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Dr. Thomas Sokoly

A Letter from the DC Dental Society President Thomas Sokoly, DDS

Dear Colleagues:

I hope you all had a nice summer. In July, the Board of Directors met and agreed to move forward with the 2017 Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting. Traditionally, the annual meeting has been the key revenue driver for the organization. However, over the past several years, revenue has dropped, and in 2016, there was a dramatic dip in attendance due to several factors, resulting in the meeting losing money for the first time in recent memory. After much analysis and deliberation, the Board approved holding the 2017 Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting because we believe that the value the meeting brings to our members, their dental teams and the local dental community outweighs the possible financial downside of holding the event next year. I want to thank the efforts and hard work of the Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting Committee, Advisory Committee to the Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting, Finance and Advisory Committee, Executive Committee, Board and staff. Over the past several months, these member volunteers have met numerous times to thoughtfully consider the best path forward for the Annual Meeting. We are excited for the many changes being implemented for the 2017 event, including a new two-day format, a flat registration fee for all non-workshop courses making it cost-effective for dentists to bring their dental teams, lower cost hands-on workshops, and more formal and informal opportunities for attendees to network.

We need your support to help make next year's meeting a success. Please mark your calendars for May 5-6, 2017. I encourage you to bring your entire dental team and let your colleagues in the Mid-Atlantic region know about this wonderful event that the DCDS is planning. More details regarding the event will be announced in the coming weeks and registration is scheduled to open in late October.

I want to remind everyone that there is a membership vote on proposed bylaw changes at the September 13th Monthly Meeting. The proposed *(continued on page 2)*

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(continued from page 1) changes, which would modernize our voting process, are detailed on page 5. **Please read carefully and come prepared to vote.**

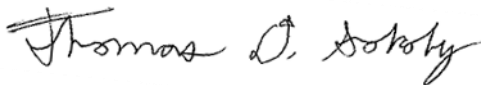
Then stay after the vote for the kick off of the 2016-2017 DCDS Monthly Educational Program series. Dr. Steven Wilson will be speaking on "Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office," and dinner will be served. Members can bring a guest for free. Please use this opportunity to bring colleagues who are not members so they may be introduced to the Society.

The DC Dental Society Charity Golf Tournament will be held September 14th at the Bretton Woods Golf Course in Germantown, Maryland. This exciting networking event is open to all and we encourage you to bring your colleagues and friends and play as a team. Net proceeds will benefit the DCDS Foundation, the charitable and philanthropic arm of the Society, dedicated to providing oral health care and promoting oral health literacy in the District. Register online at the [DC Dental Society website](http://DCDentalSociety.com).

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.

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Sincerely,



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President, DC Dental Society

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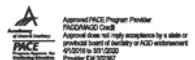


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Registration

Registration is \$175 per person and includes:

- Green fees
- Golf cart
- Networking lunch
- Drinks on the course
- Awards dinner after the round
- Prizes and door raffle
- **Free pass for another round***

Tournament Schedule

Registration and Driving Range Opens - 11:30 a.m.

Lunch - 11:30 a.m.

Shotgun Start - 1:00 p.m.

Post Event Social and Awards Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

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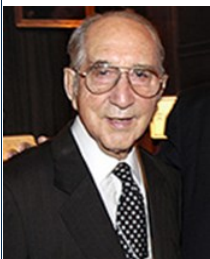
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Member News

In Memorium



Dr. Clement Alpert, aged 104, of Chevy Chase, MD, passed away on Thursday, August 18, 2016. Dr. Alpert was the beloved husband of the late Sandra K. Alpert, and devoted father of Brian (Judy) Madden, Shelley Madden, Dale (Alan) Sorcher, Andrew (Maria Zimmitti) Alpert and Jonathan Alpert. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Sandra K. and Clement C. Alpert Fund for Family Education at Adas Israel Congregation or the charity of your choice.



Dr. Stanley Mayer, of Chevy Chase, MD, passed away peacefully in his home at age 69 on August 3rd, 2016. He was the son of Holocaust survivors Edith and Ernest Mayer (both deceased). He was the loving husband of Dr. Janes West; father to Jonathan Mayer (Joan), Dr. Emily Mayer and Marc Stern.

Department of Health Wants DCDS Member Input

The District of Columbia Department of Health's Oral Health Program (DOH OHP) is assessing factors that influence the delivery of primary oral health care in the District of Columbia. As part of this assessment, the DOH OHP is interviewing dentists regarding factors that include preventive care delivery, dental services for special populations, participation in health professions loan repayment programs, the dental safety net, and more. The information collected from these interviews will help us to develop programs that support general and pediatric dentists in enhancing oral health outcomes among District residents.

The interview takes approximately 45 minutes to complete and the interviewer can meet with you at a mutually-agreed location and time. Your information will be kept confidential. Participation is voluntary and does not affect any existing or future relationship you may have with the Government of District of Columbia or the Department of Health. We value your time and expertise. We look forward to speaking with you!

