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# NEWSLETTER

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**Dr. Pierre Cartier**

## **Letter from the D.C. Dental Society President Pierre Cartier, DMD, MPH, FAGD, FICD, FACD**

October was a busy month for DCDS! In addition to our monthly meeting and our first in-person happy hour of the year, several members attended the ADA House of Delegates meeting at SmileCon 2021 in Las Vegas. The 2021 House of Delegates session was particularly noteworthy in that our District IV trustee, Dr. George Shepley, was elected President-Elect of the ADA. I have known Dr. Shepley for several years, having first met him through my involvement in the Academy of General Dentistry. Dr. Shepley is keenly aware of the issues we face in dental medicine and will bring a member-oriented approach to addressing these at the national level. Again, I would like to extend congratulations to Dr. Shepley in being elected to this important post. We look forward to working with him over the next two years.

SmileCon 2022 will be hosted in Houston, Texas. If you did not attend this year’s event, I would encourage you to consider attending next year’s conference. I found that this year’s “annual session” offered something for everyone. The ADA has re-designed its annual meeting to be more “participant-focused,” with an emphasis on accessibility and engagement; this change is in concert with the ADA’s goal of meeting the evolving personal, professional, and organizational needs of all members. SmileCon 2021 offered three registration options, including an “online only” option for dentists and staff that might not be able to physically attend the meeting. This registration option is illustrative of a growing trend in conferences – offering a “hybrid” meeting that ultimately allows more attendees to participate. This concept allowed attendees with family, work, or other obligations to participate in SmileCon 2021.

Relative to past meetings, SmileCon 2021 provided an increased degree of engagement that extended beyond the “traditional” offerings of past conferences.

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Cover Photo (left to right): Secretary Dr. Sally Cram, Alternate Delegate Dr. Patrick Grogan and Delegate Dr. Angela Noguera represented DC dentists at the ADA House of Delegates meeting in October 2021.



# November CE Event (Virtual Only): “Regeneration Options in Periodontics and When a General Dentist Should Make a Referral”

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Clinical CE Presentation by Dr. Melody Ward

[Register Here](#)

## Business Meeting Begins at 5:45 PM

Nominations will be accepted during the business meeting for DCDS's delegation to the ADA House of Delegates.

Educational program begins at approximately 6:00 PM.

CE Credits Offered: 2.5 CE Credits

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

Visit the [DCDS Registration Fees & Cancellation Policy page](#) for more details on registration.

## Program Description:

Periodontitis leads to clinical attachment loss and often the formation of periodontal bay defects. The predictable regeneration and management of these defects remains an important goal in the treatment of periodontitis. This presentation will address important site-related and patient-related factors that can affect surgical outcomes, and when to consider referral of such patients to maximize success.

Session 1: 1.5 hours

Understanding defect classification, risk assessment, surgical and postoperative management

Session 2: 1 hour

Determinants of success, complications, knowing when to refer

## Learning Objectives:

- Understand the types of defects and predictability of treatment.
- Understand regenerative procedures for treating periodontal defects.
- Identify site and patient-related factors affecting surgical outcomes in GTR.
- Be able to do a risk assessment for treatment success.
- Know when to refer patients with periodontal defects for best predictability.



While SmileCon 2021 offered didactic and hands-on workshops, the exhibit floor offered numerous seminars on business management and personal development that provided more “one-on-one” engagement with speakers and exposure to topics beyond “traditional” clinical topics. The demand for these topics has increased over the past years, particularly with the management and interpersonal stressors we have all encountered during the COVID-19 pandemic. Further, this conference also offered hobby and interest “meetup” groups that facilitated community building outside of dental medicine, supporting the ever-important notion of life-work balance.

Like the ADA, DCDS is also looking to meet members’ evolving needs and develop programming beyond that “traditionally” associated with our Society. During the coming months, you may be asked to participate in surveys or focus groups to better ascertain ideas for future programming. Please be sure to keep an eye out for these efforts and participate when called upon to respond. The information you provide will help us to better define and tailor the “member experience” in the short-, intermediate-, and long-term horizons.

As a reminder, our November meeting will be held via Zoom on November 9, 2021. Our speaker, Dr. Melody Ward, will present “Regeneration Options in Periodontics and When a General Dentist Should Make a Referral.” I always tell my residents that “periodontology is central to all other areas of dental medicine. Restoring or replacing teeth on a weak periodontium is like building a house on sand.” Whether you are a general dentist or specialist, Dr. Ward’s presentation should provide valuable insight that will guide your communication with patients and aid your clinical decision-making. Our monthly business meeting will occur from 5:45 – 6:00 pm. Please make sure to register as soon as possible; a Zoom link will be sent to those members who have registered.

