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DENTAL SOCIETY

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Dr. "Anna" Bettios

Letter from the DC Dental Society President Ioana "Anna" Bettios, DDS, MS, FACP, FICD, FACD

Dear Colleagues,

It was so wonderful to meet with a lot of you at the October CE event and hear all the positive comments on our Society's programs and our good efforts to inform members of our initiatives through our monthly newsletters! We welcome the feedback to improve the connection with our members and to bring forth future changes in oral healthcare for our dental community.

The month of October was filled with many meetings and events. The ADA House of Delegates (HOD) met in early October in Orlando at the completion of SmileCon (the ADA Annual meeting). Our DC delegation included Drs. Katie Clark and Angela Noguera who served as delegates, Dr. Pat Grogan and I who served as alternate delegates, Secretary Dr. Sally Cram and Executive Director, Mr. Kurt Gallagher. Congratulations to the new ADA leadership: President Dr. Linda Edgar (11th District), President-Elect Dr. Brett Kessler (14th District), 1st Vice President Dr. David Manzanares (14th District), 2nd Vice President Dr. Edwin del Valle-Sepulveda (from our 4th District), and the new Trustees. The great news is that the HOD voted for a \$30 reduction in ADA membership annual dues. We participated in many important decisions at the 4th District caucus and the HOD meeting as summarized in the great report prepared by DCDS Secretary Dr. Sally Cram (see page 6). In response to addressing challenges to maintaining membership across all levels of the tripartite, the HOD approved new initiatives to extend membership to internationally-trained dentists and support the recruitment of members from DSOs. As we embark on the membership renewal campaign for 2024, I urge you to remit your membership dues payments promptly to avoid any interruption in your membership.

At the October 17th monthly CE meeting, the members offered nominations for officer and Board of Director positions. I would like to congratulate those who are running unopposed: for Secretary, Dr. Sally Cram; for Treasurer, Dr. Eugene Gian-

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Cover Photo: Members of the DCDS delegation at the ADA House of Delegates in October. See page 6 for more information.

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“The Current State of Dental Transitions”

Thursday, November 2
6:00 PM—7:00 PM

Presented by DCDS Sponsor



Cost: Free for Members, Non-Members

Presented by DCDS Sponsor Choice Transitions

Dr. Harry Snyderman and Dan Baccari

CE Credits

We regret that we are not able to offer credits for this presentation.

Webinar Description

We will discuss and review for both traditional and DSO type sales:

1. Steps to take to prepare to sell
2. Appraising and valuing the practice
3. Professional assistance
4. Maintaining confidentiality and marketing to buyers
5. Steps in the selling process
6. Types of transitions
7. Trends with DSO buyers



Dr. Harry Snyderman



Dan Baccari

[Read about Dr. Snyderman here](#)

[Read about Dan Baccari here](#)

Webinar Link

****Registration note:** You may register live to enter the webinar immediately or in advance. After registering in advance, you will receive an email that contains the Zoom link for the presentation. Please check your junk email folder if you do not receive the email in your inbox.

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nini; for President-Elect, Dr. Hillary Hochman; for Vice President, Dr. Kim Menhinick and for Delegate and Alternate Delegate positions respectively, Drs. Angela Noguera and Pat Grogan. Six members are running for four positions on the Board of Directors; and the results will be announced after the upcoming vote by electronic ballot.

In other news, the Strategic Planning Committee met with spirited discussions regarding future events, collaborations with business partners and other organizations, and initiatives to improve market share. The ultimate goal will be to ensure a strong membership and sound finances long term for our Society. The Strategic Planning Committee is working to develop proposals that will be reviewed by the Board during an upcoming meeting.

The Membership Committee met on October 16th and discussed upcoming events, including the Awards Dinner in January, future social gatherings, and ways for our members to volunteer in the DC community. Stay tuned on our social media accounts and in the newsletter for announcements.

