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**Dr. Steven A. Guttenberg**

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

Part of our responsibility as leaders of the Dental Society is to keep the membership informed of issues that can affect them and their well-being. In that regard I would like to share some information that I received while attending the latest DC Board of Dentistry open session in October—a monthly meeting that a DC Dental Society leader attends to ensure that our members are informed. As is done at every meeting, the Board’s Executive Director, Dr. Vito DelVento, informs the Board on the current census of licenses held in DC.

He announced that there are 1,540 dentists licensed and 901 dental assistants registered to practice in our jurisdiction. Of course, not all of those with active licenses are practicing here, but many do. The Board did the math and it is clear that there are numerous dentists who are practicing with either no dental assistants or with assistants that are not registered with the District of Columbia. They pointed out that the latter is illegal and that they are going to be cracking down on those dentists. The penalties are stiff and the Board of Dentistry and the DCDS encourage all of our members to make certain that their dental assistants are registered.

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Now that the Board of Dentistry is finalizing regulations for the administration of oral and parental sedation and anesthesia, they are looking for other areas of dentistry to address, particularly expansion of scope regarding facial rejuvenation with neuromuscular blockers (e.g., Botox) and dermal fillers (e.g., Restylane). The Board would like input from our members as to what procedures they would like to be added to those already approved. Please send in your wish list to the DCDS by emailing them to [info@dcdental.org](mailto:info@dcdental.org) and I will hand deliver them to the Board. If you have any questions please give me a call.

We had a fantastic Fall Symposium for Licensure a few weeks ago at the Georgetown University Conference Center. Over 300 dentists, hygienists and assistants attended the event. Congratulations to Fall Symposium Program Committee Chair Dr Kim Menhinick and her committee comprised of Drs. Isabelle Lass, Amy Orta and Lindsay Woods.

I hope to see you all at our next in-person CE Meeting that will occur on Tuesday, November 12. A reminder that immediately prior to the CE presentation, the membership will be asked to approve updates to the DCDS bylaws, as well as a \$20 dues increase for 2020. The Board has determined that this modest increase is necessary for the Society's ongoing fiscal health.

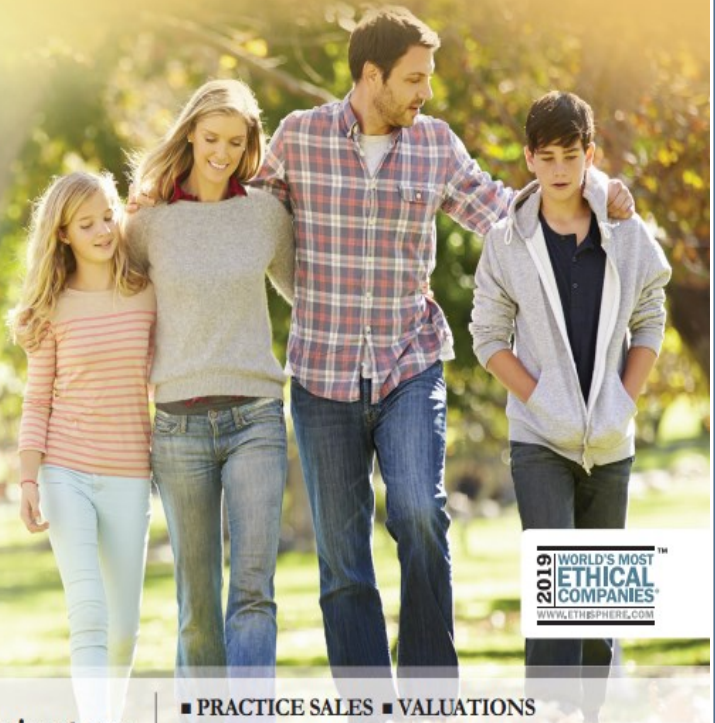
Sincerely,



Steven A. Guttenberg, DDS, MD  
DCDS President

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## Welcome New Members



**Dr. Tuan Tran** attended the University of Maryland, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology. He later pursued the field of dentistry and earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree, Certificate in Orthodontics degree and Master of Science (M.S.) degree from Baltimore College of Dental Surgery. Dr. Tran's ultimate goal is to combine the latest technology in the field of orthodontics with his innate artistic skills to achieve a beautiful smile for his patients.



**Dr. Ronan Freyne** attended Georgetown University for his undergraduate degrees in psychology and biology before moving on to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Dr. Freyne lives in Cleveland Park with wife Cindy and dog Keely. He enjoys playing the guitar and attending Georgetown Hoyas basketball games. He also likes to stay active, and cycling and swimming are two of his favorite activities.



**Dr. Imani Lewis** completed his undergraduate education at Morehouse College where he graduated Magna Cum Laude and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society. After college, Dr. Lewis continued his education at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, where he earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. Outside of dentistry, Dr. Lewis enjoys staying active, traveling, watching professional sports, and spending time with his wife and dog.



