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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 is hard to believe that we are already at the beginning of the Fall season with the summer break behind us! We wish a welcome back to school to our members who have school age children, as this is a busy time of year for them.

Our Fall 2023 continuing education program will kick off next Thursday, September 14, with a virtual only presentation by Dr. Christopher Pescatore on "Digital Dentistry Utilization in Today's Dental Practice." The meeting will broadcast live, and we expect a great turnout as a lot of professionals find their transition from conventional to digital age very challenging with the plethora of digital platforms available in today's technological arena for our practices. This is a very popular event, so register before the meeting to guarantee your spot.

The program starts at 5:45 PM with a Business meeting, where members will vote on proposed bylaws changes that will modernize DCDS procedures. If approved by the membership, the amended bylaws will affirm the right of all members to participate in elections and member votes via an electronic ballot. The proposed amendment will also create a more agile organization by granting the board of directors expanded authority to create and disband committees (several standing committees will remain specified under the bylaws). The changes will also clarify terms of office and the transition for newly elected or installed members of the board and officers. The full text proposed bylaws changes alongside the current bylaws are available for review on the DCDS website (read proposed bylaws amendment now).

I am so glad to see our August membership numbers ticked upwards and congratulations to the Membership Committee and New Member Subcommittee

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Thursday, September 14th Meeting (Virtual Only): “Digital Dentistry Utilization in Today’s Dental Practice”

Clinical CE Presentation by Dr. Christopher Pescatore

Schedule*: 5:45 PM—Business Meeting with Bylaws Vote
6:00 PM—Education Program Begins

Lecture Format (Virtual Only)

CE Credits Offered: 2.0 CE Credits

Cost: Free to DCDS Members | \$75 for Non-Members

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

Meeting Description:

Technology is changing the world around us and that includes Dentistry. Today, many dentists find themselves confronted with the daunting task of embracing a more digital workflow. It can be intimidating to transition from traditional analog techniques to more digital tools, but the excitement it brings to your staff and patients makes it worth it.

Session 1: Digital Dentistry Utilization in Today’s Dental Practice: Part 1

Part 1 presents how digital scanners are not only for replacing impression material.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will be able to identify areas of their practice that can utilize digital scanners.
- Participants will understand the key differences between digital and analog impression techniques.
- Understand various tissue management techniques and tools.
- Understand the proper prep design protocol for today’s materials.

Session 2: Digital Dentistry Utilization in Today’s Dental Practice: Part 1

Part 2 presents how to efficiently use digital scanners and proper technique.

Learning Objectives:

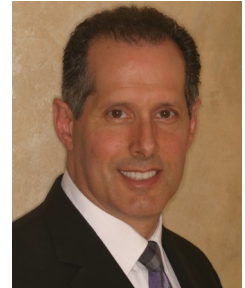
- Participants will understand how to create the idea setup for digital scanning.
- Proper scanning techniques and laboratory communication.
- The factors to consider when entering the digital world

*All times are approximate.

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Dr. Christopher Pescatore

Bylaws Vote Set for Sept. 14.

Proposed bylaws changes would:

- Affirm the right of members to participate in elections via electronic ballot, including votes on future bylaws amendments.
- Grant the board of directors the flexibility to establish new committees, or disband them, to enable an agile organizational structure that can better meet member needs.
- Specify that elected officers and board members will be announced at the last meeting of the fiscal year. Officers shall assume the responsibilities of their respective offices on January 1st of the following year.
- Affirm that the membership may conduct business via an electronic meeting.
- Specify that the Annual Awards Meeting will be held as the first meeting of the year.

[Read Bylaws Text](#)

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for their ongoing efforts to personally reach out to members and new potential members to continue to improve one of our top strategic initiatives. Due to the Committee efforts, DCDS received an award from the ADA for the greatest net gain in membership for a society with few than 500 members. We are our own best ambassadors to recruit new members and promote our Society's achievements, CE and volunteer events to continue to grow our strength.

We have a lot of exciting events coming up, and I look forward to seeing our members join the fun.

This evening (September 6) DCDS will host a "back-to-school" happy hour, from 5-7 pm at TAKODA rooftop restaurant near Howard U. Dental school campus. It was a well-attended event last year and we hope all will join the fun this year.

