

# the Bulletin

The Dental Society of Chester County and Delaware County  
Valley Forge Second District of the Pennsylvania Dental Association

September 2023



## Surviving Active Violence and Emergencies (SAVE)

**Presented by Jeff Berryman -  
In a Heartbeat, LLC**

Serious acts of violence continue to plague our society. Recent history has shown it can happen at any place, at any time for many different reasons. While mass shootings get the most attention, they are only one form of active violence. Others include:

- Disgruntled employees, patients, or customers
- Non-violent demonstrations escalating into acts of violence.
- Domestic disputes carry over to the workplace, place of worship, etc.

## Member Event

**Thursday, November 9**

**6:00 - 8:30 PM • Program at 6:30 PM**

**Light Fare & Open Bar (wine/beer) \$20/ person**

**Media VFW Post 3460 · 11 Hilltop Rd., Media**

*Space is limited to 40 attendees. Registration on first come first serve basis. Contact Dr. Karin Brian, [kdbdds@comcast.net](mailto:kdbdds@comcast.net) to reserve your seat.*

### What You Will Learn

The best result occurs when everyone gets to a safe place and out of harm's way. However, there may be a time when that is not possible, and action is required. Students learn using realistic circumstances how to recognize the signs of danger, make rapid decisions, and react appropriately.

Active violence emergency response topics include:

- How to increase situational awareness
- Characteristics of an Active Violence Emergency
- Best practices when confronted with Active Violence
- Becoming an initial responder and rendering medical assistance
- How to safely interact with law enforcement

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

**Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023,  
Timothy's, West Chester, 6:30 PM**

RSVP to: Sara Michel, [DSCCDCrsvp@gmail.com](mailto:DSCCDCrsvp@gmail.com) by 9/13/2023

Please send your reports to Dr. Greeley two weeks prior to the meeting at [mcbgreeley@aol.com](mailto:mcbgreeley@aol.com)

**Registration Now Open**



**October 5-7, 2023**





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## Message

### from the President



Dr. David Iglewicz

As the leaves change their hues and the air turns crisp, we welcome the fall season with open arms and bright smiles! I hope this newsletter finds you all in good spirits and excellent dental health. As your friendly pediatric dentist, I'm thrilled to share some exciting updates and tips to make this autumn an unforgettable one for our dental society!

Firstly, let's embrace the spirit of fun and laughter in our dental practices. Fall brings with it a sense of joy and playfulness, so why not infuse that into our interactions with young patients? Using humor and creativity during appointments can help ease any dental anxiety and turn oral care into a superhero adventure!

Secondly, let's stay mindful of the seasonal treats that can test our teeth's resilience. Encourage our patients and their families to indulge in the occasional pumpkin-spiced delight while promoting the importance of moderation and maintaining a consistent oral hygiene routine. A few simple tips can keep those smiles beaming brightly all season long!

Thirdly, let's focus on community outreach during this time of gratitude and togetherness. Fall presents a wonderful opportunity to organize educational events or dental screenings in local schools or community centers. By engaging with our community, we can spread awareness about the importance of dental health and instill good habits in young minds.

Lastly, let's celebrate our dental society's accomplishments over the past year and set new goals for the fall season. Whether it's participating in dental conferences or organizing informative webinars, we can grow stronger as a team and make a significant impact on our patients' lives.

Wishing you all a fantastic fall season filled with warm smiles, happy patients, and successful dental endeavors. Together, we'll make this autumn a time to remember for our dental society. Let's keep spreading smiles and making a positive difference, **one tooth at a time!**

Respectfully submitted,

*Dr. David Iglewicz*



# GKAS Thanks...

Our Spring 2023 **Give Kids A Smile** event was held at Dr. Barry Cohen's office in Drexel Hill, on Monday, May 8th. Chester-Delaware volunteers included Drs. Brady, Brian, Cohen, Dagenhart, Himmelberger, Logan, Mittal, Wingate (pedo), and Yosevitz.



Donations from Drs. Bushick, Cimino, Harris, and Pfeiffer helped provide care for 24 fortunate students, who received nearly \$10,000 worth of dental care and education. Most of the students were from the Haverford and Upper Merion School Districts.

