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Dr. Pierre Cartier

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

Dear Colleagues:

I hope that everyone is enjoying the final weeks of summer and taking advantage of some much-needed rest before the autumn professional and social season begins. While the “COVID-19 landscape” has changed once again, our DCDS Board has been actively working to ensure that our members

are able to safely enjoy the fellowship and educational programming that our Society is known for.

August has been a productive month for the DCDS. Melissa Sellevaag from the Wendt Center for Loss and Healing hosted our first COVID-19 wellness workshop on August 23rd. Further, our Board held its first meeting of the 2021-2022 DCDS year on August 30, 2021. In addition to approving this year’s budget and CE program, we also heard from Mr. Brett Greene regarding his current advocacy efforts on behalf of the Society. A key focus of his efforts will entail addressing issues with respect to efficiency of the dental licensure process. Member dentists and their staff continue to experience delays with respect to application processing; such delays ultimately impact access to care as practices cannot attract associates, hygienists, and staff members that are needed to meet the increased demand for dental services following the initial phases of the COVID-19 pandemic. Given his past successes in helping the Society navigate issues related to mid-level providers, we are confident that Mr. Greene will assist our Society in addressing this standing concern and increasing access to dental care for District residents and visitors.

A key change to this year’s programming will involve the continuation of virtual formatting for the monthly meetings. Given unknowns with respect to the delta variant of COVID-19, our Board has made the decision to host the first three

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September CE Event (Now Virtual Only): “A Day in the Life of a Top Gun Dental Practice”

Clinical CE Presentation by Dr. Mark Hyman

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Business Meeting Begins at 5:45 PM

Educational Program Begins at Approximately 6:00 PM

CE Credits Offered: 2.5 CE Credits

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

Please register by 5 PM on Monday, September 6.

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



Course Description:

Listen, learn, and laugh your way through a fast-paced, humorous review of “A Day in the Life” of a dynamic real-world private dental practice. Learn how to capitalize on one other’s skills to improve the productivity of your practice and the quality of the service your team produces. Learn systems you can implement today to lower stress, prevent burn out, and increase your enjoyment of dentistry.

Session 1 6:00-7:30 pm

Learning Objectives:

- Learn how to have an impactful new patient experience, and how to apply the ten key questions that patients must answer.
- Review training methods and systems that will enhance skills on how to review clinical cases from both the doctor’s and team’s perspectives.

Session 2 7:45-8:45 pm

Learning Objectives:

- Discuss technological advances that will lead to a dramatically higher level of problem ownership, diagnosis, predictable treatment planning, and your patients saying "YES" to optimal care
- Explore systems you can employ in your practice to lower stress and prevent burnout.

For more information about the speaker, [please visit the DCDS website](#).

Register Here

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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.

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monthly meetings virtually. Our first meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 will feature Dr. Mark Hyman. His presentation, "A Day in the Life of a Top Gun Dental Practice," will discuss systems that can improve the productivity of your practice, lower your risk of burnout, and increase your enjoyment of dental medicine. Having seen Dr. Hyman at several conferences, I would say that this meeting is one that you will not want to miss! He has something for everyone – regardless of how long you have been practicing or the type of practice you are in.

Recently, you may have encountered news releases pertaining to COVID-19 related requirements for District of Columbia licensees. In early August, DC Health announced a requirement that dentists and other healthcare providers complete 2.0 hours of continuing education on topics "including, but not limited to, COVID-19 vaccine safety, best practices for counseling patients about COVID-19 vaccines, and COVID-19 vaccine efficacy and effectiveness" by September 30, 2021. The Defense Health Agency has developed a 2.0 hour course that meets this requirement and can be found at <https://www.dhai7-cepo.com/content/covid-19-vaccine-training#group-tabs-node-course-default1>. Additional courses meeting DC Health's requirement may be found in an e-mail that the Society sent to members on August 17, 2021.

Further, Mayor Muriel Bowser recently announced that all healthcare providers must receive at least one dose of an mRNA or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine before September 30, 2021. Two doses of one of the mRNA vaccines or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be required to initiate a new or renewal licensure application. Given the hazards inherent in our work and the devastating impact that this virus has had on both individuals and communities, I would encourage you to obtain the vaccine if you have not done so already and do not have any contraindications to it.