On the legislative front our team, Mr. Brett Greene and Mr. Kurt Gallagher, secured meetings with members of the DC Council Committee on Health to discuss our Society's concerns and recommendations regarding challenges in securing qualified dental staff, training shortfalls, licensing delays and disparity in licensing requirements and fees compared with neighboring states. We expect to continue the dialogue towards resolutions to reduce staffing shortages and improve oral health for the community we care for.

Lastly, I hope you all enjoyed the wonderful presentation by Dr. Amelia Orta at our October 17th monthly meeting and that you plan to join us for our next monthly CE meeting on November 14th with a presentation by Andrew Gerner from R.K. Tongue Co., Inc., "Managing Dental Professional Liability Risk." As always, members are encouraged to bring a colleague to introduce them to our Society and if they join you can earn a signing bonus of \$100 (up to four new members). Call the DCDS Office for more information and to register your guest for the meeting. It's always wonderful to meet our colleagues in a relaxing and fun atmosphere. Hope to see you all there!

Sincerely,

Dr. Ioana "Anna" Bettios, DDS, MS, FICD, FACD, FACP
President 2022-2023

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Tuesday, November 14th Meeting (In Person): “Managing Dental Professional Liability Risk”

Presented by Andrew Gerner, President, R.K. Tongue Co., Inc.

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

Disclosure: Mr. Gerner serves as President of R.K. Tongue Co., Inc.

Location for In-Person Event:

DCDS Headquarters
2001 K Street, NW, 3rd Floor
Washington, DC 20006



Andrew Gerner

[Register Here](#)

Register early for in-person attendance (space limited). **Complimentary dinner is provided!**

Live streaming of the presentation will not be offered. A recording will be available within 48 hours of the lecture.

Visit the [DCDS Registration Fees & Cancellation Policy page](#) for more details on registration and [read about Andrew Gerner here](#). The District of Columbia Dental Society is an ADA CERP Recognized Provider. See page 5 for more information.

Meeting Description:

In a particularly litigious district of an already litigious country, managing risk is critically important to effective patient care and a successful practice. Don't wait for personal experience with a malpractice claim to learn the most effective ways to protect your patients – and your practice. Enhance your understanding of fundamental risk management principals and increase your knowledge of recurring malpractice and regulatory claim themes and pitfalls. The topics discussed during the course include:

- Claim statistics
- Malpractice vs. negligence
- Cultivating a positive patient experience
- Documentation & consent
- Patient discharge, refunds, informed refusal
- Emerging risk issues

Learning Objectives:

After Attending the Managing Dental Professional Liability Risk seminar, participants should be able to:

- Identify procedures associated with frequent and high-expense malpractice claims
- Implement a team approach to patient safety and risk management practices
- Effectively apply the informed consent process to improve patient understanding, safety and satisfaction
- Develop and implement methods to document and assess adverse outcomes and patient dissatisfaction
- Assess the risk management implications of various doctor-patient interactions, including informed refusal and patient termination
- Implement record keeping practices that enhance patient care and reduce malpractice risks.
- Understand how the standard of care and negligence apply to dental professional liability

Upcoming Fall 2023 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.



Tuesday, November 14

Managing Dental Professional Liability Risk

In Person

CE Credits Offered: 2.0

Presenter: Andrew Gerner, R.K. Tongue Co., Inc.

Tuesday, December 5

Fit Body. Calm Mind. Inspired Practice.

In Person

CE Credits Offered: 2.0

Presenter: Uche Odiatu, DMD



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Concerns or complaints about a CE provider may be directed to the provider or to the **Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition** at [ADA.org/CERP](https://www.ada.org/CERP).

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DCDS Delegation Represents DCDS at ADA House of Delegates Meeting

Your DCDS delegation represented the interests of DC dentists at the recent ADA House of Delegates (HOD) meeting in Orlando, October 7-10.

The HOD approved a decrease in ADA membership dues for 2024 and took other important actions. [Read the report by DCDS Secretary Sally Cram](#) for more details.