**Dr. Gustavo Mongelos** graduated top of his class in 1987 at the National University of Asuncion, Paraguay. He then graduated top of his class again in 1993 at Howard University College of Dentistry after a two year Pediatric Dentistry Program. He is an avid long distance runner and tennis player, having completed several marathons in the last few years. He is a father of three vibrant and beautiful daughters.



**Dr. Gbeminiyi Oluleye** is a native of the Washington metropolitan area. He attended Howard University College of Dentistry and completed a year of his residency at Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx, New York in 2014. Dr. Oluleye practices general dentistry at Eye Street Dental Center on I street.

# Local Anesthesia Update and Review; Improving the Patient Experience

## November Monthly Meeting

The November DC Dental Society monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, November 12 at the Westin Georgetown and will feature two sessions by Dr. Dean M. DeLuke.

Patients commonly report fear or dread related to dental anesthesia—they either fear the injection itself, or they report that the anesthetic did not completely alleviate the pain of the procedure. This two-part presentation will cover advances in anesthetic agents and armamentarium, review of pertinent anatomy and pharmacology, and troubleshooting complications and anesthetic failures.



**Session 1-** The first session will review clinically relevant pharmacology and anatomy critical to the safe and effective administration of local anesthesia. Alternate techniques that may be employed in certain specific clinical contexts will also be discussed.

**Session 2-** This session builds upon the foundation material presented in the first session and attendees are strongly encouraged to participate in both sessions. Session 2 focuses on the recognition and avoidance of complications, troubleshooting anesthetic failures and newer concepts in local anesthesia administration—including but not limited to buffering agents, alternate delivery mechanisms, and an approach to the patient with reported allergy to local anesthesia.

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, November 11 at 5:00 p.m.

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<i>Presentation Topic</i>	<i>Location:</i>
Local Anesthesia Update and Review; Improving the Patient Experience	Westin Georgetown 2350 M St NW Washington, DC 20037
<i>Schedule</i>	<i>Parking at the Westin</i>
5:30 p.m. –Registration/ Buffet	Before 5:00 p.m.: \$15
Opens	After 5:00 p.m.: \$10
5:45 p.m. — Business Meeting	
6:00 p.m. — Session 1	
7:30 p.m. — Break	
7:45 p.m. — Session 2	
8:45 p.m.— Event Ends	



## 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 Marriott Georgetown. The meeting speaker is Jasmin Haley, RDH, MSDH, CDA.

### The Future of Diversity in Dentistry

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. **Members-only registration ends Monday, November 11 at 5:00 p.m.** After that, registration will be open to all.

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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 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Session 2 7:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

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, November 11 at 5:00 p.m.

### **Attention!** Location Change for December Monthly Meeting

The December Monthly Meeting will be held 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 December!

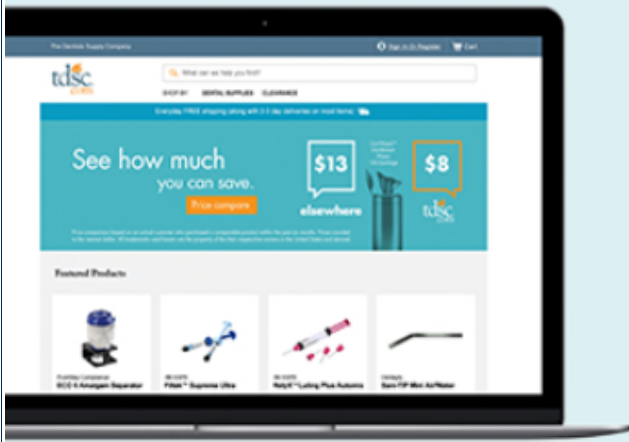
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## Happy Hour on November 20th

Happy Hour! Note New Location!



Join us for the Fall Happy Hour on November 20th. Network with DC dental professionals!

The next DCDS Happy Hour is Wednesday, November 20 at [Calico](#), from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Calico: 50 Blagden Alley NW, Washington, DC 20001  
Mark your calendar! [Click here to sign up for a reminder](#)



## Another Symposium in the Books!

Over 300 dental professionals attended the DC Dental Society's Fall Symposium for Licensure. The Society is committed to continuing to serve the needs of members and dental professionals in the district. We wish everyone a smooth and easy licensing renewal!



## Member Bylaws Vote

Members will vote on changes to the bylaws at the November 12 monthly meeting. These changes were announced at the September monthly meeting, and have been posted on the website. The changes update the bylaws to reflect current practice. Members are urged to [read the bylaws changes](#) and come prepared to vote.

Please [click here](#) for the full committee recommendations.

## Member Spotlight: Kudos to Advanced Endodontics Associates

DCDS Board Member Dr. Kim Menhinick and her partners, Drs. Simon, Ribera and Assadipour along with the team at Advanced Endodontics Associates came in on a Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, to perform endodontic therapy on 16 patients referred by Spanish Catholic Charities/Archdiocese of Greater Washington. Thanks to Dr. Menhinick and DCDS member Dr. Lucciola Lambruschini, Director of Dental Services for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, all 16 patients will retain their teeth and be free of pain. Many DCDS members volunteer for Spanish Catholic Charities. If you'd like to help out, contact "Dr. L" at 202-939-2400, ext. 925.



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