Last, the Society will be hosting an important vote in an upcoming monthly meeting. The Board is looking to align our "DCDS year" with the "ADA membership year." At present, we have maintained a fiscal year that transcends two ADA membership years. Aligning the two years will aid the Society in streamlining its accounting and administrative activities. Please make sure to participate when the call for votes is announced.

Again, thank you for your support of our Society, profession, and the public we serve! I wish you a prosperous start to the new season.

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

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Announcing the 2021 Fall Symposium for Licensure

The D.C. Dental Society will host the 2021 Fall Symposium for Licensure to assist dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants who need to complete required courses on infection control, LGBTQ cultural competency, ethics and opioids misuse to renew their license.

Sessions will be hosted during the evening, the last week of October and first week of November. All sessions will be hosted virtually.

Registration opens soon, so watch out for updates or check the [DCDS Symposium web page](#).

For those renewing their license in 2021, all CE requirements may be satisfied through online courses. Additional details regarding DC continuing education requirements for dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants are available on the DCDS [Dentistry in the District](#) web page.

Schedule for DCDS 2021 Fall Symposium for Licensure

Wednesday, October 27 6-8 PM	Infection Control Ms. Olivia Wann, Esq. 2 CE Hours Offered
Thursday, October 28 6-8 PM	LGBTQ Cultural Competency Shannon Whittington 2 CE Hours Offered
Wednesday, November 3 6-7 PM	Ethics Susan Gunn 1 CE Hour Offered
Thursday, November 4 6-8 PM	Abuse and Misuse of Opioids/Prescription Drugs Dr. Raymond Dionne 2 CE Hours Offered

Course Category	CE Credits Offered	Required for Dentists	Required for Dental Hygienists	Required for Dental Assistants
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 and COVID-19 Vaccines*	Not Offered	CPR for health care providers	Basic Level CPR	2 hours in Basic Life Support

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Fall Symposium

Register for Symposium by October 10th and Save with Our Early Bird Rates

Registration Rate	Early Bird Price Ends Oct. 10	Regular Price
DCDS Member Dentists	\$300	\$400
Non-DCDS Member Dentists (including ADA members)	\$650	\$750
Dental Hygienists	\$125	\$150
Dental Assistants and Other Office Staff	\$100	\$125
Non-Dental Healthcare Providers	\$650	\$750

Dental hygienists and dental assistants must be registered through the account of a dentist.

Visit the DCDS website for additional details on [registration rates and the event cancellation policy](#).

Meet the Symposium Presenters



Olivia Wann, J.D.—Presenter on Infection Control—Olivia graduated from the Nashville School of Law with a Doctorate in Jurisprudence and continues to consult with dental practices on managing risk in a complex regulatory environment.

Olivia graduated magna cum laude from St. Joseph's College of Maine with a Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration. She spent her early years as a dental office manager and later served as a dental software support technician for SoftDent. She attended Tennessee Technology Center's dental assisting course and was registered as a dental as-

stant for many years. She participated in Georgia Tech's Course in Occupational Safety & Health Standards for General Industry.

Olivia served as a course instructor for Cross Country Seminars and instructed over 250 lectures in 50 states. She has authored several compliance manuals and has had numerous articles published in industry journals and was one of the contributing authors for the ADA's publication, Managing the Regulatory Environment: Best Practices.



Shannon Whittington—Presenter on LGBTQ Cultural Competency—Shannon is a certified speaker and coach who specializes in servant based leadership. Shannon provides insight and practical skills on becoming an influential leader that people want to follow and be inspired by. Shannon is also a subject matter expert in LGB and Transgender competency. Shannon's mission is to empower organizations to be LGBTQ+ inclusive. As an award-winning & certified LGBTQ+ health expert, Shannon provides insight and practical skills for organizations for LGBTQ+ and Diversity & Inclusion.