ADA American Dental Association®

Several kids couldn't wait until our Fall 23 event for more treatment due to the extent of their need! Pediatric Dentist Jackie Wingate provided comprehensive care to one student and oral surgeon Dick Clark extracted some badly broken down deciduous molars for a patient on the spectrum. Dr. Rob Raymond (pedo) completed treatment for two children. We're also collaborating with Montgomery-Bucks Dental Society - Dr. Hadi Ghazzouli arranged comprehensive treatment for two children at Providence Dental Center (Drs. Angela Wimer & Candice Ghazzouli), and KoP Smile Care (Dr. Jenna Chung). Orthodontist Tony Cook is providing orthodontic care for a young patient in need functionally – thank you!!

Dr. Joel Funari generously provided lunch for our crew of volunteers!



With gratitude,

*Tami, Karin, Linda & Bernie*

## 3 Hours CE Credit for Participation!

We now provide letters at access events to document hours of volunteer/uncompensated dental, hygiene or EFDA practice, of which 3 hours may be credited toward the SBOD biannual in-person continuing education requirements.





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**Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

**Peter Auster, DMD – Pomona, NY**

**Newer than New** – With Covid finally on the run, dental companies are leapfrogging over each other to introduce the next great product. Some are outright exciting; some are just ways to charge higher fees for tweaked products. Dr. Auster will help you decide which direction to go when adding better, more intuitive technologies and products to your dental world. Dr. Auster receives support from Bisco, DMG, Kettenbach, Shofu and Voco.

#### Learning Objectives:

- Learn what has happened since the early days of covid to make your dental life an easier one
- All in Dentistry: the future is now, and it is pretty amazing!
- Are electric toothbrushes necessary?; A comparison and conclusion
- Single shade composites; heated composites, Zirconia cements, temp cements, a MUCH better retraction paste; desensitizers; bulk fills; better bite materials; diode lasers; curing lights
- Should you buy that scanner now? A veteran's report.

**Friday, December 15, 2023**

**Dewitt Wilkerson – St. Petersburg, FL**

**TMD, Splint Therapy & Airway: Evaluation, Diagnosis & Treatment** – The subject of problem solving has a central role of dental medicine. In this course we will explore the cause and effect relationships of dental malocclusions, bruxism, sore muscles of mastication and internal TM Joint derangements. We will also discuss normal TM Joint anatomy, causes and classification of internal derangements and diagnosis using imaging. Based on an accurate diagnosis, we will discuss the appropriate use of various occlusal splints, occlusal equilibration, and joint surgery. We will learn about the critical relationship between airway, breathing and sleep disorders in the etiology of many TMD concerns. Dr. Wilkerson reports no financial relationships relevant to this presentation.

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

**Wesley W Lyon, II, CPA, CFP & Jonathan R. Martin, CPA – Charlotte, NC**

**How to Achieve Financial Freedom and a Successful Transition** – Join the 5% of dentists who can afford to retire at age 65. Using these winning financial strategies, you can develop a game plan to increase your net worth, reach financial freedom, and reduce stress. When considering the sale of your practice, learn how to position your practice in order to understand all of the forces impacting the dental industry today and optimize your transition outcome, whether your transition plans are immediate, near-term, or further down the road. This hard-hitting program contains "inside information" that you simply can't find elsewhere - gleaned from over 30 years of working exclusively with the dental profession.

#### Highlights include::

- Increasing Practice Profitability
- Slashing Taxes and Increasing Savings
- A Better Way to Invest
- Practice Values and Your True EBITDA
- Corporate Dentistry
- Transitions Alternatives

**Friday, April 19, 2024**

**Jane Soxman, DDS - Allison Park, PA & John A. Svirsky, DDS - Richmond, VA**

### The Oral Path of Least Resistance: From The Young to The Old –

**AM Course:** Will review some of the more common anomalies in the developing dentition. Description, etiology and treatment recommendations that include pre-eruptive intracoronary resorption, molar-incisor hypomineralization, eruption disturbances and anomalies of crown size and shape will be presented.

**PM Course:** Will review ulcerative disease, emphasizing lichen planus, chronic ulcerative stomatitis, aphthous stomatitis, HPV, oropharyngeal cancer and oral cancer. Get ready to laugh, learn and make a difference in the life of your patients. Drs. Soxman & Svirsky report no financial relationships relevant to this presentation.

#### Course Objectives:

- Recognize the anomalies in the developing dentition.
- Provide timely intervention and appropriate treatment for the anomalies discussed.
- Demonstrate a logical approach to the diagnosis of oral lesions.
- Integrate therapeutic regimens used to treat aphthous ulcerations and lichen planus.
- Recognize good from bad.
- Distinguish between oropharyngeal cancer and oral cancer.