L to R: Kurt Gallagher (Exec. Dir.), Dr. Angela Noguera (Del.), Dr. Edwin del Valle-Sepulveda (ADA 2nd V.P.), Dr. Sally Cram (Sec.), Dr. Kathryn Clark (Del.) and Dr. Patrick Grogan (Alt. Del.)

Nominate a Colleague for a DCDS Award

DCDS and the DCDS Foundation are now accepting nominations for the following awards:

- Sterling V. Mead Award
- Committee Member of the Year
- Special Recognition of a Member
- Humanitarian Award
- Community Spirit Award

To view the criteria for each award, visit the [DCDS](#) or [DCDS Foundation](#) awards pages. Nominations may be submitted via the [online nomination form](#).

Recipients of the 2023 awards will be honored at the January 2024 DCDS Awards Meeting. Additional details to follow.

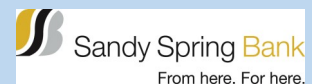
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DC Board of Dentistry Adopts Policy for Greatly Reduced Financial Penalties When Unregistered Dental Assistants Come Forward to Register Through 12/31/2023

All dental assistants who work in DC are required to register with the Board of Dentistry. Over the past year the Board of Dentistry imposed fines on dental practices and dental assistants when it learned of unregistered dental assistants working in DC. Fines can range as high as \$5,000 on each dental assistant and \$30,000 on the dentist/dental practice.

DCDS is your advocate. We called upon the Board of Dentistry to suspend penalties to allow unregistered dental assistants to come forward to register with the Board. We also called for an end to the registration requirement for Level I dental assistants, but that proposal has not been accepted.

Recently the Board of Dentistry adopted the [Policy on Incentivized Time Period for Registration of Dental Assistants](#) to allow unregistered dental assistants who have been working in DC to register with greatly reduced financial penalties assessed.

- The policy will remain in effect until 12/31/2023.
- The [Incentivized Dental Assistant Registration Cover Letter](#) ("Cover Letter") must accompany a registration application in order to be covered by this policy.
- The penalty imposed on each dental assistant will be \$250 when they apply.
- The penalty for supervising dentists/dental practices will be \$500 per unregistered dental assistant.
- Dental assistants and dentists covered by this policy will be required to complete 2 continuing education hours in ethics.
- The Cover Letter includes the disclaimer that it "cannot be used against me for any other purpose," which provides the unregistered dental assistant and dentist/dental practice with protection from higher fines related to the employment of an unregistered dental assistant.

[Read Board of Dentistry Policy](#)

[Dental Assistant Incentivized Registration Application Cover Letter](#)

Unregistered dental assistants should apply to register with the Board of Dentistry through the [DC Health Licensing Portal](#). If this is the first time they attempt to register, dental assistants will be eligible to submit the [90 Day Supervised Practice Form](#) that allows them to practice for 90 days, upon approval by the Board of Dentistry, while the application is under review.

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Welcome

New Members

Jennifer Cully

Kenneth Leong

Arefeh Valaei

Refer a Dentist and Receive 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.

Thank you **Dr. Raha Yousefi** for referring Dr. Arefeh Valaei, who is listed above as a new member in this newsletter.

DC Board of Dentistry Updates

DC Registration/Licensing Resources

[DC Dental Society Licensure Informational Web Page](#)

[DC Health Licensing Portal](#)

[DC Board of Dentistry Web Page](#)

[DC Dental Assistant Registration Information](#) (Board of Dentistry)

Cover Letter acknowledgement (emphasis added)

I acknowledge and understand that as a result of the Applicant's unregistered dental assisting practice in the District of Columbia, the Applicant and Supervisory Dentist/Practice Owner will be subject to a **monetary assessment of \$250.00 for the Applicant and \$500.00 for the Supervisory Dentist/Practice Owner** and required to complete **(2) continuing education credit hours in ethics**, but **this cover letter cannot be used against me for any other purpose**. I acknowledge and understand that the benefits and protections of this cover letter shall only apply to applications submitted with this completed cover letter between September 20, 2023 and December 31, 2023. Failure to provide correct and complete information on this cover letter may result in additional penalties.

