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Call for Submissions

Do you have an unusual case study or an interesting article you would like to have published? Dental Dimensions is looking for articles from our members so we can share our collective knowledge. Articles should be 500-1000 words with references where applicable and photos if possible. Send your submissions to: exec@sfvds.org or contact the dental society office at 818-576-0116



On The Cover.....

Member, Suzanne Berger, DDS, a Pediatric Dentist, goes the extra mile to make her young patients comfortable and cooperative, not to mention, have fun!

FROM THE DESK of the President

Mahfouz Gereis, DDS



You only have to look at one month's calendar of events to realize how hard the volunteer board and the staff members of San Fernando Valley Dental Society work to serve the members and the community. Just to name few, in the month of March we had a charitable event at MEND where our volunteer dentists and staff examined and performed close to \$30,000 worth of treatment on patients who otherwise have no means of getting their dental treatment. It was a fulfilling experience to both patients and volunteer dentists and staff.

Additionally, in the months of April and June we had two continuing education general meetings and two zone meetings. Not to mention the board and committee meetings that are conducted throughout the year for planning and implementing all these activities to meet the varying needs of our members and patients.

As for serving the interests of our members, during May a group of dentist members of the board of San Fernando Valley Dental Society Legislative Committee traveled to Sacramento where they met many of our representatives, explained to them the issues that affect us and left a good impression in support of the interests of our profession.

We have many other programs and activities planned in the near future. One of those programs, that I am particularly excited about, is the newly developed "Society of Mentors" program where we will pair new graduates and new dentists with more seasoned dentists who will be 'holding their hands' and helping them in every possible way they need. The guideline for this program is in the final stages and you should receive an email with details soon. We believe this is a great program, not only to help the new dentist but, also to increase the bond with the new generation, and help them integrate and prepare them to be organized dentistry's leaders in the future. I encourage all of you to participate in this program either as a new dentist or as a volunteer veteran.

Among the other programs we are also planning to expand our foundation's flagship program, 'Veterans Smile Day'. Hundreds of our veterans will receive free dental treatment by volunteer dentists throughout the San Fernando, Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys. That program started at the San Fernando Valley Dental Society and New York, and has grown to be a national event involving many other local and state dental societies.

In addition to all of these activities, we will continue to conduct zone meetings that are geographically distributed to cover our wide geographic area, giving members outside of the San Fernando Valley proper the opportunity to network and learn. We'll also continue to hold special educational events and hands-on courses at the central office, in addition to a few social events. Maybe now you can better understand why I mentioned how the volunteer board and staff members of San Fernando Valley Dental Society work very diligently to serve the members and the community.

As our profession faces many challenges, our members try hard to meet the requirements, Just look around to see the array of new requirements of compliance with new sexual harassment training laws, the minimum wage and labor laws, installing amalgam separators, the need to screen patients for symptoms of Measles and infectious diseases to protect yourself, employees and patients, registering with the Cures 2 program, not to mention complying with OSHA and all other regulatory agencies. All of that emphasizes the important role organized dentistry represented by your component plays. In reality, organized dentistry might be the only voice that speaks on our behalf.

In the month of May, I had a chance to travel to the country of South Korea for an 'East Asia Dental Convention' along with a few other representatives from California. I had a chance to see firsthand how Far East dentistry is performed and how technologies are applied there. I have to tell you, I was impressed with the standard of quality and discipline that you see throughout the dental community there. However, the one thing you can't miss is the presence and dominance of the American technology and companies. It is no secret that we have the best dentistry in the world and possibly the best trained dentists. I came back with a great appreciation for the standard of care and moral ethics that we subscribe to and abide by. It makes me proud to be a dentist practicing in the USA, and certainly proud to be a dentist member of the San Fernando Valley Dental Society.

Mahfouz Gereis, DDS
President

Trustee Report

Never doubt that your organization is hard at work to protect our profession and the public.