For October, DCDS secured special pricing for the Cirque du Soleil's show ECHO on October 14 at 7:30 PM. The show is taking place on the grounds of Tysons II in Tysons Corner, VA. DCDS members will receive up to 25% off when you purchase tickets [using this link](#).

The Education Committee proposed a continuing education program for 2024 that was recently approved by the Board of Directors. We are reaching out to speakers now and will announce the program in the coming weeks. Please don't forget to bring a fellow dentist to a future in person event. If they join, you will receive a \$100 recruitment bonus (up to \$400 for 4 members). Once at the meeting, please show them around, introducing them to other members, and just generally ensuring that they feel welcomed and included. Please contact the office staff by email or by phone if you are interested in participating in this program.

I am looking forward to great events over the coming months with awesome people!

Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

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

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2023 License/Registration Renewals

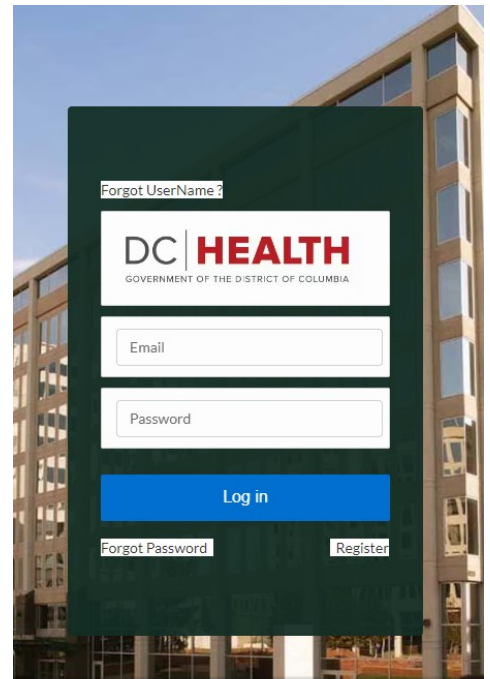
2023 is a license/registration renewal year. All applications to renew a license or registration to practice dentistry in DC must be submitted through the DC Health Licensing Portal. The portal will begin accepting renewal applications from dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants in October. A specific date has not yet been announced. Dental professionals should receive notification by email from DC Health when the portal opens for renewal applications, and the DC Dental Society will send out a supplemental notification.

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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Upcoming Fall 2023 Continuing Education Presentations

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.

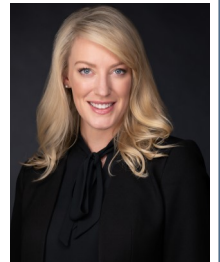


Thursday, September 14
Digital Dentistry Utilization in Today's Dental Practice
Virtual Only
CE Credits Offered: 2.0
Presenter: Dr. Christopher Pescatore



Tuesday, November 14
Risk Management
In Person
CE Credits Offered: 2.0
Presenter: Andrew Gerner,
CPF, R.K. Tongue

Tuesday, October 17 (New Date)
Biomimetic Dentistry
In Person
CE Credits Offered: 2.0 CE Credits
Presenter: Dr. Amelia Orta



Tuesday, December 5
Fit Body. Calm Mind. Inspired Practice.
In Person
CE Credits Offered: 2.0
Presenter: Dr. Uche Odiatu



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Join DCDS for a Night Under the Big Top at Cirque du Soleil ECHO

Tysons Corner, VA (Tysons II)

October 14 at 7:30 PM

Special Pricing for DCDS Members up to 25% Off!

Cirque du Soleil's 20th Big Top show brings bold new visuals and a unique aesthetic on tour. Packed with vibrant characters, inspiring music, astounding lights and projections, and never-before-seen acrobatic feats, ECHO invites audiences on a journey through a universe of color, wonder, and infinite possibilities.

Special DCDS Member Pricing

DCDS members will receive up to 25% off when you purchase tickets [using this link](#).*

Or contact Cirque du Soleil's Michael Ciaccia at 702-850-5211 ext. 5689 or at michael.ciaccia@cirquedusoleil.com to purchase your tickets.

Be sure to mention DC Dental Society when ordering your tickets by phone or email.

Can't attend on October 14? This show will be presented September 6 through October 22. You can use [this link](#) or code SG20DCDS to save up to 20% off select seats/dates in September. October dates will be released at a later time.

