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Dr. Ioana "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 summer is over and we are getting ready for fall. This time of year includes returning to school (for members who are parents and for some educators), and a lot of our members are returning from summer vacation. For our DCDS members, the 2022-2023 continuing education program will kick off on Tuesday, September 13 with a presentation by Dr.

Prashant Verma entitled "Managing Dental Trauma/Root Canal Treatments and Failures." I'm looking forward to seeing the members over dinner and earning 2.5 CE credits. Register online to guarantee your spot. We will offer the presentation in person and online as in the past. For our profession, the most significant ongoing recurrences are the mutated COVID-19 variants, which continue to plague our practices with patients and staff affected and quarantined with testing. With fall upon us and people spending more time indoors, I would like to remind members to continue to take actions to promote safety through the ongoing pandemic. DCDS will continue to provide updates from DC Health and on both local and federal dental regulations as they become available.

Since assuming the office of President in June, I continue to strive to improve member engagement across the Society. Especially important is engagement of new members, regardless of the phase of their career, and providing mentorship so that they feel included at DCDS events. I want to support all members to grow in their profession and knowledge not only in our field of dentistry, but also in the business management of their practices. I am so excited about the many events coming up developed by our Education Committee and Membership Committee to engage returning members and new members alike. I want to make sure that regular attendees seek out and "break the ice" with new and returning members to share experiences and create a welcoming environment. I also encourage members to

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bring new dentists and colleagues who have been away from our Society to the monthly meetings. Members can bring a new or lapsed potential member and sign them with the DCDS staff so we can grow and strengthen membership. There are about 600 non-member dentists in the District of Columbia that we can recruit to join our Society. Together we can ensure that new members or returning members who have been away for a while feel welcome and included. New member engagement promotes more new member recruitment! The more members we have in our Society, the stronger it is, including before the DC government.

Approximately 45% percent of our total membership is comprised of “mature members” who are long-standing members that have moved into a life member category. About 41% percent of our members are full dues paying members, and 13% percent are new members pay reduced or no dues because they have recently graduated from dental school and are receiving the ADA recruitment discount. With COVID-19 and the impact of fewer in person meetings the past couple of years, our recruitment of new members has been challenging. Despite the challenges, we have had a great deal of success this year in recruiting new members, but we can always do more to increase our numbers in the District. I recognize that we have to compete with many organizations to which our members belong and pay annual dues, but our growth and success as a society ultimately rests on our ability to attract and retain new members! I would like to urge all of you to continue speaking to your friends and colleagues about the benefits of DCDS membership!

DCDS is once again developing a Symposium for Licensure, to be held in 2023. This effort is led by Dr. Kim Menhinick who is the Chair of the Symposium Committee, which has a great line up of speakers in mind. Please help guide development of the program by answering 5 short questions in a DCDS snap survey. We would like your input on whether this should be a one day or two day event (Friday-Saturday or Saturday Only); whether it should be in-person, virtual or hybrid; and whether you would like the Symposium to include a networking activity. Please [participate in the survey](#) to share your preferences.

I am also very excited to announce that we now have a new Marketing and Social Media Chair, Dr. Eugenia Prokopets. We met recently to discuss a vision, structure and ideas for supporting social media activity and how to improve our footprint with posts and outreach to keep the members informed of events, program schedules, policies, education updates and more through social media platforms. We will enlist the support from all Committee Chairs to support this strategic initiative by helping to develop updates for the members.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing all at the September monthly meeting scheduled September 13 either in person or via Zoom, and at our next happy hour on September 20 for a rooftop event at Takoda (715 Florida Avenue).

Best regards,

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

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September CE Event (In-Person and Virtual): "Managing Dental Trauma/Root Canal Treatments and Failures"

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Clinical CE Lecture by Dr. Prashant Verma

Business Meeting Begins at 5:45 PM

Education Program Begins at Approximately 6:00 PM

CE Credits Offered: 2.5 CE Credits

Cost: Free to DCDS Members | Non-Members—\$75 Virtual or \$110 In-Person

Location for In-Person Event:

DCDS Headquarters

2001 K Street, NW, 3rd Floor North

Washington, D.C.

Space is limited for in-person attendance. **Dinner is provided! Please RSVP for dinner by registering for In-Person attendance by Sept. 9.**

Note that all in-person attendees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

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

Session 1: 1hour

Managing dental trauma, especially in children, can be a challenge for clinicians. Lack of proper and prompt care may result in serious long-term complications.

Learning Objectives:

- Introduce resources for patients and clinicians that can be used to guide care immediately after an injury
- Describe evidence-based guidelines for specific diagnosis and treatment of traumatic dental injuries
- Present clinical cases that illustrate real-world decision-making criteria used for successful management of such situations

Session 2: 1.5 hours

Dentists routinely encounter treatment planning scenarios involving teeth with failed root canal treatments. They have to decide whether to attempt to retain the natural tooth through revision (non-surgical or surgical) of the prior treatment, or to extract and replace with an implant.