Do you encounter insurance conflicts in your office? In response to Resolution 18, adopted by the 2018 House of Delegates, CDA has instituted a new online submission form in which dentists can report dental benefit plan issues. This process will enable CDA to continue providing resolution through its expert analysts, while giving the association a more defined view of the types of dental benefit plan issues its members face. Since release of the form, CDA Practice Support has seen a 10 percent increase in reported issues. To learn more or submit an issue for resolution, visit cda.org/dentalbenefits

Dental Office Staffing Project: In October 2018, the board approved recommendations by the Dental Office Staffing Task Force to pursue advocacy, educational and local support strategies for addressing dental office staffing shortages. Since that time, CDA has developed an easy-to-use checklist for out-of-state dental assistants to become licensed in California; created an employment toolkit addressing recruitment, hiring, retaining and firing employees; and has begun promoting best practices at the local level.

37 years ago, CDA established TDIC, the insurance company in response to high rates of insurance for dentists. CDA has listened to its members again. TDSC was established in response to the high cost of supplies. TDSC provides competitive rates that allow members to keep their overhead costs low.

TDSC has expanded into 47 states as of the date of this publication and is expected to cover all 50 states by the end of 2019. TDSC has become one of the most profitable member benefits. Make sure to visit the TDSC website. While TDSC currently has more than 40,000 SKUs (products), they are seeking feedback regarding additional supply needs, especially for dental specialties. Please submit any product and improvement requests to www.support@tdsc.com

Many members have expressed difficulty in finding the right person to take over their practices. ADA's new subsidiary has launched a service known as 'ADA Practice Transitions' or ADAPT. The Beta test has launched in Maine and Wisconsin as part of ADA's efforts to assess and refine this new service.

ADAPT is a new service offered through ADA Business Innovations Group to make the process of entering and leaving a practice both predictable and enjoyable. The purpose is to match dentists who are looking to join a practice with owners who are seeking a partner, associate or someone to

purchase their practice. Included in the initiative is an online platform with tips, tools and training relevant to each dentist's situation. In addition, an ADA Advisor is assigned to the partnership to help facilitate the process and foster a positive relationship for both parties beyond the transaction.



Karin Irani, DDS

Smile Direct Club and centers opening across the country and in some CVS stores have become a cause of concern for public safety. ADA has submitted a "Citizen Petition" to the FDA calling out Smile Direct Club for violating FDA labeling and branding laws by failing to comply with the "by prescription only" restriction placed on FDA class II Devices. The purpose of this petition is to advance the health of patients and the public in general. The ADA Citizen Petition can be found on www.ADA.Org under ADA Citizen Petition. The petition is open for comments through October 22, 2019.

A portrait of Jack Fogelson, a man with glasses, wearing a suit and tie, smiling.

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Legislation Report

CDA advocates to preserve in-office patient financing through legislation.

CDA is in negotiations on Senate Bill 639, which was drafted to provide consumer protections on financial products purchased by patients and used to finance various types of health care-related procedures and products, including dental procedures. To ensure financing products remain available for patients and providers, CDA has taken an "oppose unless amended" position to request amendments that will continue to allow these products to be marketed in dental offices without interrupting the practice of dentistry or the dentist-patient relationship.

Dental board's sunset review bill includes clarifications on licensure.

The Dental Board of California is undergoing its sunset review in the state Legislature. In Assembly Bill 1519, authored by the Assembly Business and Professions Committee, the dental board provides a status update to the Legislature and identifies opportunities for improvement. CDA has particular interest in three areas of the dental board's sunset review bill, including clarifying how an applicant can obtain a new license after their initial license has expired.

Network leasing bill gains traction, adds protection for dentists, patients.

AB 954, authored by Assemblymember Jim Wood, DDS, and sponsored by CDA, unanimously passed the Assembly Health Committee April 3 with favorable amendments to further protect dentists and patients when dental provider agreements are leased by third parties. The bill was introduced to make the network leasing process more transparent. Currently, dentists are not always aware that their existing contract with a health care benefit plan will be transferred or sold as part of a leased network.

NEW REGULATIONS

New requirement for businesses seeking tax ID numbers.

Dentists who are purchasing or starting a practice or making a change to their business structure should be aware of a new IRS requirement. As of May 13, 2019, only individuals with a tax identification number — either a Social Security number or an individual taxpayer identification number — may request an employer identification number.

Dentists must screen patients for measles, other ATDs, prior to providing treatment.

Jorge A. Alvarez, D.D.S.