Next DC Board of Dentistry Meeting

November 15, 2023

9:00 AM

[Meeting Link](#)

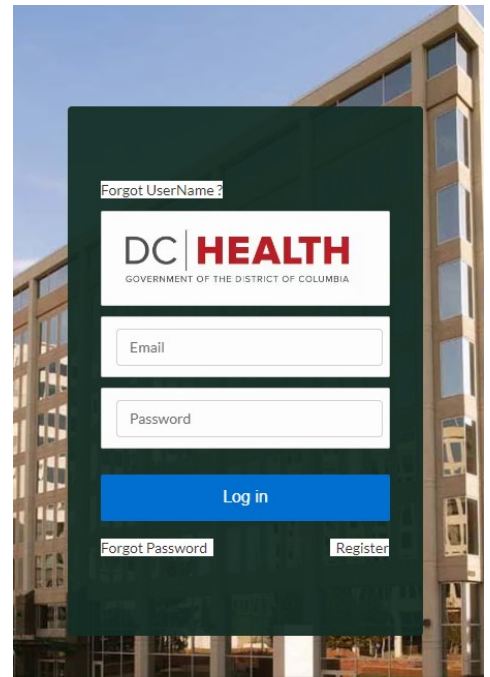
2023 License/Registration Renewals

2023 is a license/registration renewal year. All applications to renew a license or registration to practice dentistry in DC must be submitted through the DC Health Licensing Portal. The portal is now accepting renewal applications from dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants. DC Health strongly encourages all users to review the instructions prior to beginning the process. **License renewal applications must be submitted by December 31, 2023.**

For any questions regarding application requirements, please review materials provided on the [Board of Dentistry website](#) or contact the Board of Dentistry at [by email](#) or by calling 202-724-8801.

Licensing Portal Link

To access the DC Health Licensing Portal, visit <https://doh.force.com/dchealthrenewals/s/portal-page>.



[Contact Support](#)
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DC Required Continuing Education Available from DCDS

Are you looking for those required courses for your license renewal application? Infection Control? Ethics? LGBTQ+ Cultural Competency? Alternatives to Opioids?

Get them in one place. Recordings of the 2023 DCDS Spring Symposium for Licensure are now available.

See next page for additional details.

Purchase Symposium Recordings

Board of Dentistry Clarifies Criminal Background Requirement

A criminal background check (CBC) will be required for license/registration renewal submissions in 2023 (fee of \$50). The Board of Dentistry recently clarified that the requirement will be dependent upon the type of application submitted. The table below summarizes how the requirement will be implemented.

Application Type	Method of Criminal Background Check
Renewal	Name search—include the applicant’s gender, Social Security number, date of birth, and mailing address No fingerprint required.
New License/Registration	Fingerprint Fingerprint may be taken by traditional roll method or live/electronic scan.
Reinstatement/Reactivation	Fingerprint Fingerprint may be taken by traditional roll method or live/electronic scan.

Courses Required for DC License Renewal

The table below lists the continuing education requirements for 2023 license/registration renewal. DCDS offers the required courses as recordings from the 2023 Spring Symposium for Licensure.

These courses were held virtually. The Board of Dentistry now allows all CE requirements to be satisfied through online courses. Additional details regarding DC continuing education requirements for dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants are available on the DCDS [DC Licensure](#) web page.

Course Category	CE Credits Offered	Required for Dentists	Required for Dental Hygienists	Required for Dental Assistants
Minimum CE Hours		30 hours	15 hours	10 hours
Infection Control	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours
LGBTQ Cultural Competency	2 hours*	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours
Ethics	1 hour	1 hours	1 hour	1 hour
Abuse and Misuse of Prescription Drugs/Opioids	2 hours	2 hours for prescribers	Not Required	Not Required
CPR	Not Offered	CPR for health care providers	Basic Level CPR	2 hours in Basic Life Support

*Includes credit for the self-study article “Supporting Hispanic LGBTQ+ Patients.”