**Friday, May 17, 2024**

**Isaac Tawil, DDS, MS – Brooklyn, NY**

### Demystifying Digital Dentistry - Implantology –

Dental Implantology is a constantly evolving rapidly growing field. New technology is constantly emerging to enhance our workflows while the adaptation and application may be difficult to implement. This presentation will discuss many of the advancements to help provide insights for a restoratively driven prosthetic approach. We will discuss advanced planning, surgical treatment, record collection, and restorative workflow s for replacement of a single tooth to full arch FP1, FP2 and FP3 restorations using the most advanced technology. Fully guided and partially guided digital workflows will be explained including a full exploration of techniques and processes that decrease treatment time while increasing predictability and quality of patient care while reducing costs. Dr. Tawil receives support from Megagen America.

#### Course Highlights:

- Appreciate the records required for creating a restoratively driven workflow
- Understand the complications that arise from poor treatment planning
- Discover the advantages and new tools utilizing CBCT visual-based approach to surgery
- Comprehend the work flow for single tooth to full arch restorations
- Developing "Biological Osteomies" utilizing advanced anatomic scalping approach
- Learn how to predictably guide the future bone formation around implants
- Appreciate the use of intra-oral scanning, photogrammetry and grammetry
- Discover the micron-level scanning possibilities that IOS and lab scanners provide
- Understand the work flow and componentry for a 2 visit full arch metal-free solution
- Learn the advantages and disadvantages of guided vs non-guided surgery pertaining to full-arch implant restorations.

**For Speaker Bio go to [www.DKUdental.com](http://www.DKUdental.com) and see full brochure.**

**All meetings will be held at the Springfield Country Club on Route 320, Springfield, Delaware County, PA.**

**Registration for all courses 8:30 AM. Lecture 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Continental breakfast and lunch included for all DKU courses.**

**FEES**

Delco and Chesco Society Members - Entire Series - \$695, Individual Courses - \$210, 3 Courses - \$560, 4 Courses - \$655

Other ADA Members - Entire Series - \$745 Individual Courses - \$225, 3 Courses - \$600, 4 Courses - \$695

Non-ADA Members - Entire Series - \$815, Individual Courses - \$240, 3 Courses - \$635, 4 Courses - \$755

Staff members accompanied by a doctor will be \$110 per course per person with reservation at least one week in advance, \$130 per course per person at door.

**Cancellations and Refund Policy** - No refunds will be made without at least one week's notice prior to course date. (A \$25 administrative fee will be deducted.)

**For information please contact:** DKU • c/o Barry Cohen, DMD • 4750 Township Line Rd • Drexel Hill, PA 19026 • 610-449-7002 • [DKUdental@aol.com](mailto:DKUdental@aol.com)





# Member Spotlight

## Dr. Joel Funari

A native of Pennsylvania, Dr. G. Joel Funari was born and raised in the town of Yardley in Bucks County. After graduating from Pennsbury High School in 1972 he attended Villanova University earning both Bachelors (1976) and Masters Degrees (1979). While a D2, Joel voluntarily enrolled in the United States Navy's 19251 program and was awarded his Doctorate of Dental Medicine in 1983 from Temple University Dental School, graduating with honors. Following his graduation and his commission into the Navy, he completed a Dental General Practice Residency Bethesda Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland in 1984. In 1994 he completed a residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, Texas.

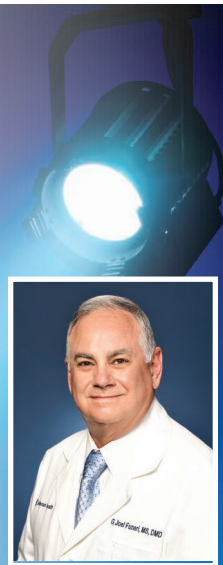
Dr. G. Joel Funari, M.S., D.M.D. retired as a Captain from the United States Navy in 2004 after a distinguished 21-year career as an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon. Highly decorated, Joel has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and numerous unit awards. Following his retirement, Joel entered private practice, ultimately purchasing a solo practice in Devon. In 2019, he was appointed a Clinical Instructor in the Thomas Jefferson Health System Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Sidney Kimmel Medical College.