As the number of measles cases in California and at least 25 other states continues to rise, becoming the highest number of reported cases in the U.S. since 1994, dental practices should ensure that they are screening patients for the highly contagious virus and other aerosol transmissible diseases prior to providing treatment.



On May 7th 2019, the Legislative Committee represented by Dr. Chi Leung, Dr. Anette Masters, Dr. Jim Jensvold, Dr. Emad Bassali and Dr. Jorge Alvarez, visited Sacramento in order to meet with our dental society area corresponding legislators.

The day started at CDA headquarters in Sacramento for a morning briefing and exchange of current legislative issues affecting dentistry in California.

AB 954 (Wood) to require dental benefit plans to be more transparent about the common practice of "leasing" access to a network of contracted dentists from another dental benefit plan.

AB 764 (Bonta) will help stop the soda industry from subsidizing low prices on sugary drinks.

SB 347 (Monning) will require a warning label on sugary drinks to help educate consumers as they make their purchasing decisions.

SB 154 (Pan) this year to add silver diamine fluoride (SDF) as a Medi-Cal benefit for treatment of dental decay when applied as part of a comprehensive treatment plan.

Regarding Proposition 56 Medi-Cal Funding, we are pleased to see that Governor Newsom's proposed 2019-20 budget maintains the current provider reimbursement funding from Prop. 56 and that his administration has expressed a commitment to make them ongoing.

We visited the Capitol Building offices of State Assemblymembers: Adrin Nazarian, Christie Smith, Laura Friedman and Jesse Gabriel. State Senators: Scott Wilk, Henry Stern. Overall our commitment to the dental health of our communities was shown in force to our legislators.

General Meeting Review

June 19, 2019 - Create Beautiful Composite Restorations in the Aesthetic Zone

Dr. Jacobson invented the patented UVENEER™, a unique template system for creating direct composite veneers and mock-ups. She spoke about how the Uveneer system is a unique way to create fast, predictable, polished restorations and shared practical techniques for minimally invasive dentistry and composites in the Aesthetic Zone.

Sigal Jacobsen, DDS



June 29, 2019 - Using Lasers in Your Practice HANDS ON

This hands-on course was designed for those who were unfamiliar with using lasers in dentistry. Attendees learned about various lasers from a variety of vendors, how they are used and for what purpose. Attending members then had a chance to use lasers on both hard and soft tissue – using actual pig jaws with intact teeth and gums. Attendees received a certificate of basic competency at the completion of the course.

Don Coluzzi, DDS



General Meetings -2019

September 25, 2019 - Implant Complications

Dr. Le is an oral surgeon and Dr. Marchack is a general dentist/prosthodontist, both of whom will contribute their vast experience with implants to explain how best to deal with common implant complications, how to avoid them and how to fix resultant implant problems.

Drs. Bach Le & Baldwin Marchack



October 23, 2019 - Challenges in Implant Dentistry: Provisionals, Passive fit & Loose Restorations – be prepared!

Different methods of provisionalization have been developed for various clinical situations and offer numerous advantages. This presentation will review the benefits of provisionalization in implant dentistry to the surgical and restorative team. The importance of passive fit of implant frameworks has been debated for more than a decade. It has been shown that a microscopic misfit will always exist in the framework interface, so what level of misfit is clinically acceptable? And, what practical methods for objective evaluation of implant frameworks are possible. Finally, one of the most challenging complications in implant dentistry is a loose implant restoration. This condition could be a result of multiple different etiologies and may require completely different treatment approaches. This part of the presentation will review this syndrome and suggest a step by step approach to manage it successfully.

Harel Simon, DMD



November 20, 2019 - Pharmacology Declassified: An Overview and Update for Dental Professionals

Tom Viola, R.Ph., C.C.P. draws from his 30 years experience as a pharmacist, dental educator and author to offer a complete overview of the principles of dental pharmacology. Master the art of tailoring dental therapy to patients' existing medical conditions while avoiding potential complications. Attendees will learn to optimize safe, effective, and appropriate pain control to retain and acquire patients.

Tom Viola, RPh, CCP



SFVDS Membership Benefits



SFVDS Benefits of Membership

At the local level, the San Fernando Valley Dental Society (SFVDS) provides a wide variety of FACE-TO-FACE opportunities throughout the year for members. These face-to-face benefits allow for the development of camaraderie among member dentists, meeting specialists, up-to-date learning programs, both clinical and business-related, and opportunities for coordinated community services. Below you will find a summary of current programs and benefits offered by the dental society at the local level.