Barring additional pandemic-related changes, **we are planning to hold our December 14th meeting in a hybrid format** (e.g., with both in-person and online attendance options). Dr. Amelia Orta will discuss “Anterior Esthetic Indirect Restorations: Treatment Planning, Materials, and Execution.” Please keep an eye out for additional information regarding registration.

Again, thank you for your support of our Society, profession, and the public we serve.

Pierre M. Cartier, DMD, MPH, FAGD, FICD, FACD  
2021-2022 DCDS President

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# Upcoming Presentations of the 2021-2022 Continuing Education Program

Monthly business meeting begins at 5:45 p.m. Educational session begins at approximately 6:00 p.m.

## Register Here

[Visit the DCDS website](#) for course information, speaker bios, fees and cancellation policy.

### Tuesday, December 14th (In Person)

Anterior Esthetic Indirect Restorations:  
Treatment Planning, Materials & Execution  
CE Credits Offered: 2.5 CE Credits  
Course Presenter: Dr. Amelia Orta



Dr. Amelia Orta



### Tuesday, January 11th (Virtual)

Current Dental Materials  
CE Credits Offered: 2.5 CE Credits  
Course Presenter: Dr. Lee Ann Brady

Dr. Lee Ann Brady

### Tuesday, February 8th (In Person)

Digital Dentistry in Practice  
CE Credits Offered: 2.5 CE Credits  
Course Presenter: Dr. Paul Zhivago



Dr. Paul Zhivago



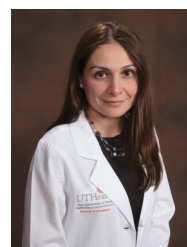
### Wednesday, March 9th (In Person)

How to Take Control of One's Online Reputation and How to Respond to Negative Patient Feedback (Non-Clinical)  
CE Credits Offered: 2.5 CE Credits  
Course Presenter: Dr. Len Tau

Dr. Len Tau

### Tuesday, May 10th (Virtual)

Laser Dentistry  
CE Credits Offered: 2.5 CE Credits  
Course Presenters: Dr. Dr. Shalizeh (Shelly) Patel and Dr. Juliana Barros



Dr. Shelly Patel



Dr. Juliana Barros

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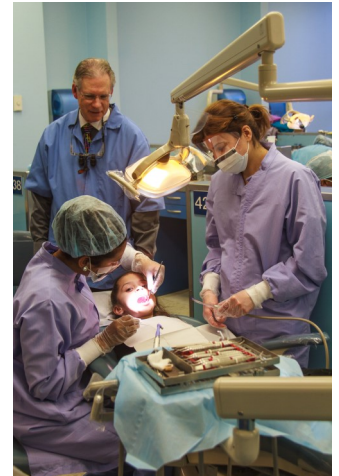
## Answer the call through D.C. Dental Cares, the new pro bono program of the D.C. Dental Society Foundation

Did you hear that the DCDS Foundation has a new program to provide pro bono dental care to members of the Washington Community in need called D.C. Dental Cares? This program launched earlier this year under a partnership with the Catholic Charities Health Care Network.

Through this program, D.C. dentists will be able to provide pro bono treatment for patients in their own office with no long term commitment. The type and amount of treatment rendered to these patients is entirely at the discretion of the dentist. Patients will be pre-screened for their eligibility for this program based on their economic status. Our member dentists will receive a referral, which outlines the patient's general oral health needs and their chief complaint.

Sign up to participate via a brief [online form](#) via the button below.

*Photo features just some of the DCDS members who have given their time to provide free care to the D.C. community in recent years.*



## Sign Up for D.C. Dental Cares

## Welcome New Member



**Dr. Jiakun Cheng** received her DMD from Case Western Reserve University as a recipient of the HPSP Scholarship. She proudly served as an Army dentist treating soldiers and their families for four years in Germany and Japan. After separating from the military this past July, she joined Thomas M. Wall, DDS, PC & Associates. She lives with her husband and two puppies in Fairfax, VA. In her free time she plays viola in the Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia and volunteers at the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic. She loves to make pottery even though she isn't great at it and regularly terrorizes her family with her kitchen concoctions.

## DCDS bylaws amendment vote on December 14th

During the December 14th business meeting, the DCDS membership will vote on a proposed bylaws amendment to synchronize the DCDS fiscal year with the ADA's membership year. This change will have no impact on the membership period of DCDS members. This change will improve DCDS' efficiency by shifting the DCDS fiscal year to run from January through December. Read the text of the proposed bylaws amendment by clicking on the image at the right.



