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Dr. Steven A. Guttenberg

Letter from the DC Dental Society President Steven A. Guttenberg, DDS, MD

I look forward to seeing many of you at this month's Society CE meeting on Tuesday, December 10. A reminder that the meeting will be held at the Washington Marriott Georgetown (1221 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20037) due to renovations at our usual venue – the Westin Georgetown. Additionally, as parking is valet only and expensive at the Marriott, I encourage you to make alternative arrangements to drive/park to the meeting.

For those of you or your dental team members (hygienists and assistants) that have not yet obtained the two hours of LGBTQ cultural competency training that is required to renew your DC license/registration, the Society is providing a last chance to fulfill this requirement. The course will occur immediately prior to Tuesday's monthly CE Meeting at the Washington Marriott Georgetown from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. To register visit the DC Dental Society [website](#).

Last week we celebrated Thanksgiving. This month we have Christmas, Chanukah, and Kwanzaa. They each celebrate an occasion that brings joy to the celebrants. One of these events is religious, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Chanukah commemorates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem when the wicks of the menorah miraculously burned for eight days, even though there was only enough sacred oil for one day's lighting. Kwanzaa honors African heritage in African-American culture.

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I love this time of the year because people seem to be calmer, friendlier and more peaceful. You can even see people walking around downtown smiling. People seem kinder to one another more so than other times of the year.

The proclamation of “peace on earth and goodwill to all” is often evoked at this time of year. While religious in origin (Luke 2:14), this expression sums up for many the warm feeling that is synonymous not only with Christmas (the religious holiday) but also for Christmas-time (the secular celebration), conveying an implicit hope, a spirit of generosity and a kindly disposition toward others.

It is always my optimistic outlook that the same good feelings that permeate December will extend to the other eleven months. Perhaps we will all get to see that utopia. Hopefully we can all contribute to that objective.

On behalf of the District of Columbia Dental Society, I wish each of you a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy 2020.

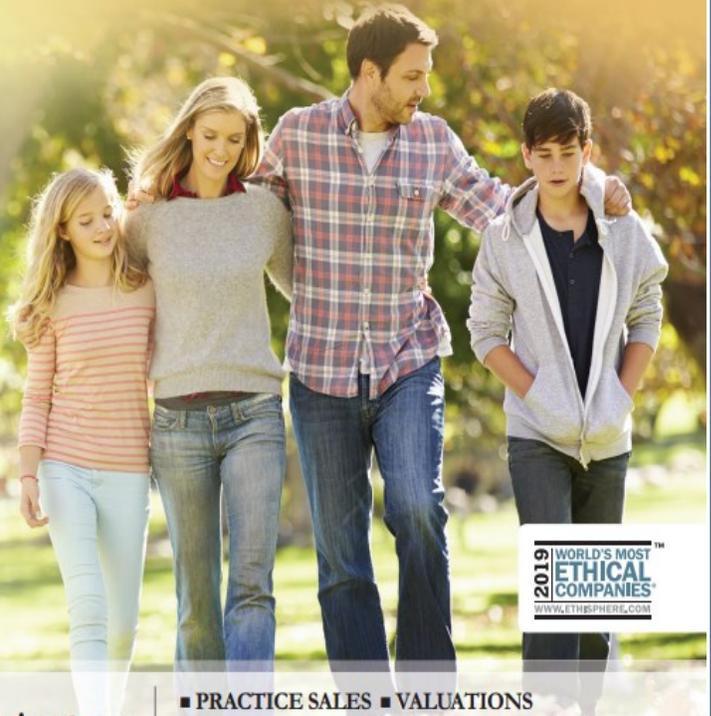
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Welcome New Members



Dr. Arshdeep Ruby Chhina started her dental career in India. When she moved to the United States, she attended the University of Detroit Mercy, where she received her Doctorate of Dental Surgery. Dr. Chhina now lives in Northern Virginia with her spouse and their son.

The Future of Diversity in Dentistry

Still Need LGBTQ Cultural Sensitivity for Licensure Renewal?

The D.C. Dental Society is proud to announce that we will host an LGBTQ Cultural Competency course prior to our December Monthly Meeting at the **Washington Marriot Georgetown**. The meeting speaker is Jasmin Haley, RDH, MSDH, CDA.

Dental professionals value the role that diversity contributes to society. Diversity has evolved and includes more than race and ethnicity. Many diverse populations are underserved or overlooked. There are a number of populations that have growing evidence of health disparities. Dental professionals must prepare themselves for the future of diversity and develop strategies to provide the best patient-centered care. This course will provide cultural sensitivity training for the LGBTQIA population.