Convenient, local and reduced cost CE meetings with world class speakers covering both clinical and practice management coursework. Courses cover: aesthetics; implants; dental materials; new, minimally invasive procedures; pharmacology; oral surgery, endo, perio and other specialties for the general dentist, as well as a wide variety of practice management courses. Members pay a reduced tuition.

Hands-on courses are offered 3-4 times each year in the dental society's educational center. Courses are taught by industry recognized dental instructors in areas including crown and bridge, sleep medicine, lasers in dentistry and so on. Members pay a reduced tuition.

Dental Dimensions Magazine is our quarterly publication mailed to all members and available on line. The magazine addresses clinical, business and lifestyle concerns specific to dentistry and our members. Regular columns keep members abreast of board of directors activity, legislation (local, state and national), CDA activity and activity in the Glendale/Foothills and Antelope Valley areas of our membership jurisdiction.

www.SFVDS.org is the dental society's co-branded web site with ADA. A treasure trove of information is available for both the public and the membership (through a 'members only' log in section).

CPR recertification is provided 8-10 times per year by a contracted Red Cross CPR instructor and is offered at a much reduced rate to members and their staff.

Local zone meetings take place 8+ times each year. With such a large territory falling within our jurisdiction, the dental society brings social, clinical and business meetings to areas of specific concentration of members. Zone meetings usually are comprised of 20-30 members in a restaurant setting (dinners are included) designed to encourage networking and member-speaker interaction. Free to members, zone meetings cover employment law, clinical procedures like the 'Pinhole' and 'All on Four' techniques, dental photography, cdt coding and so on.

Social events are held a number of times during the year. The

aim is to just relax in the company of your colleagues, network and just have some fun. These social events are free for members and are usually held in a restaurant or bar.

'Schlep and Shred' is a free document shredding and e-waste recycling program provided free to members, 3-4 times each year in different areas of the society's jurisdictional boundaries.

An **'Afternoon Tea Party'** is held once each year in September at a local country club in recognition of the unique interests and demands on our female members. Women's empowerment is the guiding theme and past events have featured nationally recognized female leaders and speakers, who lead the discussion and round-table activities designed to boost confidence and increase networking among our female members. The tea party is a free event for members.

Peer Review, while coordinated by the CDA, is nonetheless one of the greatest local benefits as the peer review panel is staffed by local member dentists and occurs within our dental society's jurisdictional boundaries.

Employment Referral is an ongoing benefit to all members. Those seeking or looking to fill a new position, whether it be a dentist, hygienist, dental assistant or office staff can contact the dental society to submit their CV or receive copies of available resumes.

'Find a Dentist' offers the public a quick, sure-fire way to find a dentist using our website's search engine, which utilizes ADA's national database of dentists. To enhance member listings, members may access their listings and update them and their photos anytime, day or night.

Dental Business Summit/Dental MBA courses are offered 4-6 times per year. These courses are strictly business-related and are designed to help members understand finance, patient management, staff management, equipment leasing/purchasing, practice sales/purchases and wealth management. These courses are free to members.

The SFVDS Political Action Committee (PAC) supports candidates and issues favorable to dentistry at the local level (and sometimes the state level). Members make voluntary contributions to the PAC, whose board stays abreast of local pending issues and then considers supporting or opposing those candidates and issues for the benefit of the membership.

The SFVDS Foundation offers members the opportunity to serve the communities in which they practice by volunteering their expertise to improve the oral health of our most vulnerable populations, including the homeless, undocumented, victims of domestic abuse, veterans without dental care and children. The foundation pays for approved lab costs and coordinates its efforts with other local community-based organizations and clinics.

Dental Society Staff are here to help members with all membership, dental and business related questions. Staff may not always have an immediate answer, but are committed to finding the answer and getting back to our members within 24 hours.

CDA Membership Benefits



CDA Benefits of Membership

Whether you're new to the California Dental Association or a lifetime member, you likely already have a favorite benefit. You may not however, be familiar with all of the perks that your CDA membership has to offer.