Purchase Symposium Recordings

Registrant Type	Price for Complete Program
DCDS Member Dentist	\$400
Non-DCDS Member Dentist	\$650
Dental Hygienists	\$150
Post-Doc/Residents	\$175
Dental Assistants/Other Staff	\$125
Non-Dental Healthcare Providers	\$650

Visit the [Symposium Registration Information page](#) for additional details on registration fees and cancellation policy.

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DCDS Member Happenings!

DCDS member Dr. Sally Cram was featured in the November issue of Consumer Reports on Health as a spokesman for the ADA.

[Read the article, "Your Guide to Better Health."](#) (subscription required)



Share your trips, activities and achievements with us!

Descriptions and photos can be sent to info@dcdental.org.

You may see them in an upcoming newsletter issue or social media post.

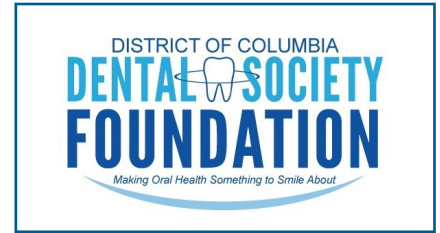
DCDS at Cirque du Soleil

DCDS members enjoyed a night under the big top with family members on October 14 at Cirque du Soleil Echo in Tysons Corner. From being awed by a super sized puppet (upper left) to seeing performers walk on the side of a giant cube (lower right), Drs. Dan Jones, Kim Menhinick, Anna Bettios (upper right) met up with Dr. Armando Retana (foreground, lower left) and executive director Kurt Gallagher.



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Feel the joy. 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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Our Endorsed Company Program brings you special member savings on products and services designed specifically to work for your practice: from professional liability insurance to business credit cards to office supplies and computers. There are also endorsements geared towards your home life, such as health insurance, appliances, and even automobiles.

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.

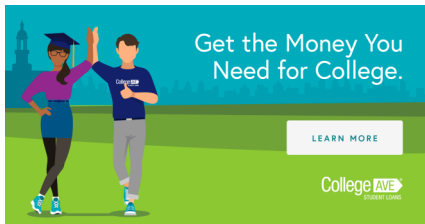
For more information about these programs, visit the [DCDS website](#)



The DC Dental Society, in partnership with College Ave Student Loans, is ready to meet your higher education financing needs. Whether you or someone in your family needs a private student loan to pay for college or you are looking to refinance existing dental school loans, College Ave has simplified the student loan experience and offers loans that fit your budget.

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*DC Dental Society Members receive a 0.25% interest rate reduction on In-school loans that are opened through the DC Bar member benefits portal. The DC Dental Society member discount will be applied to your loan account after the initial disbursement occurs.

** Amount equal to 0.5% of the initial loan balance to be credited on the borrower's statement within 60 days of closing of the loan. For example, if the consolidated loan equaled \$20,000, the member benefit equals \$100, with a maximum of \$599.99.

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Address Confidentiality Program



About the Program

The District's **Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)**, administered by the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG), helps people at risk of harm stay safe by shielding their street address from public records. ACP services are intended as one tool in an individual's broader safety plan.

This free program provides participants with:

- A legal substitute address to protect their **home, work, or school address**
- A confidential **mail-forwarding** service.

Who Is It For?

You may qualify for the ACP if you:

- (1) fear for your safety;
- (2) currently (or will soon) reside in the District of Columbia; AND
- (3)
 - Have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking;
 - Are employed by an organization whose primary purpose is serving victims who have experienced the above offenses; OR
 - Are employed by an organization that focuses on reproductive healthcare.

Applicants are also required to: have moved within the past 60 days, be planning to move within the next 30 days, or have taken adequate measures to ensure their current address is not easily accessible online or through public records. Both adults and children may qualify.