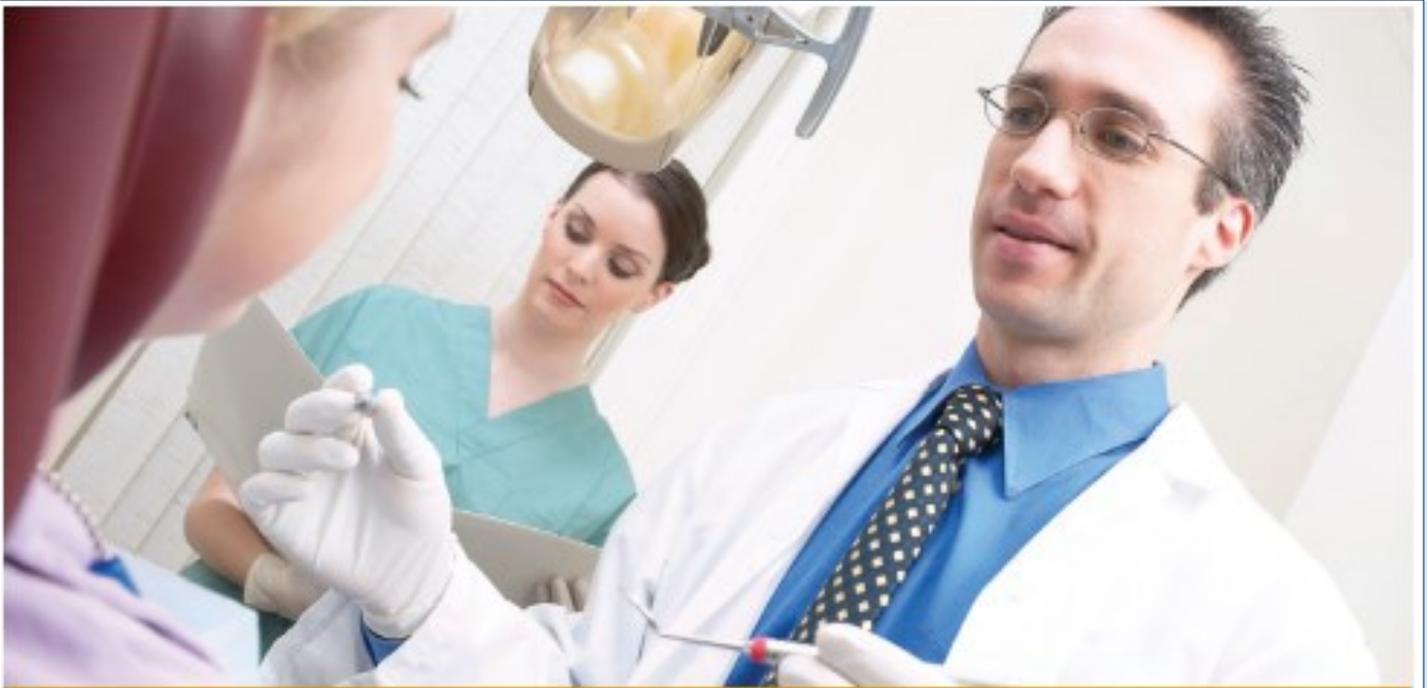


December 10, 2019
3:00pm – 5:00pm

For more details, including the speaker bio and learning objectives, [click here](#). Space is limited so members are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

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Sleep Related Breathing Disorders in Dentistry-Time to Look Beyond the Teeth

December Monthly Meeting

The December DC Dental Society monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, December 10 at the Washington Marriott Georgetown and will feature two sessions by Dr. John C Comisi.

Nearly one in four adult patients that sat in your chair today has a sleep-related breathing disorder. Did you know that you can help them, and even save their lives?

There is a huge unmet need in your dental practice, and as dentist you are able to spot some of the airway symptoms before anyone else. Did you know that one of the leading treatment options for sleep apnea are oral appliances, and only dentists can provide them?

Treatment of sleep disorders is one of the fastest growing fields of medicine and recent developments have put dentists on the front line. With Obstructive Sleep Apnea reaching epidemic levels in our society you have a unique opportunity to save the lives of those suffering while adding a valuable service in your practice.

The monthly meeting will be divided into two sessions:

- Session 1 6:00pm to 7:30pm
- Session 2 7:45pm to 8:45pm

For more details, including the speaker bio and learning objectives, [click here](#). Space is limited so members are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Pre-registration ends Monday, December 9 at 5:00 p.m.

Attention! Location Change for December Monthly Meeting

The December Monthly Meeting will be at a different location: the Washington Marriott Georgetown, 1221 22nd St NW. This is just around the corner from our regular location at the Westin Georgetown, which is undergoing parking garage construction during this time. The room will be the Dupont Ballroom. We look forward to seeing you at the Washington Marriott Georgetown in next week. The Marriott parking rate will **not** be the same as the Westin. You are strongly encouraged to park off site.