Susan Gunn—Presenter on Ethics—Gunn's mission is to serve clients in providing solutions that enable practice owners to understand the business of their practice and to protect their practice. Susan is the Financial Organizational Expert providing solutions within the dental industry.

Susan was the first to develop a back to back accountability between the practice software and QuickBooks in an understandable business format, which substantially influenced accounting and consulting across the professional practice industry nationwide.

Focusing on organizing that financial information, Susan now has over 25 years of business automation and computer financial software experience. A nationally recognized valuable content provider speaker, Susan is a Professional Member of the National Speakers Association. With an existing background in criminology, and a very thorough understanding of dental practices, Susan became a Certified Fraud Examiner. When embezzlement is suspected, she is able to investigate, interview and provide complete reports for prosecution and civil suit purposes.

Susan has written 45 books geared for professional practices sold internationally, 46 books total: *Money In, Money Out* (2019), *QuickBooks In Your Practice* (1997-2021), *Advanced QuickBooks In Your Practice* (2004-2021) and *More Than Just Turning It On*, as well as numerous industry magazine articles. Susan co-authored *The ADA Practical Guide to Expert Business Strategies* (January 2014) and contributed to another ADA book *Guidelines for Practice Success Managing Finances Best Practices*.



Dr. Raymond Dionne—Presenter on Abuse and Misuse of Opioids/Prescription Drugs—Dr. Raymond Dionne is a graduate of the Georgetown University School of Dentistry where he also received a MS in pharmacology. He subsequently received a PhD in pharmacology from the Medical College of Virginia. He was an intramural scientist at the National Institutes of Health for 34 years conducting clinical and translational research on pain and analgesia. He also served as Clinical Director of the NIDCR, Chief of the Pain Mechanisms Branch and Scientific Director of the NINR. He is currently Professor at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. He has published greater than 200 papers and edited 5 textbooks and scientific monographs. He currently serves on the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs.

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How to Satisfy the New DC CE Requirement on COVID Vaccines

DC Health has identified several courses it will accept towards satisfying the new DC requirement to complete two hours of continuing education on COVID-19 vaccines. Several are available at no cost.

DCDS members who complete the courses listed below may register completion through the [Track CE submission form](#) on the DCDS website.

[COVID-19 Vaccine Training: General Overview of Immunization Best Practices for Health Care Providers](#)

Presenting Organization: Defense Health Agency
2.0 CE Credits

[CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Training Modules](#)

Presenting Organization: CDC
4 modules totaling: 1.75 CE Credits

[COVID-19 Vaccination: A Communication Guide for Providers](#)

Presenting Organization: Yale
1.0 CE Credit

[Vaccinating Adolescents: Injectable Vaccines](#)

Presenting Organization: CDC
0.5 CE Credits

[COVID-19 Vaccine: Practical Clinical Considerations](#)

Presenting Organization: American College of Physicians
1.0 CE Credits

[COVID-19 Vaccine: Promoting Vaccine Acceptance](#)

Presenting Organization: American College of Physicians
1.0 CE Credits

[COVID-19: Vaccine Education and Debunking Myth](#)

Presenting Organization: Mayo
1.5 CE Credits

[COVID-19 Vaccines: Myths, Mysteries, Misinformation, Myopia and Miracles](#)

Presenting Organization: Mayo
1.5 CE Credits

DC Board of Dentistry: Licensing Portal to Open to Dentists in October

The new D.C. online licensing portal will begin accepting license renewal applications from dentists in October. Dentists may access the portal via the button below to submit an online application once the portal opens to dentists.

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](#).

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

New Vaccination Requirement for All Health Professionals

Under new DC requirements, all health care workers in the District of Columbia must receive at least the first dose of Pfizer or Moderna or one dose of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine by September 30, 2021. September 30 is also the deadline for dentists to complete the two hours of required continuing education on COVID-19 vaccines ([read DCDS announcement of August 11](#); additional details are provided below).

The announcement states that the requirement applies to:

- All licensed, certified and registered health professionals;
- All EMS providers such as paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs); and
- All unlicensed healthcare workers (i.e. patient care technicians, personal care aides, environmental services staff).

The emergency rule specifically includes administrative staff.