Learning Objectives:

- Discuss the factors that can lead to failure of root canal treatments
- Present evidence-based comparative outcomes for each treatment option
- Present a series of clinical cases illustrating successful management of such compromised teeth

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Upcoming Presentations of the 2022-2023 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, September 13th
Managing Dental Trauma/Root Canal Treatments and Failures

Virtual and In Person
CE Credits Offered: 2.5 CE Credits
Course Presenter: Dr. Prashant Verma



Tuesday, October 11th
Hypoplastic Maxilla, Airway, Occlusal and Periodontal Implications

Virtual Only
CE Credits Offered: 2.5 CE Credits
Course Presenter: Dr. Marianna Evans

Tuesday, November 8th
Session 1: Finding the Right Fit for Your Career Needs Wherever You are in Your Career

Session 2: How dentists work together for smooth and successful transitions

Virtual and In Person
CE Credits Offered: 2.5 CE Credits
Course Presenter: Dr. Suzanne Ebert



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Thursday, December 8th Implants and Full-Mouth Implant Rehabilitation

Virtual and In Person
CE Credits Offered: 2.5 CE Credits
Course Presenter: Dr. Arun Garg

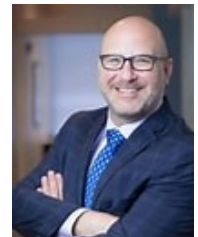


Tuesday, January 10th Practical tips for the everyday practicing dentists

Virtual Only
CE Credits Offered: 2.5 CE Credits
Course Presenter: Dr. Robert C. Margeas

Wednesday, February 15th Trials and Tribulation of Digital Dental Implant Surgery

Virtual and In Person
CE Credits Offered: 2.5 CE Credits
Course Presenter: Dr. Israel Puterman



Tuesday, March 14th Orthodontics Update

Virtual and In Person
CE Credits Offered: 2.5 CE Credits
Course Presenter: Dr. Negaar Sagafi

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Welcome New Members



Dr. Paru Gopalan is a General Dentist in Washington DC with an interest in family dentistry. Dr. Gopalan was born in Virginia. She received her Masters in Biomedical Science with an Oral Biology concentration from Rutgers University and completed her dental degree from West Virginia University. She completed an AEGD at the Martinsburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center where she had the honor of serving our nation's veterans. She is grateful for the opportunity to serve patients at Capital Dental at Sibley Hospital and the Spanish Catholic Center. She is a member of the ADA and AGD. Dr. Gopalan enjoys spending time with her family, exploring Washington DC and hiking.



Dr. Amanda Yacoub is a general dentist from Terre Haute, Indiana. She recently moved to the DC area after completing an AEGD residency in Boston. Dr. Yacoub received her DDS degree from the Indiana University School of Dentistry where she stayed involved with different dental student organizations and helped start the Cosmetic Dental Study Club. Her passion for patient care and love of art are what drew her to the dental field. Dr. Yacoub is a member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry and the DC Dental Society. In her free time, she enjoys baking, hiking, and exploring the DC area.



DCDS Happy Hour

September 20—5 p.m.

Network with DCDS friends and colleagues

Takoda Rooftop Restaurant & Beer Garden

715 Florida Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20001

Nearby Metro Station: Shaw-Howard University

DCDS Snap Survey on 2023 Symposium for Licensure

Thank you for your Input!

Answer 5 Short Questions on the 2023 DCDS Symposium for Licensure

Help guide development of the DCDS 2023 Symposium for Licensure. Please answer 5 short questions to provide input on the format, schedule and potential networking session.

[Take 5 Question Survey](#)

Call for Volunteers

DCDS is organizing a series of mock interviews, conducted via ZOOM, for D4 students of the Howard University College of Dentistry.

We appreciate your participation in these interviews!

Please indicate your availability by clicking the button below.

[Volunteer to Participate in Mock Student Interviews](#)

Thank you to our Partners



Temporary Licensure

DC Health issued an Amended Declaration for temporary licenses that “includes all licensed, registered and certified health professionals.” Under the Amended Declaration, a temporary license may be issued for 90 days once they have submitted or satisfied the following:

- An application from an individual who holds an unrestricted license, registration, or certificate in another state; or
- An application by endorsement or reciprocity received by 11:59 pm on August 10, 2022; and
- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination or approved exemption (requests for exemptions must be made via the portal <https://doh.force.com/ver/s/vaccinereporting>); and
- Payment of all applicable fees; and
- Compliance with the Criminal Background Check requirement.