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### Proposed Bylaws Amendment

Purpose: to Synchronize DCDS Fiscal Year with ADA

#### 9.10 FISCAL YEAR

The Society's fiscal year shall be a twelve-month period beginning [January 1 and ending December 31](#) ~~September 1 of one year and ending August 31 of the following year.~~

# DCDS Fall 2021 Symposium for Licensure Recordings

Session recordings will be available for 30 days from the date of the live presentation. There is still time to complete for these courses required for license renewal.

[Register Here](#)

For course descriptions, learning objectives and information on the speakers, visit the [Symposium page](#). Visit the [DCDS Registration Fees & Cancellation Policy page](#) for more details on registration.

**OSHA Compliance & Infection Control for Dental Professionals**  
CE Credits Offered: 2 CE Credits  
Course Presenter: Olivia Wann  
**Live Presentation: Wednesday, October 27th**



**Providing Patient-Centered Care - a course on LGBTQIA + Cultural Sensitivity**  
CE Credits Offered: 2 CE Credits  
Course Presenter: Shannon Whittington  
**Live Presentation: Thursday, October 28th**

**Ethics Questioned vs. Questionable Ethics**  
CE Credits Offered: 1 CE Credit  
Course Presenter: Susan Gunn  
**Live Presentation: Wednesday, November 3rd**



**Implementing Best Practices for Acute Dental Pain to Optimize Analgesia and Minimize Substance Abuse**  
2 CE Hours Offered  
Dr. Raymond Dionne  
**Live Presentation: Thursday, November 4th**

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# Licensing Renewals Portal Is Open

The DC licensing portal is now open for the submission of license renewal applications for dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants.

Licensing Portal Instructions

Log Into Licensing Portal

DC Health strongly encourages all users to review the instructions prior to beginning the process. **License renewal applications must be submitted by December 31, 2021.**

DC Health notes that while all demographic information and some documents may be provided as part of the online application, many primary source documents must still be mailed directly to DC Health at the following address:

DC Health  
Attn.: Board of Dentistry  
899 N. Capitol St. NE, 2nd Floor  
Washington, DC 20002

Technical issues registering, logging-in or completing the application process, may be reported to the help desk ticket by clicking on the **“Contact Support”** button at the bottom of the page.

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](#).

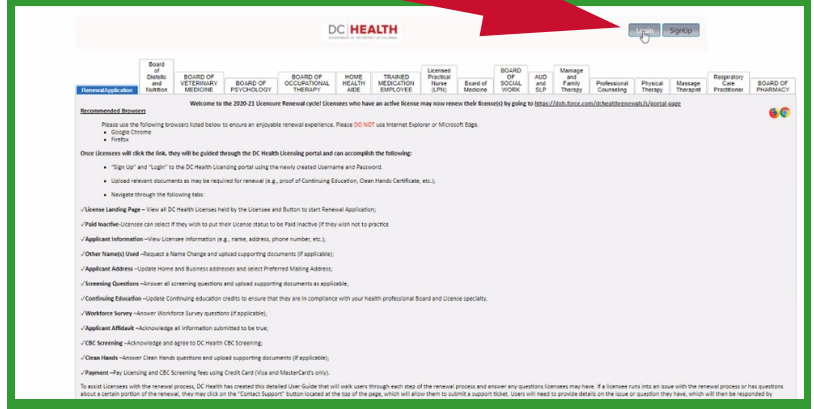
## Continuing Education Hours

Dentists are required to complete 30 hours of continuing education for their 2021 license renewal application. Members of the DC Dental Society have the option of logging their continuing education hours through the DCDS website. DCDS and ADA courses taken by members are automatically loaded onto their CE record. DCDS members may log courses taken through other CE providers via the [DCDS CE Tracker](#).

## Required CE Courses

Since January of 2020, DCDS has offered 38.5 CE hours in clinical topics that may be counted toward your license renewal. Nearly all of these hours (31.5) were provided to you at no cost as a benefit of your membership, and many of these courses are still available for playback if you need additional hours to satisfy the 30 CE hour requirement. Courses in November and December will provide an additional 5 CE Hours.

Having trouble logging into the Licensing Portal? Use the button to the left or the Login button on the DC Health website found here.







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*ADA Morning Huddle, November 1, 2021*



GKAS is the ADA's access to oral health care program for underserved children. Thousands of dentists and volunteers give their time to provide free oral health education, screenings and treatment. For almost 20 years, the program has helped bring care to more than 6 million children in need. And now, as we approach the 20th anniversary of GKAS, we invite you to join us in this effort. To learn how you can be part of the GKAS movement, visit [ADA.org/GKAS](https://ada.org/GKAS) today!