For more information about the show, visit the [Cirque du Soleil ECHO website](#).

*Note: Prices with DCDS discount: \$72.75 or \$93.75, depending on section. Online purchases require an account and sign in.

DCDS and ADA Help Dentists Fulfill New DEA Education Requirement

DEA requires 8 hours of training on safely prescribing controlled substances

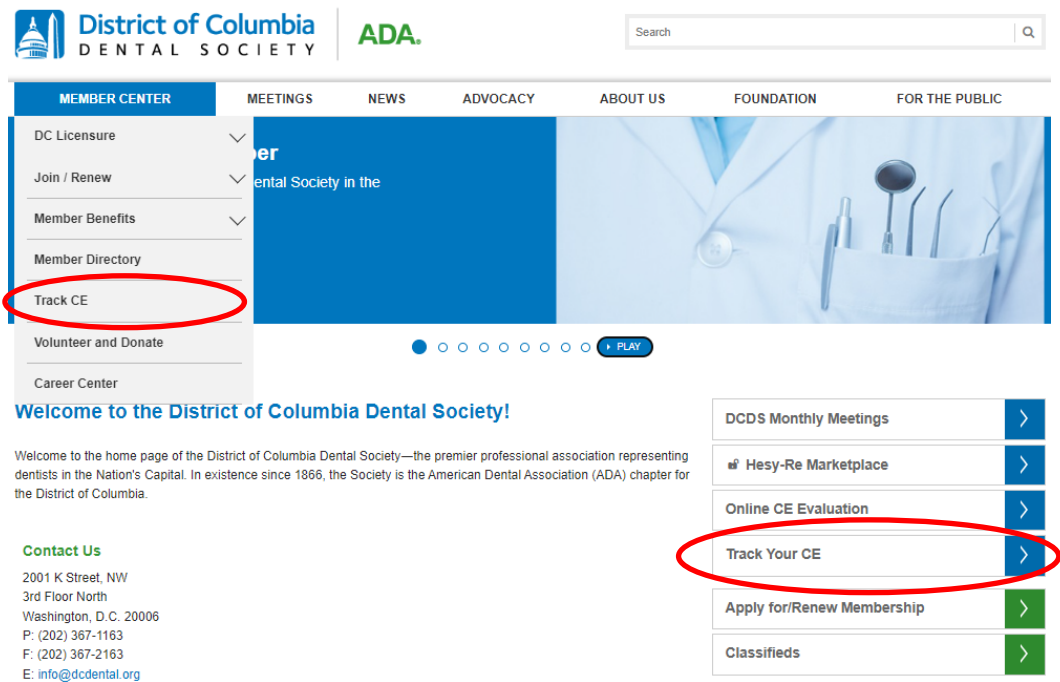
DCDS has offered a number of courses on opioids in recent years that may count towards satisfying the new, one-time training requirement from the DEA. Follow the step-by-step guide below to access your DCDS/ADA course transcript to identify all courses you have completed that may be applicable.

Recent DCDS courses include:

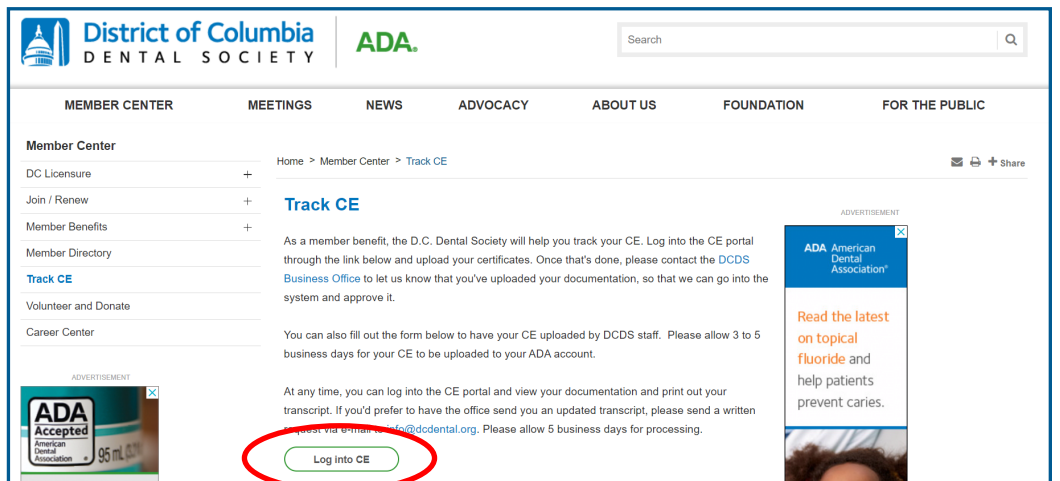
- Dr. Tom Viola, “Top of the Heap” Frequently Prescribed Medications and Clinical Dental Considerations” (2.5 CE Hours; May 2020)
- Dr. Raymond Dionne, “Implementing Best Practices for Acute Dental Pain to Optimize Analgesia and Minimize Substance Abuse” (2.0 CE Hours; Spring & Fall Symposium for Licensure)
- Dr. Ernie Luce, “Opioids and Analgesic Prescribing for the Dentist” (2.0 CE Hours; Spring Symposium for Licensure)