Two doses of the Pfizer vaccine or the Moderna vaccine, or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, are required:

1. before the date of submission of an application for licensure, certification, or registration;

2. on the date of submission of an application for renewal of licensure, registration, or certification;
3. before beginning employment or a contractual relationship if not required to have a license, certification, or registration; or
4. on or before a date specified by the Department of Health in written or electronic correspondence to the person.

Health care professionals may be exempt due to religious beliefs or medical conditions.

Vaccination appointments may be scheduled through pharmacies and clinics across DC. Additional details are available at vaccines.gov.

Additional details are available from the [August 16 Situational Update](#). The full announcement is [available on the DC government website](#).

Special Statement from the D.C. Dental Society

The D.C. Dental Society stands with the ADA and the ideals it reiterated in its July 17, 2021 statement on “Participation in Political Process Should Reflect its Values, Ideals and Priorities.” The Washington region is home to a diverse, vibrant community that includes the dentists and dental team members who care for it. We strive to demonstrate mutual respect for our diversity and the differences in our lived experiences by fostering an inclusive culture and engaging in civil discourse.

ADA: Participation in Political Process Should Reflect its Values, Ideals and Priorities

CHICAGO (July 17, 2021) — The American Dental Association’s (ADA) core values are at the heart of its mission to help dentists succeed and support the advancement of the health of the public. Among these core values are integrity, diversity and inclusion. Engaging our professional community on all of our seven core values is critical as we drive oral health forward and promote health equity in our nation.

The ADA believes participation in the political process should reflect its values, ideals and priorities. The ADA will support those individuals who advance our mission and are in alignment with those ideals, views and priorities

Note: this statement is available on the [ADA website](#).

2021-2022 Continuing Education Program Begins Sept. 14

Schedule Update: Sept.-Nov. Meetings to be Presented by Webinar Only

The 2021-2022 Continuing Education Program kicks off on September 14 with Dr. Mark Hyman's presentation titled "A Day in the Life of a Top Gun Dental Practice." Note that due to the COVID-19 surge, meetings will be held virtually only from September through November. We look forward to the opportunity to see you in person in December.

Monthly meetings are included with DCDS membership. Throughout the 2021-2022 program year, a number of meetings are planned to be held both in person, when permitted by DC regulations, and virtually with online attendance. As space for in-person attendance is limited, members are encouraged to register as early as possible.

Date	Topic	Format	Speaker	Location
Sep. 14, 2021 5:45 p.m.*	A day in the life of a top gun dental practice	Lecture <i>2.5 CE Credits</i>	Dr. Mark Hyman	Online Only
Oct. 19, 2021 5:45 p.m.*	When to Use CBCT and How to Interpret the Data	Lecture <i>2.5 CE Credits</i>	Dr. Bruno Azevedo	Online Only
Nov. 9, 2021 5:45 p.m.*	Regeneration options in periodontics and when a general dentist should make a referral	Lecture <i>2.5 CE Credits</i>	Dr. Melody Ward	Online Only
Dec. 14, 2021 5:45 p.m.*	Anterior Esthetic Indirect Restorations: Treatment Planning, Materials & Execution	Lecture <i>2.5 CE Credits</i>	Dr. Amelia Orta	DCDS HQ and Online
Jan. 11, 2022 5:45 p.m.*	Current Dental Materials	Lecture <i>2.5 CE Credits</i>	Dr. Lee Ann Brady	Online Only
Feb. 8, 2022 5:45 p.m.*	Digital Dentistry in Practice	Lecture <i>2.5 CE Credits</i>	Dr. Paul Zhivago	DCDS HQ and Online
Wed., Mar. 9, 2022 5:45 p.m.*	How to take control of one's online reputation and how to respond to negative patient feedback	Lecture <i>2.5 CE Credits</i>	Dr. Len Tau	DCDS HQ and Online
May 10, 2022 5:45 p.m.*	Laser Dentistry	Lecture <i>2.5 CE Credits</i>	Dr. Shalizeh (Shelly) Patel and Dr. Juliana Barros	Online Only

Register for Sessions

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

DCDS bylaws amendment vote on September 14th

During the September 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.