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DOH Institutional Review Board (IRB) protocol number: IRBPH #2016-6

Revisions to DCDS Bylaws to Allow Mail and Online Balloting

At the direction of the DCDS leadership, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee was charged with recommending an amendment to the Society's bylaws that would allow eligible members the opportunity to vote by mail or online ballot. Currently, all DCDS members must appear in person to cast a ballot for contested Society leadership and ADA House of Delegate positions. The recommended amendment/revisions to the bylaws below strive to give more members the opportunity to participate in the democratic process of electing officers and in deciding issues. Membership will vote at the September Monthly Meeting, September 13 at 5:45 p.m.

Committee Recommend Updates to DCDS Bylaws

13.0 CHAPTER XIII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

13.10 PROCEDURE

13.11 Nominations for elections to any position or office with the exception of the President and General Chair of the NCDM shall be made at a designated business meeting and the election shall be held at a following appropriate announced meeting.

13.11.1 An eligible member may vote by mail or online ballot, or any other means of electronic transmission approved by the Board of Directors.¹

13.12 All members of the Society must be notified at least two (2) weeks before the election of the names of the candidates nominated ~~of~~ for the various elective offices and positions.

13.13 A ballot sheet, when required for a contested election shall be ~~printed~~ made available with the names of the candidates nominated for the various elective offices and positions.²

13.20 TIMES OF NOMINATION

13.21 Nominations for elective offices of the Society shall be made at a business meeting at least two months prior to any election.

13.22 Nominations for delegates and alternate delegates to the American Dental Association House of Delegates shall be made at a regular business meeting immediately after the annual ADA House of Delegates meeting and at least two (2) months prior to the election. ~~which will take place at a business meeting.~~³

Comments

¹ New amendment to permit mail and online ballot for any Society election with the Board of Directors responsible for setting election-/ballot-related policies

² Copy revised to be in conformity with 13.11.1

³ Copy determined erroneous as it repeats copy found in 13.11

Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office

September Monthly Meeting

The next DC Dental Society monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, September 13th at the Westin Georgetown and will feature a presentation by Dr. Stephen Wilson titled "Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office".

Session Abstract

Estimates of the number of emergencies that occur in dental practices vary. The most frequently reported emergency is syncope; however, other relatively frequent emergencies involve hypoglycemia, seizures, angina, choking, asthma, and swallowing of foreign objects. This presentation will present an overview of relatively frequent emergencies and possible intervention strategies associated with the prevention of emergencies and with rescuing of patients. Because pharmacological management of pediatric (and other patients) appears to be increasing, emergency management of more frequent sedation emergencies, their prevention, and management will be discussed.

Learning Objectives

The attendees of this lecture should become more aware of general types of emergencies in dental practice. They will be able to:

1. Discuss the more frequent emergencies that occur in dental practices.
2. Discuss general principles associated with prevention of emergencies.
3. Discuss intervention strategies associated with rescuing patients during specific "common" emergencies.
4. Review and implement changes, as needed, in their current practice policy on emergency management of their patients and staff.

Members planning to attend the September meeting should RSVP [online](#), by phone at (202) 367-1163, or via email at info@dcdental.org before noon on Tuesday, September 13th. Monthly meetings are free to members as a membership benefit. Members may also bring one guest for free.

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Presentation Topic

Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office

Schedule

5:30 p.m. — Registration Opens

6:00 p.m. — Business Meeting

6:15 p.m. — Presentation

Dinner and Cash Bar Following

Location

Westin Georgetown

2350 M St Nw


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Before 5:00 p.m.: \$15

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DC Dental Society Happy Hour at Mission DuPont

Members met up for a drink after work and enjoyed some Mexican cuisine at Mission Restaurant in DuPont Circle on August 11. The President of the Society, Dr. Tom Sokoly, drew names for the prizes that were raffled off during the evening. The Happy Hour event was very successful among our new members and dental students. We hope to see you all at the next happy hour in October!



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HIV Testing... at the Dental Office?

By *Jonjelyn Gamble*

More than 16,000 District residents are infected with HIV—that is 2.5% of its population. The epidemic disproportionately affects African-Americans and males. Men are diagnosed with HIV three times that of women in the District while the prevalence of HIV among African-Americans are 3.5 times that of Whites. Furthermore, the prevalence among black males is 2.5 times that of White males while Black women in the District contract HIV 24 times that of White women. What can we do about it?