The full text of the Amended Declaration and accompanying guidance is available for download below.

[Text of Amended Declaration](#)

[DC Health Licensing Portal](#)

Join our Marketing and Social Media Committee

Are you interested in helping to market DCDS on social media? DCDS is forming a Marketing and Social Media Committee to help increase membership and membership engagement through social media outlets such as Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter.

Join our committee! Write to DCDS at info@dcdental.org or call 202-367-1163.



New Member Benefit

Dear DC Dental Society member,

As part of our commitment to help you succeed, the DC Dental Society (DCDS) looks for innovative ways to save you money on products and services you use every day. To that end, DCDS is excited to announce that we have formed a Group Purchasing Organization (GPO) with **The Dentists Supply Company**, primarily known as **TDSC.com** and **powered by Henry Schein**.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Ioana "Anna" Bettios
DCDS President

Kurt Gallagher, CAE
Executive Director

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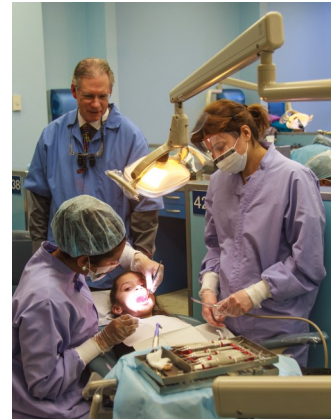
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Through this program, DC dentists will be able to provide pro bono treatment for patients in their own office with no long term commitment. The type and amount of treatment rendered to these patients is entirely at the discretion of the dentist. Patients 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 DC community in recent years.



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Dr. Priya Grewal

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[Register for SmileCon 2022](#)

Source: www.ada.org; www.smilecon.org

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Former astronaut to give SmileCon closing address

ADA Morning Huddle, August 26, 2022



Former NASA astronaut and NFL wide receiver Leland Melvin will give the keynote address during SmileCon's Closing Session on Oct. 15 in Houston, dubbed America's "Space City," according to ADA News. Mr. Melvin served on the Space Shuttle Atlantis, helping construct the International Space Station, and after retiring as an astronaut

led NASA Education and co-chaired the White House's Federal Coordination in STEAM Education Task Force. "After 24 years with NASA as a researcher, astronaut and Senior Executive Service leader, he now shares his stories of hard work and excellence to help inspire positive, lasting change," said ADA President Cesar R. Sabates, D.D.S. Distinguished Service Award winner Zack Studstill, D.M.D., and Humanitarian Award winner Jeffrey B. Dalin, D.D.S., also will be honored during the Closing Session.

Full Story: <https://www.ada.org/publications/ada-news/2022/august/former-nasa-astronaut-nfl-wide-receiver-to-headline-smilecon-closing-session-in-houston?md5=6d82a1682331f6d929006a00ab33bc4a>

ADA News plans Convention Daily digests as part of SmileCon coverage

ADA Weekend Huddle, August 27, 2022

ADA News will email four ADA News Convention Daily digests on Aug. 23 and Sept. 6, 13 and 20, leading up to SmileCon in Houston on Oct. 13 to 15. Each digest will have links to six stories about SmileCon events, features and important information. Issues of ADA News' Convention Daily also will be emailed Oct. 13 to 15 providing live coverage from SmileCon. A post-conference wrap-up email is scheduled for Oct. 26 and will include stories about the ADA House of Delegates.

Full Story: <https://www.ada.org/publications/ada-news/2022/august/ada-news-convention-daily-email-packed-with-smilecon-highlights?md5=6d82a1682331f6d929006a00ab33bc4a>

Dental practices face staffing issues as patient volume increases

ADA Morning Huddle, August 25, 2022

Dental practices are seeing an increase in patients as they also face staff shortages, including dental assistants, hygienists and front office personnel, according to WBUR-FM in Boston and KPTV-TV in Portland, Ore. Hai Pham, D.M.D., a pediatric dentist in Beaverton, Ore., said staffing issues have led to longer waits for appointments. "Patients and the families have been very understanding because they understand that we're under the same stresses as all the other industries are facing shortages," Dr. Pham said. Marko Vujicic, Ph.D., chief economist and vice president of the ADA Health Policy Institute, said staffing is "absolutely issue number one," adding that about 40% of dental practices nationwide have open positions and 90% say it is extremely difficult to find staff. "That's an astronomically high number," Dr. Vujicic said. "And frankly, it's not going to go away overnight, and it's affecting patients." The Massachusetts Dental Society is implementing an initiative to attract more high-school graduates to the dental profession.