Joel is a member of numerous professional and honorary societies, chief amongst them a Diplomate, American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and a Diplomate, National Dental Board of Anesthesia. He is a fellow in the International College of Dentists, American College of Dentists, and the Fellow, Pierre Fauchard Academy. He is a member of the American Dental Association tripartite and has served as a delegate to the Pennsylvania House of Delegates and has served as President of Valley Forge Second District Dental Association, as well President of The Dental Society of Chester County & Delaware County. He is currently serving a second term as President of the Pennsylvania Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and is a delegate to the House of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS).

Dr. Funari also serves as a Professional Member, Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry and a committee member for Prescriber Practices of the Pennsylvania Department of Health. He also serves as a consultant to the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). He served as an Examiner for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons for 13 years.

Dr. Funari lectures both nationally and internationally and he recently received the Sidney Kimmel Medical College Dean's Award for Excellence in Education.

What free time Dr. Funari has is spent golfing, being on the water, but more importantly, doing all the fun things grandfathers are supposed to do with his two grandsons. With retirement on the near horizon, plans are being made to embark on extended travels with his wife and working on his "bucket list". Dr. Funari feels blessed to have worked in the best profession in the world and would like to thank the truly great individuals he has worked with over his career.



**Do you know a member  
who should be recognized?**

**Please submit their name and email address to  
[cddbuletin@gmail.com](mailto:cddbuletin@gmail.com),  
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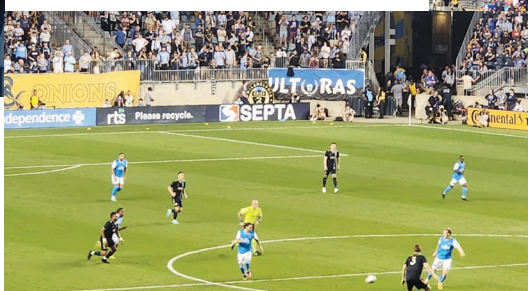


# New Dentist Event

The New Dentist Committee hosted a night at the Philadelphia Union on May 31. Everyone had a blast as the Union defeated Charlotte FC 1-0!



*Pictured: Dr. Thakkar, Dr. Yap, Dr. Nguyen and Dr. Shannon*



## MOM-n-PA

June, 2023  
Allentown, PA





## PDA MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

PDA celebrated the inaugural recipients of the **10 UNDER 10 AWARD**. Dr. Jasmine Shafagh received the award for significant contributions to the profession, her community and organized dentistry.



*Dr. Jasmine Shafagh, Dr. Sha Shafagh, Dr. Steve Radack, Dr. Haley Ciccarelli, Dr. Joseph Kohler.*



*Dr. Jasmine Shafagh, Dr. Iraj Shafagh, and Mrs. Fariba Shafagh*



## LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The PDA graduated its inaugural class of the Leadership Academy, including Dr. Selena Nguyen and Dr. Jasmine Shafagh.

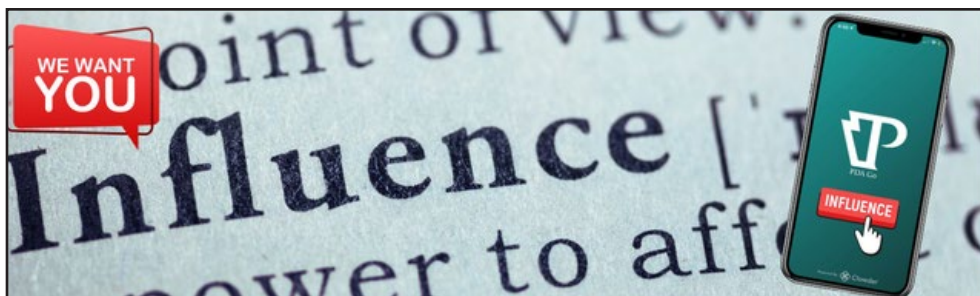


*I thoroughly enjoyed my experience in the leadership academy. It helped me analyze my leadership style, broadened my perspective on various approaches to leadership and helped me better understand parliamentary procedure. I got the opportunity to network and make friends with wonderful mentors and other like-minded young leaders in organized dentistry!*

*Dr. Jasmine Shafagh*



Dr. Linda Himmelberger, pictured with Dr. Jay Freedman, received the Greater Philadelphia Valley Forge Dental Conference (GPVFDC) **Recognition Award** during the Valley Forge Dental Association annual meeting on March 31, 2023. The award is presented to an individual who has shown, over a number of years, consistent willingness to go above and beyond what is normally expected to support the GPVFDC