These exclusive benefits can save you time and money, expand your education, streamline practice operations and connect you to priceless guidance when you need it most.

Practice Support

Four experienced CDA Practice Support analysts are available to assist members with matters related to dental benefit plans, employment law and human resources, regulatory compliance and practice management. These specialized experts provide one-on-one guidance by email and phone on Practice Management, Leadership and Practice Ownership, Membership, Regulatory Compliance, Employment Practices, Dental Benefit Plans

- Unlimited phone and email support from dedicated experts
- Hundreds of online resources, including:
- Informed consent forms
- Letters, templates and checklists
- Comprehensive reference guides
- Compliance calendar and required posters

Endorsed Programs

Harnessing the buying power of CDA's large membership, Endorsed Programs bring you select offers from vetted vendors (www.cda.org/member-resources/endorsed-programs).

- Special discounts on business services, including:
- Bank of America practice financing
- CommonBond student loan refinancing
- CareCredit financing for your patients
- HR for Health human resources solutions
- PureLife equipment to stay in compliance
- WEO Media complete marketing services

CDA Presents

CDA Presents The Art and Science of Dentistry is one of the nation's leading dental conventions, with new educational and networking offerings each year.

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- Convention-exclusive pricing from hundreds of exhibitors

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CDA Publications

The Journal of the California Dental Association is dedicated to scientific and clinical articles

CDA Update is the official news magazine

TDIC coverage

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- A system to help all parties involved reach a fair agreement
- Review by a committee of your peers who follow specific procedures

Well-Being Program

The program is a recovery source for members of the dental community who suffer from addiction and disorders.

- A confidential resource for employees, associates, family members or friends
- Support for alcohol/chemical dependency and a resource for other impairing issues
- Peer-to-peer support and aid in assessment, treatment, recovery and monitoring

Explore additional member benefits online at cda.org/member or call 800.232.7645 for assistance with your membership.

ADA Membership Benefits



Student Loan Refinance

As a member benefit, the ADA exclusively endorses Laurel Road student loan refinancing program providing unmatched opportunities for ADA members to refinance existing federal and private undergraduate and graduate school loans at a 0.25% lower rate than Laurel Road's already low rates. An additional 0.25% rate discount when monthly payments are made automatically from a bank account. Contact Laurel Road at 855.277.6771 studentloans@laurelroad.com

Information on Managing and Marketing Your Dental Practice

The ADA Center for Professional Success helps members succeed as both dental practitioners and small business owners.

ADA Catalog

Find professional, practice and patient education resources in the ADA Catalog.

Dental Coding Information

CDT (Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature): Find the latest information about the CDT. Learn more about the latest CDT products offered by the ADA Catalog. SNODENT (Systemized Nomenclature for Dentistry): Learn more about this vocabulary, designed for use in the electronic environment — for electronic health and dental records. Members can also read a Dental Coding FAQ on the ADA Center for Professional Success.

Additional Resources:

- Electronic Health Records (EHR)
- ADA Dental Claim Form
- Dental Practice Parameters
- Dental Standards

Legal Resources

The ADA actively monitors and engages in legal issues that are important to ADA members. The Division of Legal Affairs offers legal resources and information to help members better understand legal issues affecting dentists and dental practices.

- Through the Contract Analysis Service, the ADA provides information that can help you understand provisions in proposed contracts with dental benefit companies.

- ADA Litigation Support addresses possible ADA participation in lawsuits that may be of national significance to dentistry.

- The ADA Legal Resources Publications and Articles section, which is exclusively available to members, provides downloadable publications and articles on a variety of legal topics to help you protect your practice and your patients.

Travel Benefits

Save money when you travel #DriveStaySave

Take advantage of the special travel benefits available to you and your family as a valued member of the ADA. Not only do you save money, you can save time too. Traveling to the ADA office in Chicago for business? Contact your ADA meeting coordinator for detailed flight and hotel information.

Members Insurance Resources

Five ADA member group insurance plans offer term life, universal life, disability, overhead expense and supplemental health care coverage. ADA members can also use our unique online directory of professional liability insurers.

ADA Health Insurance Resource for Members

Members can shop for health insurance at ADA.org/health-insurance. This new resource lists the various state dental associations that offer health insurance options as well as a link to the new ADA-endorsed American Health Insurance Exchange.