How to Apply

Application assistants are available in several agencies across the District to answer questions, verify eligibility, and accept applications. They also can provide advocacy services and help you develop a comprehensive safety plan based on your individual needs.

To learn more about the ACP or submit your application, reach out to an application assistant at any of the organizations listed at: ovsjg.dc.gov/acp.

Or contact the **Address Confidentiality Program** directly at ACP@dc.gov • (202) 788-2131

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Address Confidentiality Program



How Does the ACP Work?

Substitute Address

Applicants who qualify receive an ACP **authorization card** with a substitute address. This card can be presented to any DC agency in place of your real home, work, or school address. Authorization cards are initially valid for 3 years.

With this legal substitute address you can interact with DC agencies without fear of your actual address appearing in public records. With a substitute address you can:

- Get a DC driver's license or ID card
- Enroll children in DC public/charter school
- Vote and sign petitions

While only District agencies are required to honor the substitute address, placing it on a DC driver's license or ID card will protect your actual address in many day-to-day situations.

Mail Forwarding

When first-class, certified, or registered mail is received at the substitute address, it is forwarded to your home address.

Limitations

A substitute address does not guarantee your actual address will not be required by other non-government agencies. Your real address will still be required for certain activities, including:

- Purchasing a home or property. (Note that the address may appear in related public listings.)
- Applying for a line of credit on your home.
- Setting up utilities for your home.

Additionally, the ACP does not forward junk mail, packages, or magazines; an advocate or application assistant can help you plan for safely receiving that mail. Other limitations may also apply.

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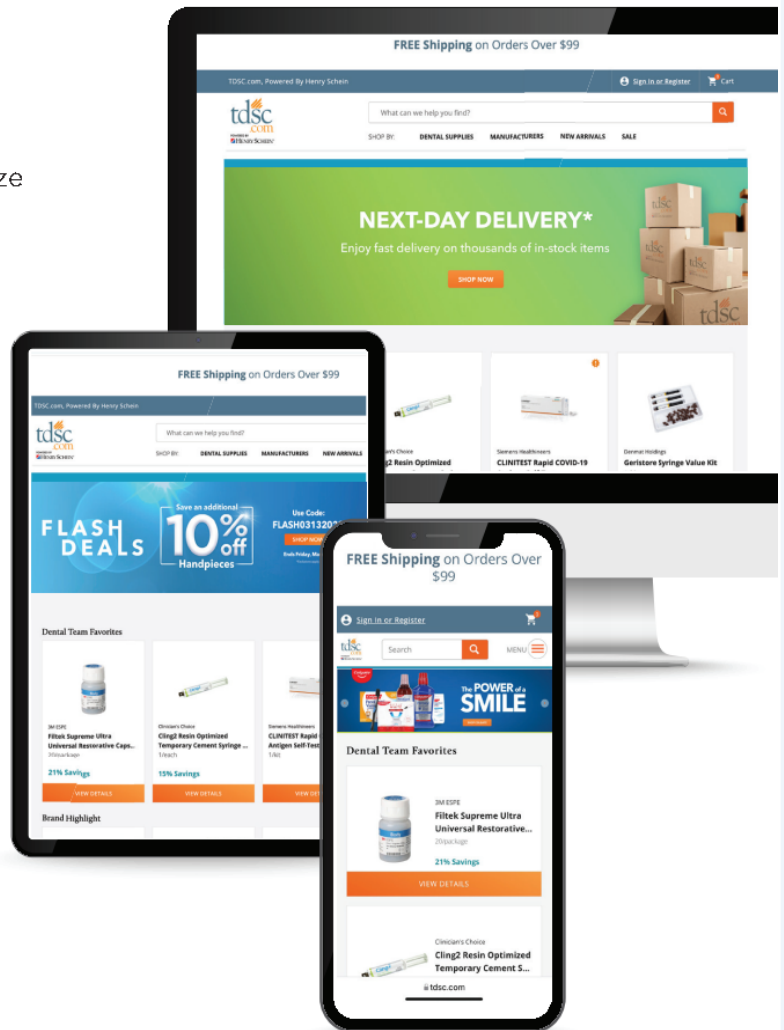
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Strategic Forecasting Committee seeks nominations for chair

ADA Morning Huddle, October 31, 2023

The ADA House of Delegates' Strategic Forecasting Committee is accepting nominations for a chair, who will serve starting in the fourth quarter of 2023. Nominees must be ADA members.