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Kurt Gallagher Named Executive Director of DCDS



The DC Dental Society leadership has appointed Kurt Gallagher to serve as executive director. Kurt brings more than 20 years of experience working with associations and a proven track record of success across a diverse spectrum of professional societies and associations in the healthcare sector. He has enabled the success of organizations that he has served through reinventing programs, diversifying non-dues revenue opportunities, leading legislative and advocacy initiatives and building diverse and highly functioning staff teams. He looks forward to serving the Society and working with the volunteer leadership to continue to build on the recent successes of the organization. Kurt is a skilled, self-taught culinarian; a pet lover (although not currently a pet owner); and an avid traveler. Some of Kurt's favorite places are New Orleans, Louisiana; Banff, Canada; Madrid, Spain (where he studied abroad just a few years ago); Florence, Italy; and Shanghai, China.



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Dr. Chiche is Clinical Professor at Augusta University, Dental College of Georgia where he recently completed his 10-year term as the Thomas P. Hinman Endowed Professor in Restorative Dentistry, and Director of the Center for Esthetic & Implant Dentistry. He holds the title of Professor Emeritus from Louisiana State University, School of Dentistry. He is a Past President of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry and is also the author of two textbooks in Esthetic Dentistry Esthetics of Anterior Fixed Restorations, and Smile Design - A guide for Clinician, Ceramist and Patient, both published by Quintessence Pub. Co. He became in 2009 the first recipient of the Endowed Chair sponsored by the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Society.

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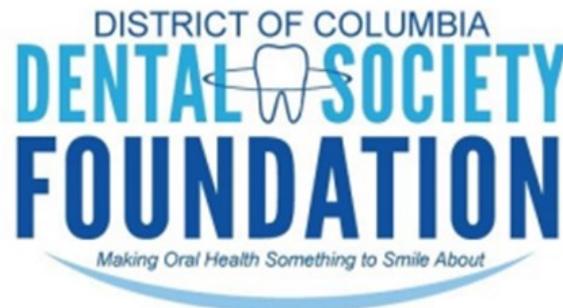
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Volunteers Needed: 2020 NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo

The DC Dental Society Foundation will again be providing oral cancer screenings at the 2020 NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo occurring Saturday, January 18 and Sunday January 19, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. Dentist volunteers will work two hour shifts performing screenings and will staff an "Ask an Expert" booth. We will also have opportunities for students, hygienists, and dental assistants to assist the dentists performing the screenings.

Last year, DCDS volunteers performed nearly 500 screenings for attendees of the Expo. 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.



Howard University February Networking Event: Call for Volunteers

Howard University College of Dentistry AAPD Student Chapter will be holding a Residency Preparedness Program during the Spring Semester.

DCDS members, including general practitioners and specialists, are asked to volunteer. This is an evening event at Howard University, and includes dinner and networking. Please e-mail info@dcdental.org and indicate which date you are available:

- Saturday, February 29, 2020
- Monday, March 2, 2020
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November Business Meeting Update

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New Book from the ADA Teaches Dentists How to Appraise Clinical Results and Find Research They Can Use and Trust

[*How to Use Evidence-Based Dental Practices to Improve Your Clinical Decision-Making*](#) will help you understand how to incorporate the most up-to-date scientific evidence in clinical decisions. You will learn how to decipher published papers, recognize the strength and weaknesses of clinical studies and apply appropriate treatment and therapies to specific cases. It contains several case scenarios that illustrate the process of discovering and validating clinical studies, as well as articles from *The Journal of American Dental Association*.

ADA Launches New Tool To Help Members Develop Financial Policies

The [ADA News](#) (11/6, Burger) reports that the Association, with the help of CareCredit, has launched the ADA Financial Policy Builder Tool to help dentists develop their financial policies. The free interactive tool, available [here](#) and [here](#), "features a survey in which the dentist's answers to a brief series of questions will automatically generate a set of customized financial policy documents that the dentist can share with patients." The tool is "the newest addition to the Guidelines for Practice Success suite of resources at the ADA Center for Professional Success sponsored by the ADA Council on Dental Practice." Dr. Rudy Liddell, chair of the Council on Dental Practice, said, "It's a good idea to provide patients with a written, formal financial policy that details the specific provisions of any financing options available in your practice."

The complete Guidelines for Practice Success module on Managing Finances, which features more than 40 articles and original resources, can be accessed at ADA.org/gps. CareCredit is the provider of patient financing endorsed by ADA Member Advantage. For more information on CareCredit, visit carecredit.com/dental.

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