Members Insurance

ADA Members Insurance Plans are available exclusively to ADA members and are designed specifically for practicing dentists. The ADA-sponsored group insurance plans include Life Insurance (Term Life and Term Plus Universal Life), Disability Income Protection, Office Overhead Expense and MedCASH. The ADA Plans provide quality insurance protection at premiums that are among the most competitive in the market. This is possible because of the economies of plan administration and direct mail marketing used to promote ADA member value. All five of the ADA-sponsored Members Insurance Plans are administered and underwritten directly by the Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company.

ADA Members Retirement Program

Whether you're just starting a retirement plan for you and your dental practice or would like to have your current plan evaluated, consider the ADA Members Retirement Program through AXA Equitable, which provides tax-qualified retirement savings plan options for member dentist employers and their employees.

The ADA endorsed Retirement Gateway Association (RGA) product is designed to meet the needs of members with plan assets valued at \$500,000 or higher. It can support a variety of plan types. A Retirement Program

Specialist will help dentists determine the best plan type for their business, based on the number and age of their employees, their retirement goals, and other individual criteria of importance to them.

The ADA-endorsed AXA portfolio offers fixed and variable annuity product options that provide solutions for changing investment needs at the time of retirement or outside of a retirement plan. Annuities offer the opportunity for market appreciation with tax-deferral.

For a complimentary consultation with an AXA Retirement Program Specialist call 800.523.1125 or visit: <http://www.axa.com/ada>.

Logos, Multimedia and Promotional Toolkits

As an ADA member you can access and download a variety of items to help enhance practice communications. From the ADA member logo and member apps for your phone, to downloadable flyers you can distribute to your patients promoting MouthHealthy.org.

Health and Wellness Information

The Dentist Health and Well-Being Program provides support for our members who are in need of information on ergonomics in the dental practice, prescription opioids and abuse prevention, substance use and mental health, and additional resources to help dentists be more proactive in looking at their own health and wellness. Visit: The ADA Center for Professional Success Wellness Page.

ADA print and electronic publications.

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Lands' End Business: ADA members get 10% off logos, promotional products and Land's End products

CareCredit: By accepting CareCredit, you'll be listed on our online Provider Locator, which helps more than 10 million CareCredit cardholders find your practice when they are looking for a local doctor who accepts CareCredit. CareCredit.com receives, on average, more than 850,000 Card Acceptance Locator searches per month.

UPS: Always save 45% on domestic next day/deferred, 25% on ground commercial/residential and more

Whirlpool Inside Pass: Shop brands like Whirlpool, KitchenAid, and Maytag, plus get free delivery on orders \$599+ with a promo code

CyraCom: Save 70% on language interpretation, which will help you be compliant with the section 1557 regulations

ADA find a dentist

ADA Morning Huddle, one of the ADA's newest member benefits, provides members with daily briefings on what the news media is reporting on dentistry and dental care, delivered first thing each morning to members' email.

Other ADA Benefits:

In addition to the above benefits, visit www.ada.org to access additional benefits/information

- ADA Center for Professional Success
- Group Insurance Plans
- ADA Center for Evidence-based Dentistry
- ADPAC – ADA's voice in politics
- ADA CE program
- ADA Survey of Dental Fees
- Specific New Dentist Resources (in practice 10 years or less)
- Legal Resources
- Member directory
- ADA Library
- Dental Employment Agreements
- Employment Portal
- Dental Benefits Resources

ADA Practice Transitions (ADAPT)

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Dentists say new process for reporting dental benefits issues is easy, convenient & fast

If you haven't heard, CDA on April 1 launched a new process for members to report issues and questions related to dental benefits. Although CDA members have had access to a dedicated dental benefits analyst and Practice Support resources since 2009, the online submission form makes it easier for dentists to quickly reach out for assistance and submit their issues 24/7. In the short time since the online form was deployed, CDA members have remarked that the form is easy to use, fast and convenient.

In my column last month, I described the top 10 calls Practice Support receives that end with the dentist saying they wished they'd known about or contacted Practice Support before they made a decision about a dental benefits issue. We're now hearing from members that, due to the ease of submitting the new online form, they can more readily get the guidance they need to make informed practice decisions about dental benefit plans. The following is a recent example case.