## Influential Volunteers NEEDED

***Do you have what it takes to be an “influencer?” No doubt many of you do!***

**PDA Go** is leveling up with a new automatic subgroup update allowing members to directly communicate with everyone in your district society on the app. Subgroups will be the ideal place to share upcoming events, CE courses, socials, and other news with those in your area. ***We have been looking for an unofficial “PDA Go Influencer” for each district.***

Your role would be to encourage other members to post information and generate discussions within each district subgroup. **This is a great micro-volunteering opportunity!** If you're interested in becoming an unofficial PDA Go Influencer and leading group discussions for your district, **please contact PDA Component Relations Manager Sarah Adams at [sma@padental.org](mailto:sma@padental.org).**



# GREATER PHILADELPHIA VALLEY FORGE DENTAL CONFERENCE

**10.27.23**

FRIDAY  
OCT 27

VALLEY FORGE  
CASINO RESORT

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
LUNCH & CONTINENTAL  
BREAKFAST INCLUDED

## NUTRITION LALLAPALOOSA: ESSENTIAL NUTRITION FOR THE DENTAL PROFESSIONAL!

Do not miss this food festival. After this party is over, you will no longer look at food as simply "fuel." There is no innocent food. Researchers have found irrefutable scientific evidence macronutrients & micronutrients modulate inflammation in the body. What your patients consume either boosts inflammation or turns it down. Consuming a variety of healthy food lowers inflammation, slows age related dysfunction, supports a healthy metabolism & boosts oral health. Our diets are the linchpin of the repair/regeneration cycle. This inspiring session will support your patients' health journey.

1. Discover the value of talking chairside nutrition with patients.
2. Learn why Hippocrates in 300BC said "Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food".
3. Understand just how food is much more than calories and has a powerful influence in every physiological process in the body.
4. Feel Empowered to talk food, mood, healing, and soft tissue management with your patients.

*\*Event free to members of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery and Northampton County Dental Societies.*

Another Second District  
Member Benefit!\*

## DR. UCHE ODIATU

Keynote Speaker, Author,  
Wellness Expert



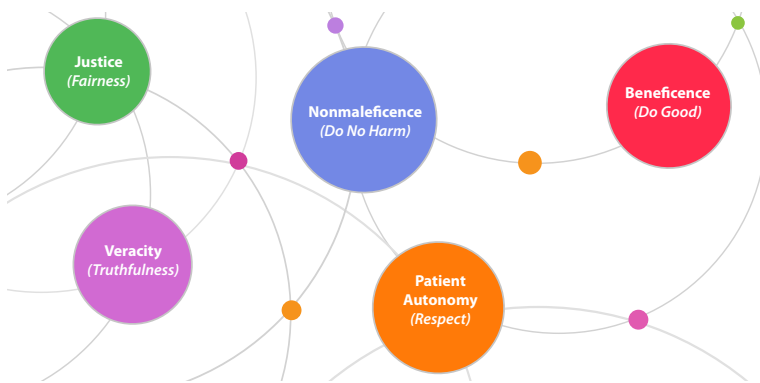
*...a fresh new perspective...entertaining,  
enthusiastic and energetic. It was the  
most popular presentation.*

## THE VALUE-ADDED NEW PATIENT EXAM: FOUR PATIENT LIFESTYLE HABITS THAT INFLUENCE HEALING

Our patients don't leave their stressful jobs, poor sleeping patterns (insomnia, apnea, snoring), their physical fitness (or lack) or their eating patterns (mindless eating & evening feeding frenzies) in the car before they sit in our chair. There's irrefutable scientific evidence that these habits can ramp up inflammation or dial it down. Well adjusted, rested, physically active, healthy eating patients enjoy a physiology that supports a better response to our prevention/restorative interventions. In this high energy entertaining program, be prepared to have your hair blown back.

1. Discover how eating habits can dial down or ramp inflammation and how it affects your treatment outcomes.
2. Learn why it's important to identify the sleep deprived patient (not just apnea) right away at the New Patient exam.
3. Understand why your sedentary patients don't heal as well as your active living patients. ALERT 85% of your patients lead sedentary lives.
4. Gain greater insight into the relationship between chronic inflammation & disease and become a leader.