## Presidential framework for the social spending plan does not include Medicare dental

*ADA Morning Huddle, November 1, 2021*

A framework for the social spending plan released by President Joe Biden on Thursday would include expanding Medicare only to include hearing benefits but not dental and vision care as was initially proposed, The Hill reported. The framework is not final, and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., has said that the issue of adding dental, hearing and vision benefits to Medicare is "not negotiable."

**Full Story:** <https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/578867-white-house-framework-includes-medicaid-workaround-no-medicare-dental-or>

## ADA HPI poll finds strong confidence in recovery

*ADA Finance and Operations Huddle, October 30, 2021*

The ADA Health Policy Institute's [poll of dentists](#) conducted the week of Oct. 11 found that some key indicators of practice performance have stabilized, and 3 out of 4 polled dentists expressed some or high confidence in their practice's recovery. Respondents reported patient volumes of 90% of pre-pandemic levels, while a majority said the prevalence of stress-related oral health issues such as bruxism and chipped or cracked teeth had increased, according to ADA News. One in 5 dentists have increased fees, and 16% have changed suppliers or laboratories for financial reasons, while nearly 1 in 4 dentists said they plan to hire more staff over the next three months.

**Full Story:** <https://www.ada.org/en/publications/ada-news/2021-archive/october/hpi-dentists-report-economic-impact-of-pandemic-stabilizing>

## HHS guidance covers vaccination status questions

*ADA Finance and Operations Huddle, October 30, 2021*

Guidance from the Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights said the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act does not prohibit businesses and individuals, including certain health care providers covered by HIPAA, from asking people to disclose their COVID-19 vaccination status, ADA News reported. The guidance said the Privacy Rule does not regulate HIPAA-covered entities' ability to request vaccination status and other protected health information from patients or the public, but it does cover how and when the information may be used and disclosed. The Privacy Rule does not cover employers and employment records and does not prohibit employers from requiring employees to state their vaccination status, show proof vaccination and sign a HIPAA authorization allowing a provider to disclose their vaccination record to the employer.

**Full Story:** <https://www.ada.org/en/publications/ada-news/2021-archive/october/hipaa-does-not-prohibit-providers-from-requesting-covid-19-vaccination-status-of-patients-employees>

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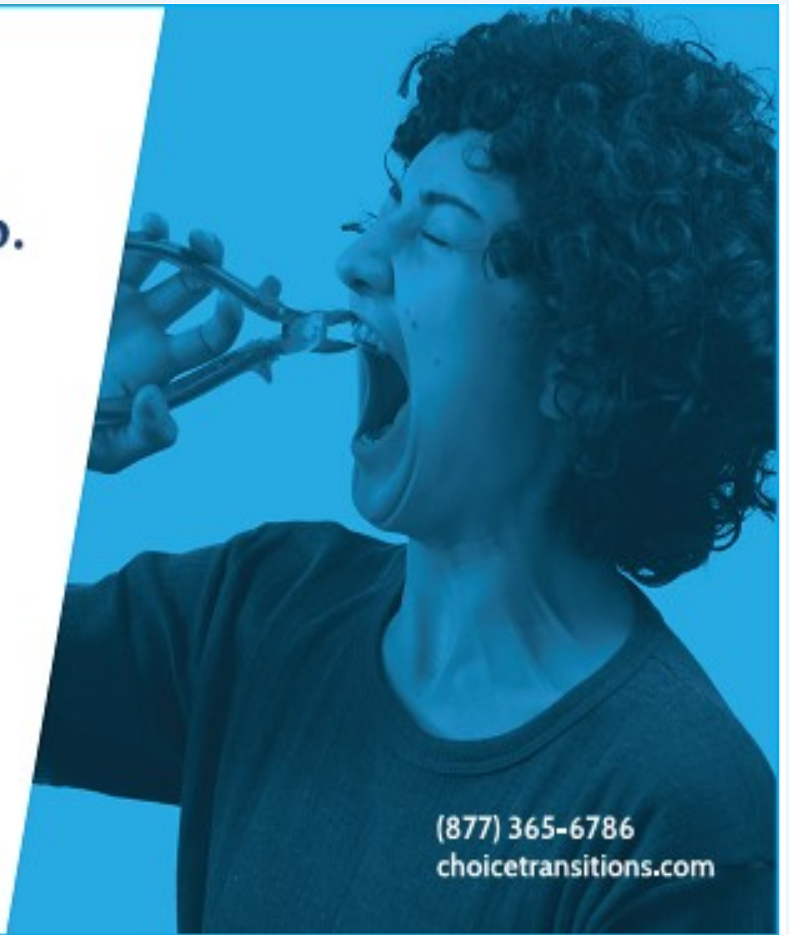
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