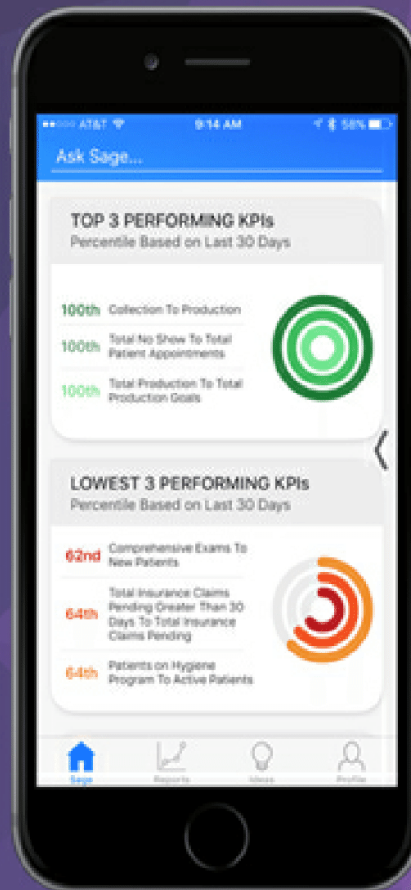
In 2006, The CDC implemented recommendations around routine HIV screening, emphasizing that ALL patients between the ages of 13 and 64 be screened annually for HIV. However, the DC Department of Health broadened this age range to 84 as the epidemic shifted towards an older population, locally.

Dental examinations remain an untapped opportunity for HIV screening as it was revealed in one study that people are more likely to regularly visit dentists than other HIV testing facilities—overall, an estimated 58-75% of the US population sees a dentist annually. Furthermore, many dentists are already conducting primary screening efforts like hypertension, oral cancer, and elevated blood glucose screenings, thus HIV screening would give dentists another opportunity to further integrate oral and primary care health systems.

By implementing HIV testing in dental facilities, dentists may achieve practice enhancement; better patient health outcomes as they become more aware of complications that invasive and common dental procedures might add to HIV+ patients' health; an ability to maximize reimbursements for testing and counseling; and ultimately being able to access a group of people who would never test on their own. Ultimately, more people will know their HIV status contributing to a decline in HIV transmission. If you are interested in learning more about how HIV testing may be implemented in your practice, please contact HAHSTA's HIV Testing Coordinator, Jonjelyn Gamble at (202)671-5060 or via email at Jonjelyn.gamble@dc.gov.



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Due to catastrophic flooding in Baton Rouge, the LDA is seeking at least 100 more dentist volunteers for its upcoming Mission of Mercy event. Visit <http://www.rsvpbook.com/lamom2016>, to sign up. Volunteers who need a place to stay, please see the website for room blocks and suggested hotels at <http://www.ladental.org/lda/lamom-volunteers>.

The Alario Center in Westwego will be transformed into a large-scale dental clinic with the purpose of treating adults and children who have limited financial resources or are otherwise unable to visit a dental office. Over two days, hundreds of volunteer dentists, hygienists, assistants, students and community workers from across the state of Louisiana will provide services including exams, X-rays, cleanings, fillings, anterior root canals, extractions and front teeth transitional partials. "LaMOM" will be an incredible dental outreach event that will take patients on a first-come, first-served basis.

HIPAA Audits: A Nine Step Checklist from the ADA Center for Professional Success

Not every dental practice will get audited, but if your practice is covered by HIPAA you should take these steps any way. They can help you make sure your HIPAA compliance program is in good shape. Remember, if someone submits a complaint to the government about your HIPAA practices, or if you have a reportable breach, OCR may respond with a compliance review or investigation. Here are nine tips to help you prepare now in case your dental practice is chosen for a HIPAA audit.

1. **Watch For an Email From OCR**
2. **Practice Filling Out OCR's Pre-Audit Screening Questionnaire**
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4. **List Your Business Associates**
5. **Review the HIPAA Audit Protocol**
6. **Make Sure Your HIPAA Security Risk Analysis Really is a HIPAA Security Risk Analysis**

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Members and dental society staff interested in learning about compliance with Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act are invited to tune into the one-hour, prerecorded webinar, which also features a Q&A with ADA staff and details of the Association's advocacy efforts on the issue.

For more information about the final rule, visit ADA.org/1557.

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Welcome New Members!

Dr. Yetunde Patrick graduated from dental school at the University of Maryland in 2011 and a General Practice Residency program at NY-Lutheran Medical Center in 2012. She currently practices at a group practice on Patterson Street NE in DC.

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Dr. Natisha Patel graduated from dental school at the Ohio State University in 2016. She currently practices at Unite Health Care group practice on 12th Street SE in DC.

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Dr. Johnathan Slate graduated from dental school at NOVA South-eastern University in 2016. He currently practices with his uncle and current DCDS member Dr. Mark Tromblay on M Street NW in DC.

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Dr. Arman Davoudian graduated from dental school at Washington University in 1991 and a General Practice Residency program at NY-Eastman Dental Center in 1992. He currently owns his practice on Connecticut Avenue in DC.

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Dr. Amanda Jones graduated from dental school at Tufts University in 2009. She currently practices at a group practice on 14th Street NW in DC.

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Dr. Charity VanderWall-Lacey graduated from University of Louisville dental school in June. She currently practices at the Dental Dreams LLC group practice on Georgia Ave NW in DC.

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Classifieds

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