[Full Story: Nominate ADA Member for Strategic Forecasting Committee](#)

Caries restoration guideline author shares recommendations

ADA News,, October 30, 2023

The guideline includes 16 recommendations for the treatment of moderate and advanced caries lesions in primary and permanent teeth that have not received endodontic treatment. It suggests more conservative approaches to removing carious tissue may decrease the risk of adverse effects.

[Full Story: Guidelines on Caries Restorations](#)

ADA asks lawmakers to advance bills that support dentistry

ADA Morning Huddle, October 30, 2023

The ADA, in a letter to the House Ways and Means Committee, urged lawmakers to advance legislation that would address the dental workforce shortage by reducing student debt. The measures would allow tax-exempt 529 savings accounts to be used to pay for postsecondary credentials, raise the student loan interest deduction and exempt payments received under the Dental Faculty Loan Repayment program from income tax.

[Full Story: Legislation Supporting Dental Workforce](#)

How dentists can realistically value their practice

ADA Finance & Operations Huddle, October 28, 2023

Valuation of a dental practice can be subjective but there are approaches dentists can take to ensure the value is realistic, write Susanna Kayserman, D.D.S.; Mark Stein, D.D.S.; and Edward Ruvins, D.D.S. They discuss factors that affect valuation, ways to bring objectivity to estimates and how to raise the value of a practice.

[Full Story: Dental Practice Valuation](#)

ADA Forsyth Institute to advance innovation in oral health

ADA Weekend Huddle, October 28, 2023

The ADA and the Forsyth Institute have come together to form the ADA Forsyth Institute to advance oral health through scientific innovation and research. "Together, we will improve lives through transformative research that starts in the lab and ends with improving patient care in the dental chair," said ADA Executive Director Raymond A. Cohlmya, D.D.S.

[Full Story: Oral Health Advancement Through Innovation and Research](#)

Mentorship and networking opportunities in the app

ADA Weekend Huddle, October 28, 2023



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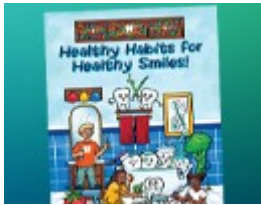
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With National Brush Day coming up on Wednesday, there's no better time to brush up on the latest products to earn the ADA Seal of Acceptance. Whether power or manual brushes, fluoride toothpastes for sensitivity or enamel erosion, or special options for kids -- you can trust that these products have been thoroughly and independently evaluated to be safe and effective. [Search the Seal.](#)

2024 National Children's Dental Health Month posters, postcards & activity sheets

ADA Morning Huddle, October 27, 2023



Start planning now for National Children's Dental Health Month 2024 by ordering your free bilingual posters and postcards today! This year's theme is "Healthy habits for healthy smiles." Place your order and find additional resources including activity sheets and a planning guide at [ADA.org/ncdhm](https://ada.org/ncdhm).

Questions? Email ncdhm@ada.org.

NCDHM is an initiative of the American Dental Association's Center for Public and Population Health (CPPH) and Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP).

ADA podcast rolls out third season of advice, answers

ADA Morning Huddle, October 25, 2023

The ADA's Dental Sound Bites podcast debuted its third season this month, with ArNelle Wright, D.M.D., and Effie Ioannidou, D.D.S., returning as program hosts. The next episode drops on October 31, offering advice on how to handle difficult situations in dental practices.

[Full Story: ADA Sound Bites Kicks Off New Season](#)

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