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DENTAL SOCIETY

# NEWSLETTER

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**Dr. Cheryle Baptiste**

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

Dear Members of the DC Dental Society,  
As we transition into September, we have several observances and recognitions that align with our mission to promote oral health and support the professionals dedicated to advancing it. This month, we celebrate National Gum Care Month and National Office Manager Appreciation Month, recognizing the critical roles both healthy gums and effective office management play in the overall success of our practices. Additionally, we highlight National Mouthguard Day on September 2, International Patient Safety Day on September 17, the First Day of Fall on September 23, and National Chewing Gum Day on September 30.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the DCDS Public Policy Committee and our dedicated staff for their continued efforts regarding the DC Dental Medicaid Fee Schedule and the expansion of dentists' ability to administer Botox. Their work is instrumental in ensuring our voices are heard and that we continue to enhance the scope and quality of care we provide to our patients.

A special congratulations to Oral Surgeon Dr. Sharon Russell, whose daughter, Masai Russell, brought pride to our community by winning the gold medal in the 100-meter hurdles at the 2024 Summer Olympics. Masai is not only the U.S. NCAA Record holder in the 100 m hurdles, but she also exemplifies the dedication and perseverance we value in both sports and our profession.

Looking ahead, we have exciting events planned to foster community and professional development. Our **DCDS Back to School Happy Hour** will be held on **Thursday, September 19 at Takoda (715 Florida Avenue, NW) from 5-7 PM**. We will connect with our Howard University College of Dentistry (HUCD) students and celebrate the start of the new academic year. Special thanks to First National Bank as the exclusive

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## **Coming Soon, A New Online Experience for ADA/DCDS A new account access process**

**The ADA and DCDS are bringing you an new online member experience. To make this possible, now through September 9 online access to event registration and other features is unavailable while we migrate to the new online system.**

**Starting September 10, it will be easier to access your ADA/DCDS account online. You will no longer use your ADA number to log in. Your email address and password will grant you access to your ADA account across a variety of web properties, including ADA.org, the ADA Member App and JADA.**

**You need to have a unique email address on file for your account and will be prompted to reset your password to log in. Please reach out the DC Dental Society office at 202-367-1163 if you would like assistance.**

**We look forward to delivering a new online member experience.**

**LOGIN FAQ's**

# Tuesday, September 10th Meeting (In-Person): “Oral Motor/Orofacial Myofunctional Disorders and Treatment Across the Lifespan”

Presented by Gillian Gladstone Teran, MA, CCC-SLP, COM®

Business Meeting Begins at 5:45 PM

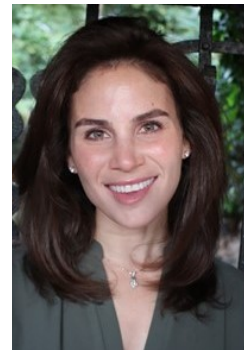
Education Program Begins at Approximately 6:00 PM

Lecture Format

**CE Credits Offered:** 2.0 CE Credits

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

**Due to our online system migration, online registration is temporarily unavailable. If you would like to attend this meeting, please call the DCDS office, and we will be happy to assist you with your registration.**



Gillian Gladstone Teran

**Disclosures:** None

## Session 1: The Foundations and Dysfunction of the Oral Mechanism

We will define oral motor/orofacial myofunctional disorders, understand what these entail, and learn about what is considered normal vs. abnormal function with key structures of the oral mechanism.

### Learning Objectives Session 1:

- Defining the oral motor “umbrella” and what consists of oral motor dysfunction.
- Defining normal vs. abnormal orofacial structures and function.
- Understanding the phases and the development of swallowing.
- Understanding speech sound development.

## Session 2: Causes Continued; the Oral-Motor Evaluation and Treatment Process

We will discuss the process of evaluation, treatment and review research and case studies.

### Learning Objectives Session 2:

- To further discuss structural and habitual causes and limitations that lead to oral motor dysfunction, specifically restricted frenums and noxious habits.
- To determine the process of identifying and resolving oral motor dysfunction (i.e., Evaluation, treatment plan).
- To determine optimal plans of care and timelines of interventions provided by the “team” or pertinent providers.
- To review case studies and discuss relevant research to support evidence-based success with oral-motor/myofunctional treatment.