**Register at** [www.gpvfdc.org](http://www.gpvfdc.org)



# ADA

## PRINCIPLES of ETHICS & CODE of PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

### *Nonmaleficence*

by Linda K. Himmelberger, DMD  
*Past Chair of the ADA Council on Ethics,  
 Bylaws & Judicial Affairs*

Often times referred to as “do no harm”, this second principle directs the dentist to refrain from harming the patient. From the Code:

*This principle expresses the concept that professionals have a duty to protect the patient from harm. Under this principle, the dentist’s primary obligations include keeping knowledge and skills current, knowing one’s own limitations and when to refer to a specialist or other professional, and knowing when and under what circumstances delegation of patient care to auxiliaries is appropriate.*

This principle encompasses a myriad of professional obligations.

**(1)** The public accords dentists professional status due to our knowledge, skills, and experience. In order to maintain the public’s trust, it is incumbent upon practitioners to keep their knowledge current. Attending continuing education courses is an ethical obligation.

When the welfare of the patient will be safeguarded or advanced, the dentist is

**(2)** obligated to refer the patient to someone who has advanced training, skills and/or experience. Those to whom a patient is referred have *an obligation to return the patient to the referring dentist unless the patient expresses a different preference*. If there was no referring dentist (patient self-selected the specialist), the specialist is required to tell the patient that there are unmet dental needs.

Dentists, in order to safeguard the patient, must

**(3)** delegate only those duties which can be *legally* delegated. It behooves every practicing dentist to be knowledgeable about the scope of practice of

each auxiliary type (assistant, EFDA, RDH, PHDH) and the level of supervision required. Failing to supervise appropriately or delegating duties which an auxiliary cannot legally perform is considered *unprofessional conduct* and could subject your license to discipline.

It is unethical (and is considered *unprofessional conduct*) to

**(4)** practice dentistry while abusing controlled substances which impair the ability to practice.

All dentists have an obligation to urge colleagues who have substance abuse disorders to seek treatment. A dentist, who has first-hand knowledge that a dentist is practicing while impaired, is *ethically* obligated to report that patient to the Concerned Colleague Committee of the PDA.

Also included in this Second Principle is the

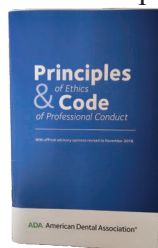
**(5)** obligation to inform patients when they have been exposed to blood or other *potentially infectious pathogens* in your office and refer them for testing. Before covid, this was focused primarily on bloodborne pathogens. Covid demonstrated the need to think more broadly about “pathogens” and include viruses.

Once treatment has begun, the dentist

**(6)** should not discontinue treatment without giving adequate notice and the opportunity to obtain the services of another dentist. If you have questions about your responsibility in this regard, a call to your malpractice carrier is in order. Failure to appropriately dismiss a patient is considered *unprofessional conduct*.

Finally, a dentist

**(7)** must avoid personal relationships with patients. In Pennsylvania, *it is considered unprofessional conduct and will subject your license to discipline*.





Language was approved to establish the position of a Treasurer-elect. Before this goes into effect, the COD will also need to approve as well, since this is a Bylaws change.

The BOT approved the development of content for social media by the membership department on the topic of dental guilt. "Stories from the Chair" will be a (member only) social media campaign that highlights member dentists and their successes, failures, tips to stay well, and advice for overcoming dental guilt.

The New Dentist Committee recommended adding a social component to National Signing Day activities. In 2024, events will be planned for off-site central location for the students that will engage member dentists, including new dentists, in the area to connect with students on a more informal level.

The BOT approved policy stating that all ADA HOD Delegates and Alternates complete training in DEI each year in advance of the ADA Annual Session. As time will not permit creating custom content for this year, we have recommended using one or two of the free ADA CE programs that are available on line. Two BOT members that serve on the DEI committee will review the available programs and make a recommendation.

**Please make a contribution to both PADPAC and ADPAC!!!** This is an EASY one! As our membership declines with dentists retiring at an alarming rate and New Dentists are typically smaller contributors, the numbers and amounts of donations are expected to decline. Donations can also be set up as Electronic monthly payments like your dues to spread out the expense. Donate at PADPAC (padental.org)

The PDA Family Vacation Conference will return again next year. Dates TBD soon so that publicity can begin. Post conference participant evaluations and other recommendations were brought forth to enhance attendance at next year's event.

