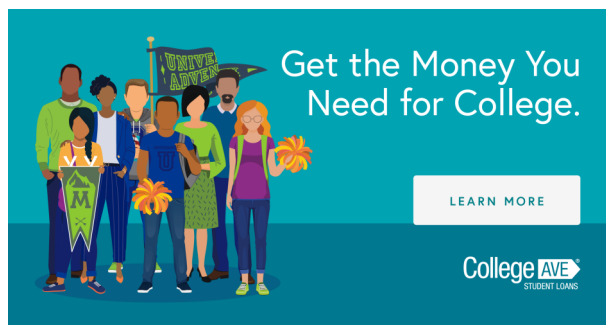


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## Antibiotics before dental surgery could reduce risk of heart infection

*ADA Morning Huddle, April 24, 2024*

The use of antibiotics before invasive dental procedures could be linked to a reduced risk of heart infections in high-risk patients, according to findings from JAMA Cardiology. A systematic review and meta-analysis found antibiotic prophylaxis was associated with a reduced risk of infective endocarditis following dental surgeries in individuals at high risk but not in those at moderate or low risk.

[Full story: Reduced risk of heart infection before dental surgery through use of antibiotics](#)

## Diagnose and treat soft tissue disease

*ADA Morning Huddle, April 24, 2024*



The ADA Practical Guide to Soft Tissue Oral Disease, Second Edition is your trusted resource for diagnosing and treating soft tissue oral pathologies. With its foundational information on the most common oral diseases, this book will help you make clinical decisions and determine the best course of action for your patient. [Save 15% on all ADA Store products](#) when you use promo code 24506 by May 10. Order today.

## Oral Cancer and HPV

*ADA Morning Huddle, April 26, 2024*



As we wrap up Oral Cancer Awareness Month, [educate your patients](#) about the link between the human papillomavirus and oral cancer and how to detect the signs of the disease. Find more free resources for patients at [MouthHealthy.org](#).

## Feeling burned out? You're not alone

*ADA Morning Huddle, April 27, 2024*

On the outside, it may have appeared Julie Spaniel, D.D.S., had it all: a successful dental practice, a beautiful home with two cars in the garage and a happy family. "But from the inside, I was slowly dying," she said. Dentists face many stressors throughout their careers, and mental health issues like burnout are common in the profession. This Mental Health Awareness Month, visit the ADA website for resources to support your mental well-being.

[Full story: Resources to support your mental well-being.](#)

## Get stretching ADA member app

*ADA Morning Huddle, April 27, 2024*

The ADA is making it easier than ever for dentists to take care of their physical health, with several ergonomic stretches now available in the ADA Member App. Dentists are often subjected to uncomfortable postures and repetitive hand motions, leading to pain. The audio-guided stretches target the neck; torso; hand and wrist; and hip, knee and ankle.

[Full story: Several ergonomic stretches now available in the ADA Member App.](#)

## ADA comments on House-passed work bill

*ADA Morning Huddle, April 27, 2024*

A new bill aims to strengthen workforce development and skills training programs for dental hygienists and assistants amid staffing challenges. The A Stronger Workforce for America Act would update the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, which established many workforce development programs and skills training programs.

[Full story: Workforce development and skills trainings for dental hygienists and assistance.](#)

## Face-to-face outweighs virtual teaching for dental student

*ADA Morning Huddle, April 29, 2024*

A study published in BMC Medical Education evaluated how modifications in teaching methods affect the levels of stress, anxiety, depression and resilience of dental students. It also examined whether there was a psychological impact on the students during full face-to-face teaching during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Full story: The impact on students during full face-to-face teaching during the pandemic.](#)

## Meet our SmileCon Speakers

*ADA Morning Huddle, April 29, 2024*



Gain big insights in the Big Easy on subjects such as endodontics, veteran care, anesthesia and sedation, periodontics, pharmacology, wellness, relicensure and global health with our suite of experienced presenters. [Check out their impressive backgrounds and course details](#) in the Agenda Builder.

## Should you rinse before brushing

*ADA Morning Huddle, April 30, 2024*

A viral trend on TikTok shows users suggesting people not rinse after brushing their teeth with a fluoride toothpaste for added protection against cavities. The verdict from dental experts? Correct.

[Full story: Does rinsing before or after you brush provide protection against cavities?](#)

## AI can help reduce administrative burdens

*ADA Morning Huddle, April 30, 2024*

A study from Stanford University found that using artificial intelligence to generate draft replies to patient inbox messages reduced burden and burnout scores in medical professionals but didn't reduce the amount of time they spent on this task. "The emergence and promise of generative artificial intelligence represent a turning point for health care," the study's authors wrote.

[Full story: Using AI to lessen the administrative burdens](#)

## Dental Sound Bites is back with all-new season

*ADA Morning Huddle, April 30, 2024*

On the first episode of season four, we're demystifying GLP-1 medications like Ozempic. Hear about the oral health implications of these drugs, plus the importance of knowing all the medications your patients are taking and why they're taking them. [Listen wherever you get your podcasts or in the ADA Member App.](#)

## Nearly 25% of people dropped from Medicaid still uninsured

*ADA Morning Huddle, April 24, 2024*

A survey on Medicaid eligibility found nearly 1 in 4 people bumped from Medicaid coverage last year remain uninsured. These individuals are more likely to struggle to pay for health care and delay medical appointments, according to the survey.

[Full story: more than 20 million people have been disenrolled from Medicaid.](#)

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