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

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## Letter from the President, Continued

sponsor of this event (see page 6).

In September DCDS is co-hosting a second happy hour with other professional societies organized specifically with early career professionals in mind. The **Early Career Professionals Mixer** will be held **Thursday, September 26 from 6-9 PM at The Admiral (1 Dupont Circle)**.

Next **Tuesday, September 10**, we will resume our CE events with a presentation by **Gillian Gladstone Teran, MA, CCC-SLP, COM®** on **“Oral Motor/Orofacial Myofunctional Disorders and Treatment Across the Lifespan.”** Just a few spaces are left for this event. I hope you are planning to attend and look forward to seeing all the DCDS members who turn out for it.

Mark your calendars for these other upcoming events:

- **International College of Dentists Annual Meeting and Convocation:** September 6-7, 2024, in Nashville, Tennessee.
- **Eastern Shore Mission of Mercy:** September 13-14, 2024, in Salisbury, MD. For more details and registration, please visit [this web page](#).
- **American College of Dentists Annual Meeting and Convocation:** October 16-17, 2024, in New Orleans.
- **Smilecon®:** October 17-19, 2024, in New Orleans. There's [still time to register](#).

I encourage everyone to participate in these opportunities for learning, networking, and service. Together, we will continue to advance the profession and enhance the quality of care for all our patients.

Warm regards,

Cheryle Baptiste, DDS  
President 2024-2025

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# Fall 2024 Continuing Education Presentations

Our monthly meetings are a fantastic opportunity for members to network, enjoy a meal together, and earn continuing education credits. And they're free for all members!

Monthly business meetings begin 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.

Meeting Date	Meeting Topic	Speaker	
September 10	Oral Motor/Orofacial Myofunctional Disorders and Treatment Across the Lifespan	Ms. Gillian Gladstone Teran	
October 17	Modern Implantology, Prosthodontic Approaches to a Biological Challenge	Dr. Nate Lawson	
November 14	Dental Malpractice: What It Is And How To Prevent It; An Approach Based In Risk Management	Dr. Marc Leffler	
December 10	Teeth, Tools and Technology: A Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity	Mr. Gary Salman	

## About DCDS Speakers

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

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# DCDS Fall Happy Hour

**September 19, 2024**

**5 to 7 PM**

**at**



**715 Florida Ave, NW**

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# EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS MIXER

Join us for an interdisciplinary early career professional networking event for physicians, lawyers, dentists, dietitians, nutritionists, veterinarians, physician assistants, and other emerging experts.

Thursday  
September 26, 2024



6:00 - 9:00 PM



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**DCDS is growing.**

**Welcome**

**to Our latest members!**

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**Jarrett Caldwell**

**Zwei Chen**

**Kathryn Hanson**

**Kaelon Guillory**

**Tiffani Knight-Lynch**

**Wei Wang**

## **Refer a Dentist and Receive a 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.

## **Next Board of Dentistry Meeting**

Wed., September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM

**In-Person and Virtual**

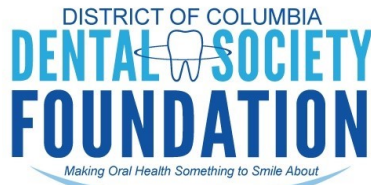
2201 Shannon Place SE

Washington, DC 20020

All DC Dentists are encouraged to attend

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





## *Blessed to Help*

*“The time spent has been at times challenging, difficult, frustrating, but is very rewarding and well worth serving these patients. These patients are timely, diligent and extremely appreciative. I feel so blessed to help.” Dr. Rodney Savoia*

## **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**

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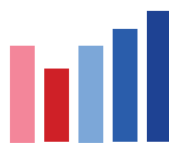


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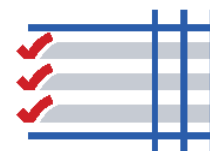
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*ADA Morning Huddle, August 29, 2024*

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[Coming September. 10: A new way to log in to ADA websites](#)

## First US standard on clear aligners available for comment

*ADA Morning Huddle, August 28, 2024*

The first U.S. standard related to orthodontic sequential aligners is available for review and comment from the ADA. The draft standard specifies requirements and test methods for materials used in the production of these aligners, allowing them to be compared in a like manner with respect to their physical, thermal and mechanical behaviors. Interested parties have until Oct. 10 to comment.