The PDA BOT unanimously voted their support of the continuation of the ADA, PDA District and Local Tripartite membership structure. In November 2023, the California Dental Association's (CDA) House of Delegates (HOD) will consider a resolution to remove ADA dues from the CDA's annual membership renewal notice. If CDA's HOD adopts the resolution, starting in 2025 ADA will be required to send membership renewal notices directly to California member dentists.

Thanks to a resolutions from the Dental Workforce Task Force, a toolkit will be developed which lists the educational and/ or work requirements for high school students to

become dental hygienists or dental assistants. It will also include a list of programs offering dental hygiene or dental assisting degrees or certificates; expected salary ranges; and other pertinent facts. The toolkit will be posted on the public page of the PDA website and be distributed to the district and local dental societies, to be used to promote these programs in their local school districts and high schools through the guidance counselor offices and/or other outreach.

Other DWTF recommended actions would require a shift in our legislative priorities in an upcoming session, and are currently being acted upon or were referred to PDA committees for further exploration.

Dr. Jay Freedman made himself available to the Board to share his strategy and answer questions relating to his campaign for the position of ADA Second Vice President.

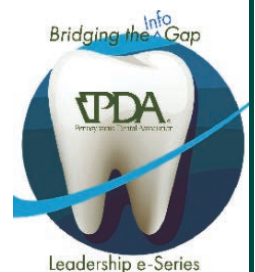
## UPCOMING DATES:

**PDA Leadership Conference** – October 27-28, 2023, Benco Facility, Wilkes-Barre, PA

**Pennsylvania Dental Meeting** - April 19-20, 2024 - Mount Airy Casino Resort, Mt. Pocono PA



## Leadership e-Series!



This series is designed to keep PDA leaders at the national, state, district and local levels informed but all members are welcome. There is no registration fee. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

### Upcoming Dates for 2023: (all at 6:30 PM)

Wednesday, September 6  
Monday, October 2

Tuesday, November 7  
Wednesday, December 6

**Register at [www.padental.org](http://www.padental.org)**



## For Dentists

### Keeping You Connected to Our Community

ADA support and resources in the palm of your hand via the reimagined ADA member app, plus the new Dental Sound Bites Podcast offering real talk on dentistry's daily wins and sticky situations.

### Programming for New Dentists

Zoom Town Halls, "Ask me Anything," SmileCon® New Dentist Lounge, Real Talk Series, and the

Wellness Ambassador Program offer ways to learn, connect, and heal for early-career professionals.

### Having Your Back Along the Career Journey

**Resources** for every stage of your career, such as contract review, one-on-one dental insurance support, debt management tools, financial planning, group insurance programs, wellness support, as well as **ADA Practice Transitions™ (ADAPT)** for buying, selling, or joining a dental practice.

### Advancing Clinical Decision Making

- **Scientific findings** from the ADA Science and Research Institute (ADASRI), JADA, PracticeUpdate, plus evidence-based clinical guidelines give members access to cutting-edge research and expert commentary.
- **ADACEOnline.org** offers 300+ continuing education courses for continued learning.

## For the Public and Profession

### Empowering Dentists to Practice Anywhere

Increased licensure portability makes it easier for dentists to move across state lines.

### Leading Dentistry Through the Pandemic

Enhanced infection-control protocols at the beginning of COVID-19 and low infection rates among dental staff resulted in dental practices remaining open through subsequent waves of the pandemic and dentistry solidifying itself as an essential health service.

### Setting the Bar on Safety

The FDA uses 81 **ADA Standards** to assess the safety and efficacy of dental products, while the **ADA Seal** has been the leading mark of dental product safety for over 90 years.

### Protecting Dentistry Through Advocacy

- ADA efforts secured increased funding for oral health research/

training, Indian dental health, along with over \$5M to support community programs, and extended funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program through 2029.

- Successfully partnered with 10 state dental societies to **reform their Medicaid programs**, making it easier for dentists to participate.
- Relieved the burden of educational debt by protecting the student loan interest deduction and supporting regulation to eliminate loans subject to interest capitalizations, plus ongoing advocacy to help dentists manage their student debt.
- Invested \$5.5M to help win the **Medical Loss Ratio** bill in Massachusetts in 2022, setting the stage for dental insurance reform across the country.
- As dental insurance remains a pain point for many, the ADA is working on the state and federal levels to create a better benefits system for dentists and patients.