How to Access your CE Record

Visit the DCDS website and click on the “Track Your CE” link or the “Track CE” menu item.



Click on the “Log in CE” button.



Filter courses by date.

Download or print your CE record.

Education Unit Summary



From Date: MM DD 2023




To Date: MM DD 2023

Sort by Earned Date: Sort by Date: Newest to Oldest

Filter Clear

* Filter will be applied to "Course End Date (DateEarned)"

 PDF Export My CE Transcripts
 Print My CE Transcripts

Provider	Title	Status	Education Category	Location	CEUs	Earned Date	Expiration Date	Description	Actions
ADA	Conscious and Unconscious Bias in Dental Practice Ethical Considerations	Approved	ADA-Chicago	ADA Online	2.00	5/24/2023	-		
ADA	Clinical Complications In Fixed Prosthodontics: Causes, Prevention, and Management, Part 3	Approved	ADA-Chicago	ADA Online	1.00	5/24/2023	-		
ADA	Physical intimate partner violence and oralhealth problems during pregnancy (April 2023 Article 2)	Approved	ADA-Chicago	ADA Online	1.00	5/24/2023	-		

Need more opioids courses? Check out these courses from the ADA.

Course	Credit Type
Special Considerations of Pain Management and Opioid Use in Older Adults	CE Credit (ADA CERP)
Emergency Department Referral Model in Action: Addressing Dental Access Opioid Prevention and Pain Management	CE Credit (ADA CERP)
Clinical Practice Guideline for Management of Acute Dental Pain	CE Credit (ADA CERP)

The following one-hour ADA webinars are hosted by the ADA through the Providers Clinical Support System. The courses are free and include a certificate of completion. The ADA is an approved training provider.

Course	Credit Type
Opioids, Dentistry and Addiction: The Dentist’s Role in Treating Pain	Certificate of Completion (ADA/PCSS)
The Impact of COVID-19 on the Addiction Field: A Call to Dentists	Certificate of Completion (ADA/PCSS)
Integrating Controlled Substance Risk Assessment and Management into Dental Practice	Certificate of Completion (ADA/PCSS)

Welcome New Members

Humam Alathari

Scott Brewster

Hana Mujkovic

Stephanie Simmonett

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. Jarred Abel** for referring Dr. Alhassan Laith, who was listed as a new member in our August 2023 newsletter.

DCDS Member Happenings!

Share your trips, activities and achievements with us!

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

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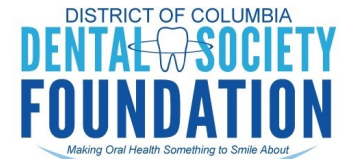


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Foundation Launches New Scholarship for Howard University Dental Students

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The award is subject to eligibility requirements. Each scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the DCDS Foundation Scholarship Committee. Applicants will be evaluated on their financial need, academic merit, community service and a letter of recommendation among other criteria. A letter of endorsement may be submitted by HUCD alumni, HUCD faculty members or D.C. Dental Society members. Candidates should demonstrate financial need and be in good academic standing.

Complete information and applications are being accepted at dcdental.org/scholarship. The deadline for applications for the 2023 award period is Sunday, September 17.

Donation to the DCDS Foundation are accepted at dcdental.org/foundation/donate.