[Full story: The first U.S. standard related to orthodontics sequential aligners is available for review](#)

## Financing your dental practice renovation

*ADA Finance & Operations Huddle, August 31, 2024*



Whether you want to update your equipment, expand your space or modernize your interior design, proper financing can ensure your project runs efficiently and effectively. From the experts at Panacea Financial, [read on to discover](#) what you need to know about financing a dental practice renovation.

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## **DHHS issues new federal rules on nondiscrimination in health care**

*ADA Morning Huddle, September 3, 2024*

The Department of Health and Human Services issued two final rules modifying existing rules prohibiting discrimination in health care on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex, as well as making health care more accessible for patients with disabilities. The first rule provides that sex discrimination includes pregnancy status, sexual orientation, gender identity and sex characteristics. The second rule strengthens protections for individuals with disabilities, ensuring medical equipment, web content, mobile apps, telehealth and other services are accessible to those with disabilities.

**[Full story: The Department of Health and Human Services issued two final rules modifying existing rules](#)**

## **SmileCon Brings innovations, celebrations to New Orleans**

*ADA Morning Huddle, September 4, 2024*

SmileCon is just around the corner with countless opportunities for dentists to meet, play and learn. The ADA Forsyth Institute will fuel the new Innovation Hub, which will introduce some of the most cutting-edge dental technology to Dental Central for an interactive show-and-tell. Dentists will also have a wide variety of continuing education at their fingertips, including hands-on activities, or clinical workshops, which will be led by educators and residency directors from the top dental schools in the nation.

[Read more](#)

## **Supporting your mental well-being**

*ADA Morning Huddle, September 4, 2024*

### **[September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month](#)**

We hope you never have to use this resource. However, in the tragic event of losing a colleague to suicide, Colorado dentist Karen Foster, D.D.S., developed a [postvention toolkit](#) to help you and your staff cope with the aftermath, including crisis response, how to talk about suicide and so much more. Dr. Foster also spoke about this crucial topic [on this episode](#) of the ADA podcast Dental Sound Bites.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, call or text 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

## Classifieds

### General Dentist Practice and Real Estate in Washington DC for Sale

**Description:** General dentist office in foggy bottom area NW, Washington dc with three ops, brand new dental chairs & compressor, dentrix software, & 700 active patients for sale! including the real estate property, about 900 sq ft, street level, large windows, two parking spaces, storage room, two bathrooms for sale! asking price \$1.3 million

**Contact:** Dr. Shokoufeh Khozein | 202-262-6020 | [khozein@aol.com](mailto:khozein@aol.com)

### Seeking Dental Practices for Acquisition in DMV Area

**Description:** Established dentist in the DMV (District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia) region actively seeking to purchase dental practices. With a commitment to excellence in patient care and a proven track record of successful practice management, I am looking to expand my professional footprint by acquiring existing practices. If you are considering selling your dental practice and want a seamless transition that preserves your legacy while ensuring continued quality care for your patients, I am interested in discussing potential opportunities. Contact me to explore a mutually beneficial arrangement.

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### Condo Unit for Sale

**Description:** Situated in the Foggy Bottom Submarket of Washington, DC, this property renovated in 2016 is a total of 5,000 SF which is comprised of a 3,800 SF Dental Suite with 7 chairs, reception, X-ray room, bathroom, and kitchen, along with a 1,200 SF Chiropractor Suite featuring 3 treatment rooms, restroom, storage, and spacious waiting room. Positioned opposite the George Washington University Hospital, it offers high visibility in the Washington Circle. The current chiropractic tenant is open to a sale leaseback arrangement.

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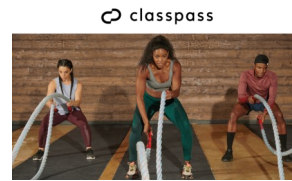
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