### Promoting Practice Solutions

**ADA's Credentialing Service** (used by 100K+ dentists) reduces admin burden and allows practices to spend more time on clinical care, while ADA maintenance of CDT codes and the ADA dental claim form allows all dentists to be more efficient with billing and getting paid.

### Improving Access to Care

- Seven states added dental coverage **for adults** insured under their state Medicaid program, leading to increased coverage for oral health for low-income adults, reduced hospital ED spending, and lower overall medical costs.
- **Give Kids A Smile®** has provided more than 7M children with oral health services since 2002.

### Raising Public Awareness

MouthHealthy.org, social media, and media outreach continue to educate the public on the importance of oral health to overall health. In 2022, coverage citing the ADA resulted in an audience reach of 34.8B.

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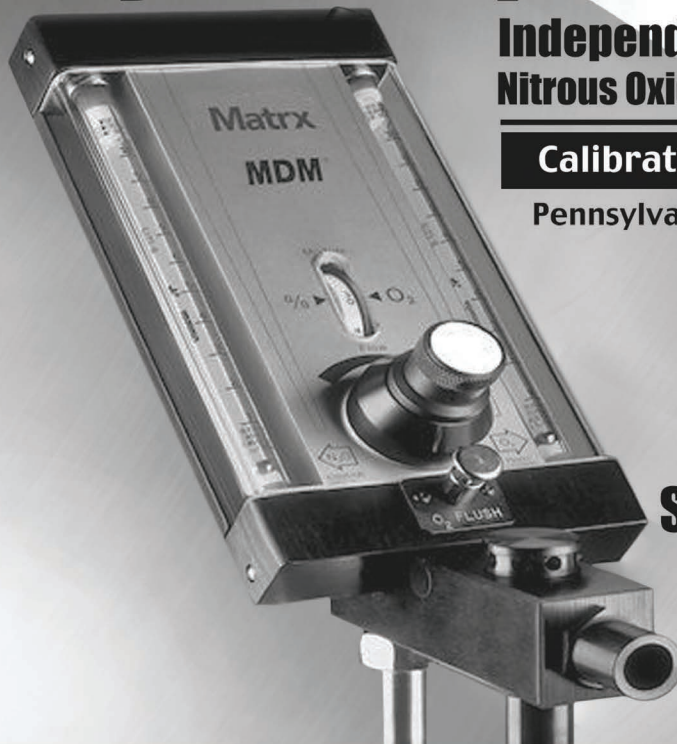
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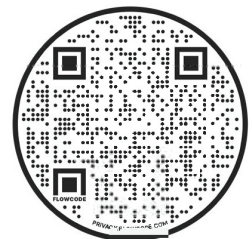
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# Upcoming *events*



## BOARD MEETINGS: 6:30 PM

- 09/20/2023** - Timothy's, West Chester
- 11/16/2023** - TBD
- 01/11/2024** - Zoom
- 01/13/2024** - Anthony's Ristorante, Springfield
- 05/08/2024** - Zoom

## MEMBER EVENTS

- 11/09/2023** - SAVE Course, Media VFW
- 05/22/2024** - Annual Meeting, General Warren

## GIVE KIDS A SMILE: 9:30 AM

- 10/23/2023** - Dr. Devine's Office, Broomall

## CVIM: 9:30 AM

- 12/01/2023** - CVIM, West Chester

## PDA

- 10/27/2023** - Leadership Conference, Wilkes Barre, PA

## PENNSYLVANIA DENTAL MEETING

- 04/19/2024** - Mt. Airy Casino Resort

## DKU: 8:30 AM SPRINGFIELD COUNTRY CLUB

- 9/13/2023** - Newer than New  
*Peter Auster, DMD*
- 12/15/2023** - TMD, Splint Therapy & Airway  
*DeWitt Wilkerson, DMD*
- 02/07/2024** - Financial Freedom & Successful Transition  
*Wesley Lyon, II, CPA*  
*Jonathan Martin, CPA*
- 04/19/2024** - Oral Path of Least Resistance  
*Jane Soxman, DDS*  
*John Svirsky, DDS*
- 05/17/2024** - Demystifying Digital Dentistry  
*Isaac Tawil, DDS*

## GPVFDC

- 10/27/2023** - Valley Forge Casino & Resort
- March 2024** - Valley Forge Casino & Resort