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.~~

Upcoming DCDS Program for Your Wellness

As healthcare practitioners, it is easy to overlook your own physical and psychological needs. DCDS will bring this special program to the DC dental community to support your wellness.

Mindfulness during COVID (Webinar)

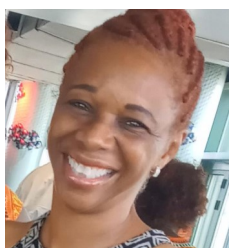
Tuesday, September 21 at 5:45 PM

Duration: 60 minutes | Presented by the [Wendt Center for Loss and Healing](#)

The prolonged experience of COVID-19 alongside other stressors has increased anxiety for many people. Anxiety impacts many aspects of our existence including work productivity, relationships, wellness, and sleep. Mindfulness and meditation are proven ways to manage stress, better navigate challenging emotions and enhance your relationship with yourself and those around you. This session will introduce mindfulness as a daily practice and provide an opportunity to experience a mindfulness exercise facilitated by a licensed therapist.

[Register Here](#)

Welcome New Member



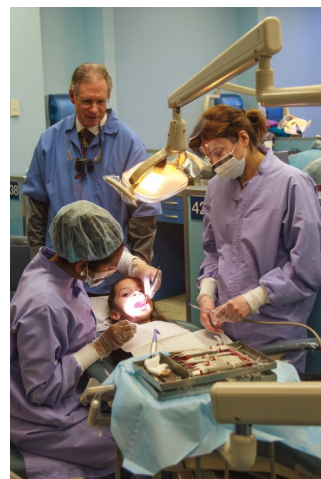
Dr. Tanya Wilson Johnson—a proud mother of 11 year old twins, Dr. Wilson loves to work out and attend church. She received her DDS degree from The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. Dr. Wilson has been practicing in the Washington metropolitan area for over 20 years, and is the owner of Capital Dental (private patients) and Institutional Dental Care (institutionalized patients) located in North East Washington DC. In addition to being a member of the ADA and DCDS, Dr. Wilson is a member of the National Dental Association and the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society.

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.



Sign Up for D.C. Dental Cares

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



DCDS Webinar Recording Available thru Oct. 2 on the Dentist -Patient Relationship and the Protocol for Patient Discharge

Did you miss the recent DCDS webinar co-presented with R.K. Tongue on how to foster the dentist-patient relationship and the proper protocol to discharge a patient? There's still time to hear fellow dentist Dr. Anthony Chillura on this topic that is so timely during an era of high stress and tension.

The webinar recording will be available free to DCDS members through October 2.

Dr. Anthony Chillura, DMD

PATIENT DISCHARGE – PROPER PROTOCOL TO FOLLOW

When you have reached a decision to discharge a patient, there are several protocols to follow:

- Verify you have comprehensive chart documentation that supports your decision.
- Confirm your State Dental Practice Act and if they have specific regulations regarding terminating a doctor-patient relationship.
- Check if the patient has contractual obligations that must be followed with any third-party carrier or a managed care organization.

Ask yourself:

- Has the patient repeatedly refused treatment recommendations or specialist referrals?
- Has the patient made inappropriate remarks about the doctor or staff?
- Does the patient present with personality differences that prevent you from rendering proper care?
- Has the patient not met financial obligations to the practice?

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ADA encourages all dental professionals to be vaccinated

ADA Morning Huddle, August 23, 2021

The ADA has strongly encouraged dentists to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and is following CDC vaccination guidelines, but it has not called for a mandate, Today reported. While survey data show most dentists have been vaccinated, states that have issued vaccination mandates for health care workers may not include dentists in private practice. "While the ADA is not calling for a nationwide vaccination mandate, we are urging state and local dental societies to consider all the public health strategies available to them, based on the exposure risks in their area," the ADA said in a statement.