Feel the joy. Sign up for DC Dental Cares, the DC Dental Society Foundation's pro bono program.

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DC Dental Cares Sign Up Form

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Programs and Discounts

DC Dental Society has partnered with service providers to offer member discounts. We currently partner with:

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ADA Endorsed Programs

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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](#)

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The Value of a United Tripartite and the ADA

The American Society of Constituent Dental Executives (ASCDE), representing state dental association executive directors and CEOs, believes that a unified tripartite is crucial for advancing the dental profession and its values.

As Executive Directors/CEOs of state dental associations, we often focus on the value of organized dentistry at the state and local levels. However, the American Dental Association is also an important, valuable partner in the tripartite structure of organized dentistry.

A dentist's membership in organized dentistry means the individual gets the benefit of the tripartite – the local dental society, the state dental association, and the ADA – all working together to support dentists and their practices, while also protecting dentistry as a profession and promoting the oral health of the public. The strong tripartite of organized dentistry helped to build the modern dental profession that we have today – a profession that is compassionate, inclusive, trusted, and respected.

Many ADA programs that provide direct assistance to dentists, regardless of practice modality, are highly visible and well known. Other ADA programs are less visible but no less valuable to dentistry, the public, and the tripartite. This includes critical support services to state dental associations and local dental societies. A discussion of some of the amazing benefits provided by the ADA can be found below.

Not every state dental association and local dental society uses all the support services offered by the ADA, but most have used several of these benefits at some point. Whether it is a grant to help advance a legislative issue, financial assistance with litigation, or an invitation to the ADA to weigh in on an important scientific issue, we all benefit from having access to ADA's resources. And similarly, we all benefit every time the ADA assists one of our sister state or local dental societies as it strengthens our collective body. We know that issues that are not adequately addressed in one state can blossom into problems in other states, which is why we stay unified in support of the tripartite and the dental profession wherever issues arise.

While dentistry's challenges continue to evolve so does organized dentistry as we rise to meet those challenges together as a strong, influential, and unified profession. Organized dentistry's engagement and membership market share are the envy of nearly all other professional associations, especially in the health care professions. The ASCDE strongly believes unity is critical as we address the unique challenges and opportunities facing dentistry today and build on our strong foundation to achieve continued success into the future. We are better together.

Essential ADA Benefits:

The Voice of the Dental Profession

The ADA is the public authority on all dental topics. When the national media outlets cover dental issues, they seek input from the ADA. The ADA's team of trained spokespeople and subject matter experts speak to the collective wisdom of the profession to the media, policymakers, and the public. For state or local level inquiries, we often turn to ADA resources or messaging to add validity and heft to our own communications. The ADA communications efforts protect and promote the dental profession and oral health from a position of credibility and authority unmatched by any other organization.

A Reliable Advocate

The ADA's federal advocacy has had a significantly positive impact on dental care, dental practices, and oral health. The ADA defends and promotes the profession and patients before Congress and federal regulatory agencies. The ADA routinely and successfully advocates to eliminate or reduce the impact of burdensome regulations on the practice of dentistry. No other organization can do that with such credibility. The recent passage of the Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act, which limits the antitrust exemption available to health and dental insurance companies under the McCarran-Ferguson Act, and the development of the dental licensure compact and other efforts that promote licensure portability, are recent examples of how the ADA's advocacy benefits patients and the profession.

ADA Standards Program

Setting standards is one of the most crucial roles of the ADA. From the specific torque at which dental handpieces spin to the wavelength at which dental curing lights cure, the ADA Standards cover almost every aspect of dentistry. These standards promote safety, reliability, and efficacy for dentists and the public. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration encourages dental product manufacturers to use FDA-recognized ADA consensus standards in their product submissions. No entity other than the ADA has the national presence and credibility to provide this crucial and valuable service.

Maintaining Strong Ethics

The ADA maintains the "ADA Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct." This is the universally accepted dental code of ethics in America and it serves as a publicly accessible reminder that patients come before commercial or financial interests. The ADA is the only organization that has the credibility to promote a code of ethics for the entire profession. The code is integral to ensuring dentistry remains a profession that is trusted by the public.

