

Newsletter



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A Letter from DC Dental Society President Robert W. Emery, DDS



Dr. Robert Emery

Dear Colleagues,

Last month, I announced the new DC Dental Society logo that was developed in collaboration with the ADA. The staff spent time speaking with members in a number of phone focus groups that we conducted earlier this fall. These focus groups gathered feedback on member perceptions of DCDS and the Nation's Capital Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting. One of the most important pieces of feedback that came through is that the members are proud to be the society of the Nation's Capital. The Society's new look is a great representation of our society's location and will help strengthen and modernize our identity.

I hope you can join us on December 9th for the monthly meeting. The dinner format will return for one month to give us all an opportunity to come together as friends and colleagues prior to the busy holiday season and end of the year. Dr. Richard Wynn will be presenting on "Proper Pharmacological Prescribing and Disposal for Dental Practitioners". The business meeting will start at 5 p.m., followed by Dr. Wynn's presentation and then dinner promptly afterwards. For colleagues that are licensed in Maryland, Dr. Wynn's lecture will cover the state requirement for a two hour Board-approved course on proper prescribing and disposal of prescription drugs that is required starting with the 2015 license renewal cycle.

The invoices for 2015 DC Dental Society membership dues have been mailed. As was done last year, we will be offering a discounted rate of \$430 for Active and Metropolitan members who return their invoices by January 1st, 2015. After this date, dues will go up to the regular rate of \$505.

Finally, the DC Dental Society Foundation is preparing for two fantastic volunteer opportunities to help provide dental care for those in need. The 13th annual Give Kids a Smile Day will be taking place on February 6th, at the Howard University School of Dentistry. Volunteers are also needed for the Friday, January 9th screening day.

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In addition, we will again be providing dental and oral cancer screenings at the 2015 NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo occurring Saturday, January 10th and Sunday, January 11th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. Volunteers will work two hour shifts and assist with screenings. Please contact the DCDS business office to volunteer for one or both of these opportunities.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or anyone on the Society's board should you have any questions.

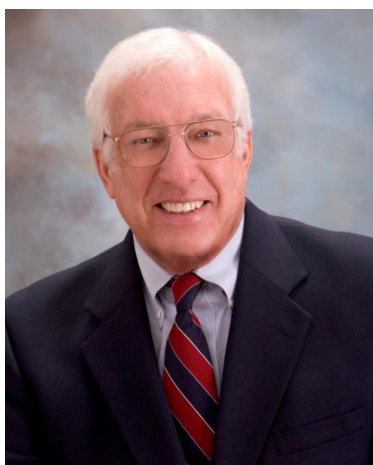
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Sincerely,
R.W.

Robert W. Emery DDS
President, DC Dental Society

DCDS December Monthly Meeting: Proper Pharmacological Prescribing and Disposal for Dental Practitioners

The next DC Dental Society monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9th at the Westin Georgetown and will feature a presentation by Dr. Richard Wynn on *Proper Pharmacological Prescribing and Disposal for Dental Practitioners*. Dr. Wynn is Professor of Pharmacology at the Dental School, University of Maryland, Baltimore. He has delivered over 500 continuing education seminars and is excited to help inform the DC Dental Society of new drug information related to the practice of dentistry. This month's meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m., followed by Dr. Wynn's presentation with dinner promptly afterwards.



Dr. Richard Wynn, PhD
Professor of Pharmacology at the Dental School,
University of Maryland, Baltimore

Session Topic

Proper Pharmacological Prescribing
and Disposal for Dental Practitioners

Schedule

DCDS Business Meeting 5:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Presentation 5:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Dinner 7:15 p.m.

Location

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DCDS Board Corner

Nominations for the position of one delegate and one alternate delegate to the ADA will take place at the December 9, 2014 monthly meeting. The election will take place at the February 10th monthly meeting.

Dr. Brian Babin Elected to Congress



Dr. Brian Babin, a current ADA member, won the congressional race for the 36th District in Texas. With this win, the U.S. House of Representatives will now have three dentists serving in Congress. Dr. Babin joins Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID) and Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ).