Full Story: <https://www.today.com/health/dentists-covid-19-your-dentist-vaccinated-today-t228689>

ADA fact sheet: Keeping practices safe as Delta variant spreads

ADA Morning Huddle, August 10, 2021

A new [fact sheet](#) from the ADA provides an update on the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 Delta variant and recommended COVID-19 mitigation strategies to minimize risk to staff and patients. The ADA and CDC recommend that dental practice settings continue to follow strategies, including use of personal protective equipment, physical distancing and vaccination. The virus can still infect vaccinated individuals, and the Delta variant is widespread in the US. Although it appears to be more transmissible than other forms of the virus, it is vulnerable to secondary immune response, ADA News reported.

Full Story: <https://www.ada.org/en/publications/ada-news/2021-archive/august/ada-cdc-vaccination-masks-recommended-amid-delta-variant>

SmileCon events support Give Kids A Smile program

ADA Weekend Huddle, August 21 2021



(Pixabay)

The ADA's [SmileCon](#) will offer two events to help support the Give Kids A Smile program, SmileDash and Pack & Give Back, ADA News reported. From Oct. 1 to 15, participants in SmileDash can help the ADA reach its goal of 5,000 miles traveled by walking, running, biking, swimming or participating in other distance activities at any location.

Part of the proceeds will go to the GKAS program. SmileCon attendees also can drop by the Pack & Give Back area at the conference on Oct. 12 to help pack food and oral health care products into more than 1,000 backpacks that will be delivered to underserved children. The ADA, through the GKAS program, is working with Three Square and Future Smiles to host the event. SmileCon will be held Oct. 11 to 13 in Las Vegas.

Full Story: <https://www.ada.org/en/publications/ada-news/2021-archive/august/roll-up-sleeves-and-support-gkas-at-smilecon>.

ADA: Include dentists in future Provider Relief Fund phases

ADA Weekend Huddle, August 28, 2021

The ADA on Aug. 23 sent a [letter](#) to the US Department of Health and Human Services asking that any future phases of the Provider Relief Fund, which reimburses eligible health care providers for COVID-19 pandemic-related revenue losses or expenses, again include dentists, ADA News reported. "The current outlook of the pandemic remains uncertain and dentists must be able to be equipped to provide oral health care services to Americans without closing," ADA President Daniel J. Klemmedson, D.D.S., M.D., and Executive Director Kathleen T. O'Loughlin, D.M.D., wrote in the letter.

Full Story: <https://www.ada.org/en/publications/ada-news/2021-archive/august/ada-urges-hhs-to-include-dentists-in-future-provider-relief-fund-phases>

ADA releases 2 updated dental manuals

ADA Morning Huddle, August 19, 2021

The ADA has released an updated edition of the [ADA Dental Drug Handbook: A Quick Reference](#) and the 12th edition of [The Chairside Instructor](#), making them available through the [ADA Catalog](#), according to ADA News. The ADA Dental Drug Handbook provides up-to-date information on prescribed medications used in dentistry, and the Chairside Instructor has 50 new images and the latest information on patient education, including topics such as fluoride, wisdom teeth removal, children's airways, dry mouth and dental emergencies.

Full Story: <https://www.ada.org/en/publications/ada-news/2021-archive/august/updated-ada-dental-drug-handbook-chairside-instructor-provide-up-to-date-value>

ADA to host free webinar series in September on serving patients with special needs

Note from DCDS: This series will be presented through four unique sessions held from 7-8 p.m. Central time on the following dates: September 10, 15, 22 and 29. Each session will be recorded. Additional details are provided in the article announcing the series (see excerpt below or full article at [ada.org](https://www.ada.org)).

ADA Morning Huddle, August 19, 2021

The ADA will host a free webinar series in September, "Achieving Optimal Oral Health," that will provide information for patients, caregivers, dental professionals and dental educators on oral health care for patients with special needs, ADA News reported. The four-part series, which will livestream and be recorded, will include guest speakers and be led by members of the ADA Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention: Karin Arsenault, D.M.D., assistant professor and director of the geriatric dentistry program at the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, and Brooke Fukuoka, D.M.D., new dentist liaison to the council. "More education and training will translate to more future general dentists willing to treat these patients," Dr. Arsenault said.