Creating Universal Codes

The ADA maintains the Code of Dental Procedures and Nomenclature (the CDT Code). The CDT code is the universally accepted standard for documenting dental treatment and ensures a level of consistency for payment of dental services. Only the ADA has the credibility that ensures these codes are universally accepted by payers, the government, and dentists. The ADA also ensures these codes are regularly reviewed and updated – keeping up with changes in technology and dental practice.

Science and Research

The ADA Science and Research Institute is crucial for advancement of dentistry through scientific research and provision of information that is practical, useful, and free from outside bias. The ADA's research allows for development of evidence-based best practices and clinical practice guidelines that drive innovation and support the delivery of optimal oral health care.

The ADA is regularly called upon by state and local dental societies to provide science and evidence-based information to regulatory bodies about dental amalgam, water fluoridation, and other dental-related issues. The ADA is the recognized preeminent resource for the science of issues related to dentistry.

Health Policy Institute

The ADA Health Policy Institute (HPI) conducts innovative studies on a wide range of topics impacting the U.S. dental economy, including access to dental care, the dental workforce, utilization and benefits, dental education, health care outcomes and more. A recent example of the importance of HPI is the COVID-19 Economic Impact on Dental Practices polling that was instrumental in providing valid data and guidance to policymakers and industry stakeholders during the pandemic.

ADA Credentialing Service

The ADA Credentialing Service allow dentists to avoid the repetitive, slow, and cumbersome method of submitting error-prone traditional paper applications for credentialing and re-credentialing. Through the ADA Credentialing system, dentists are able to retain ownership and control over access to their data while simultaneously reducing the administrative burden of filling out repetitive information for multiple dental plans. More than 100,000 dentists have used the ADA Credentialing Service, clearly illustrating its value.

Additional ADA Benefits and Programs

We could continue to go on about invaluable ADA programs and benefits like diversity leadership training, wellness and mental health support, and the ADA seal of acceptance program for consumer products that helps the public make informed decisions about dental-related products. There simply isn't enough space to list all that the ADA does to benefit the profession, the public, and oral health.

ADA Support for the Tripartite

One of the least visible aspects of the ADA is its support for state and local dental societies. Just as providing roads, electrical service, and water and sewer lines are important to our communities, the ADA provides important infrastructure that sustains and enhances the work of state dental associations and local dental societies across America. These "public works" may not be as visible as the direct benefits like advocacy and dental practice support, but they are no less vital to the success of organized dentistry and the dental profession.

For example, the ADA aggregates best practices and provides toolkits for various issues, including membership recruitment and retention and in-office dental plans. The ADA also provides expert information about dental insurance reform legislation, which encompasses dental loss ratio, noncovered services, prior authorization, and virtual credit cards. All of these tools can be modified to fit specific specifications and help state dental associations save time and resources while advancing issues that benefit member dentists.

Perhaps the most underpublicized aspect of the ADA's support for the tripartite is its investment in technology to provide local dental societies and state dental associations with a shared membership management database and software that enhance our ability to meet and track member dentists' specific needs, streamline processes, assist with governance, and aid meeting planning. The ADA's investment in this technology saves state and local resources and enhances our effectiveness.

