May Monthly Meeting: Connections: Diabetes and Oral Health

The Tuesday, May 8, 2012 scientific lecture will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and a business meeting at 7:15 p.m. To register for the lecture please call the Society office, complete the registration form on page 2 or send an email to info@dcdental.org with your name. When registering, please indicate if you are staying for dinner.

Dr. Greenberg will discuss definitions, trends and statistics on diabetes. Attendees will learn about treating diabetic adults with advanced periodontal and restorative needs as well as the relationship of youth onset diabetes, childhood obesity and oral health. Dr. Greenberg will also review the impact of these trends on the nation’s healthcare system and the important role of the dentist.

Dr. Greenberg received his dental degree and post doctoral dual specialty training in periodontics and fixed prosthodontics / periodontal prosthesis from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, where he has taught for over 35 years. Dr. Greenberg has been appointed Clinical Professor of Restorative Dentistry at The Kornberg School of Dentistry at Temple University. In addition he has served as team dentist for the Philadelphia 76ers and has maintained a private practice in suburban Philadelphia for over 30 years.
Continuing Education, Continuing Impact

The Nation’s Capital Dental Meeting ended several weeks ago, but the impact of the meeting continues. It continues in some very obvious ways, and in some more subtle ways that may not always be considered but are nonetheless significant. Being primarily a continuing education meeting, the impact of three days of quality courses is obvious. Every year I come away from the meeting feeling that this was the best meeting yet from an education standpoint. Indeed, I am not sure there is another midsize meeting in this country that rivals the quality and course selection of the Nation’s Capital Dental Meeting. The added benefit of networking with a large group of colleagues over three days is hard to quantify, but is also important, as is the opportunity to visit the exhibit area and scrutinize hundreds of dental products and supplies.

There are several other more subtle aspects of the conference that have a huge impact on the D.C. Dental Society and its members. For example, the meeting is attended by well over one hundred dental, dental hygiene, and graduate dental students. Many of these students will remain in the D.C. metropolitan area following graduation and are more likely to become involved with organized dentistry because of this exposure to our dental society. Another subtle benefit often overlooked is the public relations impact. The visibility created by a meeting of this size increases our credibility in the dental community and with the general public.

Finally, of course, an important result of the Nation’s Capital Dental Meeting is the economic impact it has on our society’s bottom line. The profit from this meeting subsidizes our membership dues, helps fund member programs, and allows the dental society to more effectively advocate for organized dentistry.

Dr. Robert Emery, chairman and the Nation’s Capital Dental Meeting committee, to all the volunteers and the office staff who together have given hundreds (actually probably thousands) of hours of their time to insure a successful meeting, I am sure I speak for our membership when I say thank you for a job well done!

Dr. Larry A. Crisafulli
Editor
Thank you for attending the 2012 Nation’s Capital Dental Meeting! As an added benefit of attending the 2012 meeting, you will receive access to online streaming of the recorded courses. By now you should have received an email from Playback Now, Inc. with the instructions on how to access the recorded sessions online. If you did not receive this email please contact the D.C. Dental Society at (202) 547-7613 or exhibits@dcdental.org.

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What you might not know is that the Dental Board provides reports to insurance carriers on lapsed or expired licenses and, in turn, the insurance carriers will terminate a participating agreement with the licensee upon notification by the licensing Board. This termination can adversely impact your practice’s bottom line: insurance patients will lose their ability to see you as a participating dentist and may alter their decision to seek care at your practice because of the increase in their out-of-pocket expenses. Often, the benefits received will change when the patient goes to an out-of-network dentist and, most often, the check from the insurance company will be mailed directly to the patient, rather than to a non-participating dentist.

It is your responsibility to follow the steps to keep your license current. You may receive a courtesy notification from the dental plans in which you participate, but ultimately, you must be sure to keep your professional and participation statuses current with the Dental Board and with your insurance networks. If your participation has been terminated in error or if you have additional information to share with the carrier to support a reinstatement, please contact the insurance carrier’s Professional Relations departments immediately to rectify the situation. It may be necessary to reapply to the program in some circumstances.
ADA Golden Apple Award

As reported in the February 24, 2012 Leadership Update, the Golden Apple Awards Program is now open.

As many know, the ADA’s Golden Apple Awards program offers dental societies an opportunity to thank and recognize those who have contributed to the success of your activities and initiatives. The program, in its 24th year, now has 12 opportunities for your dental society to showcase programs produced between June 1, 2011 and May 31, 2012.

New this year, the Outstanding Achievement in the Promotion of Diversity and Inclusion category, which will be judged by the Standing Committee on Diversity of the ADA Board.

For more information about this new category and all the others, please go to ADA.org/goldenapple. Entries accepted May 1, 2012 through June 1, 2012.

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Scheduled speakers and CE courses include:

• Dr. Roger Levin, Set Your Practice on Fire: Strategies for Increasing Production and Creating a Superior Practice
• Dr. Sam Low, Emerging Technologies and the Perio Patient
• Dr. David Hornbrook, Hot Topics in Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry
• Ms. Teri Yanovitch, Unleashing Excellence Through the Patient Experience
• Dr. Donald Lewis, Employee Embezzlement and Fraud — Detection, Protection and Prosecution
• Fresh Perspectives from Emerging Speakers
  Dr. Tanya Brown, Connecting the Dots — Create Powerful Patient Experiences
  Dr. Gautam Govitrikar, Risk Management for the New Dentist
  Dr. Ann Bynum, The Perfect Storm — Ride the Waves or Surrender to the Undertow
  Dr. Robert Delie, The Single Tooth Implant — Start to Finish

Also, get your morning started at the all new Breakfast and Learn sessions being held on Saturday, June 23. Enjoy a hot breakfast and learn about select products and services that can help you be a better a dentist and achieve success.

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FOR SALE: The following items are for sale: Reveal Intra Oral Camera with printer, Taiji Towel Warmer, Yashida Camera, Accurad 200 Head Holder for TMJ X-Rays, Sony 10" Monitor, HP/F2105 Monitor and X-Ray Duplicator. If interested, please call (202) 822-9003.

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