Voters elected these three ADA member dentists to the 114th Congress by hefty margins of victory. Dr. Babin won an astonishing 76 percent of the vote in his district, Dr. Gosar 70 percent and Dr. Simpson 62 percent.

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DCDS Mourns the Passing of Dr. David R. Iverson

The DC Dental Society is saddened to announce the passing of David R. Iverson, who passed away last month. Dr. Iverson served honorably in the Navy during the Korean War and went on to practice dentistry in the District for over 40 years.

He is survived by his wife Elaine; his three sons, Kirk, Wayne and Dean; and five grandchildren, Ken, Kurt, Robert, Roanne and James. Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kan. 66675, or to a cancer organization of the donor's choice.

Hermey the Elf and the ADA Team up to Promote Oral Health Literacy



He didn't want to build toys. He dreamed of becoming a dentist. Now, Hermey the Elf continues to do his part in increasing oral health literacy among children and adults — 50 years after the animated classic "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" first aired on national television.

Currently the ADA is featuring Hermey the Elf in an online campaign to help promote oral health literacy, stressing nutrition, dental hygiene and dental visits as key factors in preventing cavities.

Through the campaign, the ADA's MouthHealthyKids.org will feature free downloadable educational coloring book pages featuring Hermey along with the ADA's tips for maintaining good oral health. The coloring pages will be available for download through the end of December.

MouthHealthy.org will also include a fun dental health quiz for families and a separate sweepstakes drawing to receive a Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer prize package.

In addition, Hermey was designated a DDG, or Dental Do Gooder, by Dr. Maxine Feinberg, ADA President, for promoting good dental health to his friend Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and everyone in the North Pole

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ADA Testifies on Proposed EPA Amalgam Separator Rule

DCDS member Dr. Sally Cram represented the ADA at a Nov. 10 public hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency's [proposed national amalgam separator mandate](#), which the EPA published in the Federal Register on Oct. 22. The agency provided the ADA, other dental groups, separator manufacturers and members of the public five minutes to present their views on the proposal.

ADA, based on a 2010 House action, supports a reasonable national pretreatment standard for amalgam waste, provided that the rule meets nine common-sense conditions. Dr. Cram noted in her testimony that EPA has largely met these nine conditions and applauded EPA's efforts in that regard. However, problems remain with the proposed rule on several issues which must be addressed before ADA can support the rulemaking. Dr. Cram testified that the ADA would be offering detailed, constructive comments on the proposed rule.

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CDC Data Shows Early Childhood Caries Trending Down

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data presented at an Oct. 23-24 dental conference shows a downward trend in early childhood caries in the United States.

"Untreated decay is now on a downward trend," Dr. Bruce Dye, dental epidemiology officer at the CDC National Center for Health Statistics, told some 260 dentists, academicians, dental personnel, industry representatives, researchers and students. "Treated decay is on an upward trend. Most of what we're seeing is based on treated disease."

The preliminary unpublished data represents "a first look at where we are in the United States" now, said Dr. Dye. A CDC report on the data is in preparation and will be released "in the next few months."

Dr. Feinberg, who took office Oct. 15 as the Association's 151st president, said in a statement, "Dental access, prevention and care initiatives are making a positive difference in dental health for patients and the ADA is committed to continuing to support and promote increased alignment of efforts and partnering to better fuel the momentum."



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Volunteers Needs for NBC4 Expo and Give Kids A Smile

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Those interested in volunteering for NBC4 can fill out [this form](#) or reach out to DC Dental Society staff by email at info@dcdental.org, or by phone at (202) 367- 1163. Any amount of time that you are available to help with this event would be greatly appreciated.

We are also participating in the American Dental Association's annual Give Kids a Smile Program. We will be holding screenings at Kimball and Abram Simon Elementary Schools on January 9th. The Give Kids a Smile event will be held Friday, February 6th on the campus of Howard University College of Dentistry. Those interested in volunteering for Give Kids a Smile can fill out [this form](#) or reach out to DC Dental Society Staff.

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