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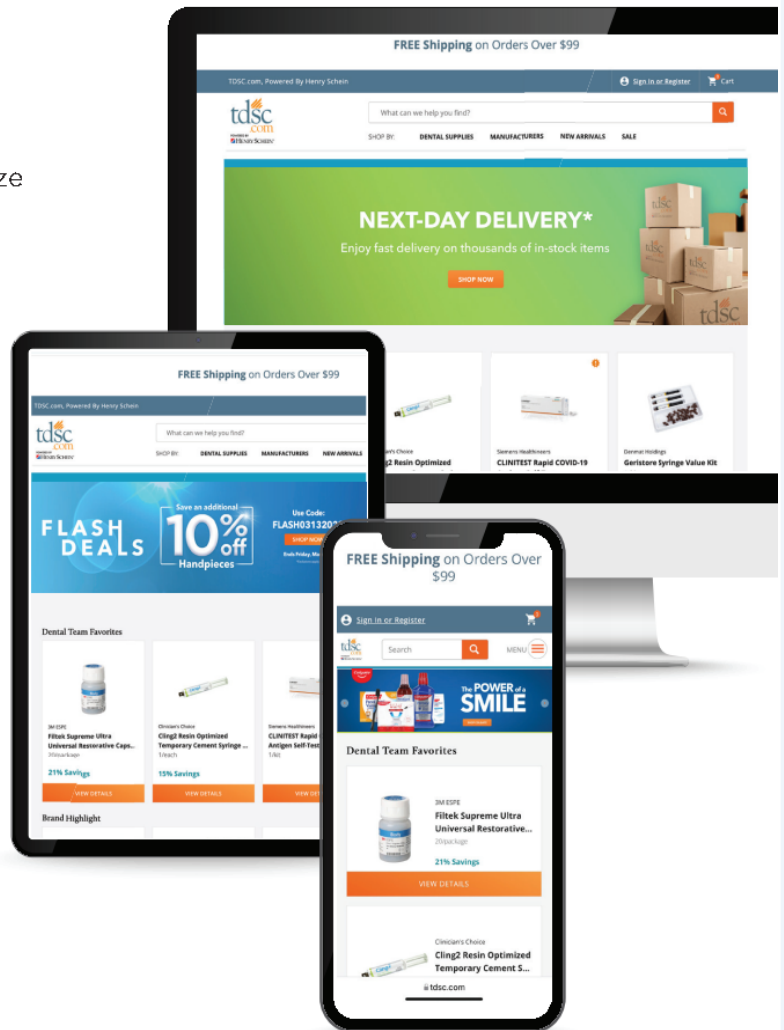
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Dr. Shepley: ADA is poised to lead on key public health issue

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The ADA's focus on oral health as a key component of overall health puts it in a unique position to promote a healthier society by addressing the risks of consuming too much dietary sugar, ADA President George R. Shepley, D.D.S., wrote in an editorial in *The Journal of the American Dental Association*. The ADA's Presidential Task Force on Sugar, Nutrition and Diet has finished its review of policy in this area and will present recommendations to the Board of Trustees on ways to expand ADA involvement and promote dental-medical collaboration.

[Full Story: Taking a Stand to Promote Systemic Health](#)

ADA releases free 3D printing guide

ADA Morning Huddle, September 1, 2023



A free 3D printing resource from the ADA offers guidance on the features dentists may consider when purchasing a 3D printer for their practice. The guide, created by the ADA Council on Dental Practice's Digital Dentistry Technology and Innovation subcommittee with input from the American Dental Education Association, includes a chart comparing features, print times and indications for use.

[Full Story: ADA 3D Printing Guide](#)

Guideline recommends treatment for dental pain in children

ADA Weekend Huddle, September 2, 2023

A new clinical practice guideline developed by the ADA Science and Research Institute, the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine and the Center for Integrative Global Oral Health at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine recommends acetaminophen or nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs like ibuprofen as first-line treatments for acute dental pain in children younger than 12. The guideline is included in the September issue of *The Journal of the American Dental Association*.

[Full Story: ADA Guideline for Managing Pain in Pediatric Patients](#)

2nd person dies from TB linked with bone matrix lot

ADA Weekend Huddle, September 2, 2023

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that a second person has died as a result of tuberculosis associated with FiberCel Fiber Viable Bone Matrix manufactured by Aziyo Biologics. Thirty-six people had dental or medical procedures that used this product lot, and CDC and Food and Drug Administration officials are working with health agencies and affected medical facilities to help ensure patients are evaluated and treated.

[Full Story: TB Death Linked with Bone Matrix Lot](#)

Study evaluates amalgam use for fillings

ADA Morning Huddle, September 5, 2023

A study from Epic Research, conducted with input from ADA Science & Research Institute staff, looked at the use of amalgam containing mercury in fillings and if there was a decrease in dental fillings that use amalgam overall. Researchers noted demographic differences.

[Full Story: Amalgam Fillings Evaluated](#)

ADA Livestream Event - Beyond the Smile: Exploring Oral Pathology for Dental Professionals

ADA Morning Huddle, September 5, 2023

Join us for "Beyond the Smile: Exploring Oral Pathology for Dental Professionals," 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. CT on Sept. 7. Dr. Ashley Clark and Dr. Sonal S. Shah will give an overview of examination techniques, review common oral lesions and lead a discussion about how to make the appropriate referrals for positive results. This course is appropriate for dentists and their teams. 3 CE credits. [Learn more and register today!](#)



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