Full Story: <https://www.ada.org/en/publications/ada-news/2021-archive/august/september-webinar-series-shines-spotlight-on-patients-with-special-needs>

Webinar to guide dentists on home buying, mortgages

ADA Morning Huddle, August 30, 2021

A [webinar](#) set for 6 p.m. Central time on Sept. 15 will help dentists understand and navigate the home-buying process, New Dentist News reported. Laurel Road is sponsoring the webinar, which will be facilitated by Britany Martin, D.M.D., a new dentist member of the ADA Council on Members Insurance & Retirement Programs. The speaker will be Eileen Derks, head of mortgage at Laurel Road, and topics include deciding whether to rent or buy a home, preparing to apply for a mortgage and what dentists can expect during their home-buying journey.

Full Story: <https://www.ada.org/en/publications/new-dentist-news/2021-archive/august/free-webinar-demystifying-mortgages-what-you-need-to-know>

FDI World Dental Congress 2021 scheduled for Sept. 26-29

ADA Morning Huddle, August 17, 2021

This year's [FDI World Dental Congress](#) will be held virtually Sept. 26-29, and is hosted by the Australian Dental Association, ADA News reported. The theme is "Educating for Dental Excellence," and the event will feature more than 200 live or prerecorded scientific sessions and the Exhibition Showcase. ADA Executive Director Kathleen T. O'Loughlin, D.M.D., will be part of a panel discussion at the session [Symposium: Year in Review \(Effect of COVID-19\)](#), scheduled for Sept. 28.

Full Story: <https://www.ada.org/en/publications/ada-news/2021-archive/august/fdi-world-dental-congress-kicks-off-virtually-in-late-september>



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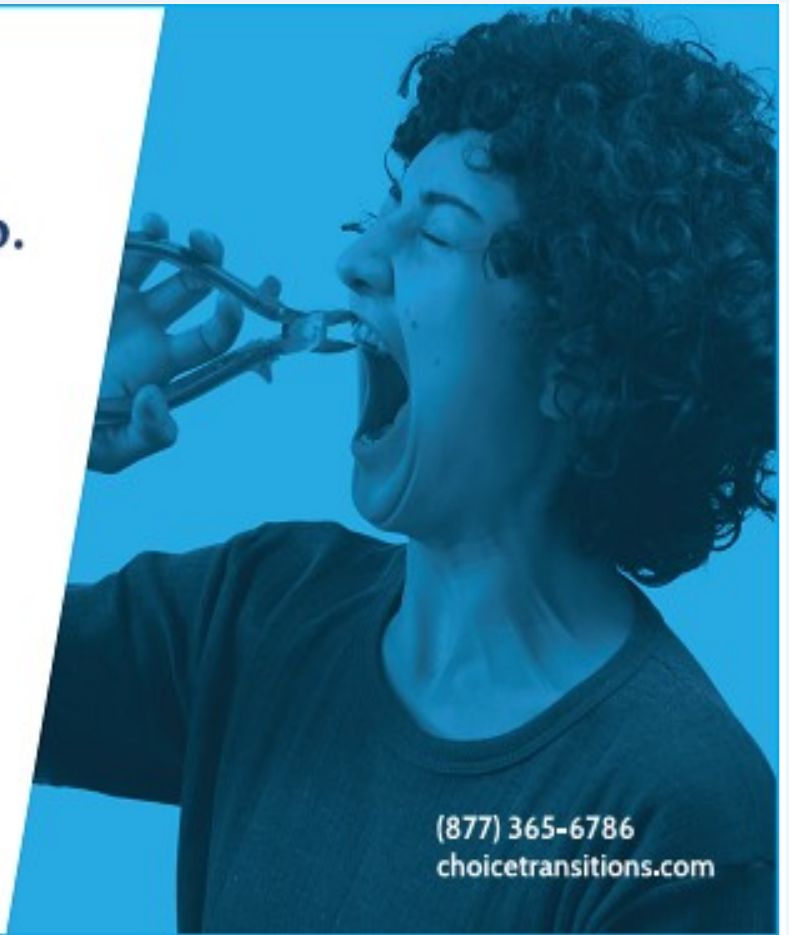
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