Full Story: <https://www.kptv.com/2022/08/24/dentist-offices-see-surge-appointments-amid-staffing-shortages/>

<https://www.wbur.org/news/2022/08/23/dental-labor-shortage-massachusetts>

ADA CareerCenter is an online job board for dental employers, professionals

ADA Weekend Huddle, September 3, 2022

Dental employers and dental professionals can use the [ADA CareerCenter](#) as their online resource for recruiting team members or finding new job opportunities as dentists, oral surgeons, orthodontists, hygienists, dental assistants and other positions, ADA News reported. The Association works with the employment advertising agency Russell Johns Associates to produce the board, which is free for job seekers. The CareerCenter includes job openings at the national and local level.

Full Story: <https://www.ada.org/publications/ada-news/2022/august/ada-careercenter-connects-dental-professionals-employers?md5=6d82a1682331f6d929006a00ab33bc4a>

ADA releases updated infection prevention and control guide

ADA Weekend Huddle, September 3, 2022

The fifth edition of [The ADA Practical Guide to Effective Infection Prevention and Control](#), available at the ADA Store, is the first update to the manual since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, ADA News reported. The updated guide has new chapters covering dental water quality and pandemic preparedness, and it offers current science-based recommendations for infection prevention and control and a self-assessment checklist. There also is a continuing education quiz, which includes three credits, available at [ADACEonline.org](#).

Full Story: <https://www.ada.org/publications/ada-news/2022/august/infection-control-guide-from-ada-revised-for-a-post-covid-world?md5=6d82a1682331f6d929006a00ab33bc4a>

Phase 3 Provider Relief Fund reporting deadline is Sept. 30

ADA Weekend Huddle, September 3, 2022

The deadline for Phase 3 of the [Provider Relief Fund](#) is Sept. 30, ADA News reported. The fund was created through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act in 2020 to help dental providers who had pandemic-related health care-related expenses or lost revenue, ADA News reported. The Health Resources and Services Administration said that failing to submit a complete report by the deadline could lead to enforcement actions, including repayment or exclusion from future PRF payments. The ADA recommends that dentists consult with a financial adviser or accountant before submitting reports. For more information, HRSA has created an [FAQ](#).

Full Story: <https://www.ada.org/publications/ada-news/2022/august/phase-3-provider-relief-fund-reporting-deadline-is-sept-30?md5=6d82a1682331f6d929006a00ab33bc4a>

From the ADA

Dentists in Medicaid Webinar—Sept. 15, 11 AM CT Who are they, where do they locate, how do they practice?

American Dental Association, September 1, 2022

In a first of its kind analysis, the ADA Health Policy Institute (HPI) estimates that 1 in 3 dentists in the U.S. treat Medicaid patients. This is lower than our previous estimate of 43%. Using newly available Medicaid and CHIP claims data that we merged with provider data housed in HPI, we analyze in detail the characteristics of dentists who treat Medicaid patients compared to those who do not.

Join us for an interactive discussion of key findings from this research, published in the journal [Medical Care Research and Review](#).

[Register Here](#).

Sept. 20 webinar brings dental community together to discuss mental health

ADA Morning Huddle, August 30, 2022

Join the American Dental Association and the American Dental Hygienists' Association at 6 p.m. CT on Sept. 20 for the free webinar, "Mental Health in Dental Professionals: The Pandemic and Beyond." This webinar will present the findings of joint research on the pandemic's impact on front-line dental health workers and share support resources and strategies for the entire oral care team. To attend the live webinar and earn 1.5 CE credits, create a complimentary ADHA account when registering. [Register today](#).

FDA: Updated COVID-19 boosters likely available in Sept.

ADA Morning Huddle, August 26, 2022

Peter Marks, M.D., of the Food and Drug Administration indicated the agency is close to authorizing updated COVID-19 vaccines targeting newer variants of the coronavirus, The New York Times reported. The Biden administration plans to make the next-generation vaccines available to people ages 12 and older after Labor Day, and officials hope a fall vaccination campaign will prevent deaths and provide protection against a potential winter surge in infections.

Full Story: <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/08/23/us/politics/covid-booster-shots-biden.html>

Monkeypox patients may develop oral lesions

ADA Weekend Huddle, August 27, 2022

As many as 70% of patients with monkeypox present with mouth lesions, and dentists and hygiene professionals should be aware of this symptom so appropriate referrals can be offered, says infectious disease specialist Jeffrey Jahre, M.D., of St. Luke's University Health Network in Pennsylvania. Dr. Jahre says oral monkeypox lesions may look similar to canker sores, cold sores, cuts and other conditions, including hand, foot and mouth disease, WNEP-TV reported.

Full Story: <https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/monroe-county/health-officials-warn-dentists-to-look-out-for-oral-signs-of-monkeypox-st-lukes-university-health-network/523-1d6c5bed-df6e-4a66-9225-5f7fcd940731>

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