A member submitted an online form with questions about incorporating their practice. Even though the process of incorporating was simplified by the dentist's CPA, they still had questions about whether there was a need to inform the dental benefit plans and, if so, how to go about doing it.

After the member submitted their question to Practice Support using the online submission form, I reviewed the question and contacted the staff member the dentist noted as their contact person on the form to explain all that needed to be done to make the incorporation a smooth transition. I provided them with step-by-step guidance on how to inform the dental benefit plans of this change.

By contacting Practice Support using the online submission form, this member likely avoided claim delays and denials and claim payment issues. Had they not

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reached out for guidance on the proper way to inform the plans of this type of change, the practice could have found itself in a financial bind.

Do you have a question about a dental benefit issue? You too can receive the same kind of assistance described above. Simply submit your issue electronically using the form available online within your cda.org account. Visit My Account, click the link for Dental Benefits Issue Submission and follow the prompts.

The intake form collects basic information about your issue. The form is secure, HIPAA-compliant and only takes about two minutes to complete. Once submitted, Practice Support will analyze your issue, evaluate it for possible resolution and clearly communicate your next steps. You can expect to receive a return phone call or email from me within 72 hours. If I need specific claim information about your issue, you can expect to receive a secure request for this information via Sharefile, which will be sent to the email address you provided on the online form.

The information submitted on these forms and the details of specific issues also help CDA identify trends and patterns related to dental benefit plans. Because CDA is committed to pursuing ways to support, advocate for and act on behalf of members, CDA will use information collected on these forms to determine the best way to serve dentists experiencing similar issues in the future.

To learn more or submit an issue for resolution, visit cda.org/dentalbenefits.

AAPD Policy on the Use of Silver Diamine Fluoride for Pediatric Dental

Purpose

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) recognizes that dental caries continues to be a prevalent and severe disease in children. This policy addresses the use of silver diamine fluoride (SDF) as part of an ongoing caries management plan with the aim of optimizing individualized patient care consistent with the goals of a dental home. When SDF is indicated, it is essential that the infants, children, adolescents, or individuals with special health care needs receive a comprehensive dental examination, diagnosis, and plan of ongoing disease management prior to placement of the material. The dental profession has long viewed dental caries as an acute disease condition requiring surgical debridement, cavity preparation, and mechanical restoration of the tooth, but increasingly, especially for the infant and child population, practitioners are utilizing individually tailored strategies to prevent, arrest, or ameliorate the disease process based on caries risk assessment. One of these strategies employs application of SDF as an antimicrobial and remineralization agent to arrest caries lesions after diagnosis and at the direction of a responsible dentist of record.

Methods

This document was developed by the Council on Clinical Affairs and adopted in 2017. This policy is a review of current dental and medical literature and sources of recognized professional expertise and stature, including both the academic and practicing health communities, related to SDF and silver nitrate. In addition, literature searches of PubMed®/ MEDLINE and Google Scholar databases were conducted using the terms: diamine silver fluoride and caries, Howe's solution, silver nitrate and caries, and silver diamine fluoride; fields: all; limits: within the last 15 years, humans, English, birth through age 99. One hundred eight articles matched these criteria. Papers for review were chosen from this list and from the references within selected articles. Expert and/ or consensus opinion by experienced researchers and clinicians also was considered.

Background

Treatment of incipient caries usually involves early therapeutic intervention using topical fluoride, and

non-surgical restorative techniques such as dental sealants and resin infiltration. The use and outcomes of these techniques have been well documented, and there are current policies and guidelines with recommendations for their use in the practice of dentistry. In contrast, treatment of caries lesions traditionally requires surgical intervention to remove diseased tooth structure followed by placement of a restorative material to restore form and function. Barriers to traditional restorative treatment (e.g., behavioral issues due to age and/or limited cooperation, access to care, financial constraints) call for other alternative caries management modalities.

Silver topical products, such as silver nitrate and SDF have been used in Japan for over 40 years to arrest caries and reduce tooth hypersensitivity in primary and permanent teeth. During the past decade, many other countries such as Australia and China have been using this compound with similar success. As marketed in the United States, SDF is a 38 percent silver diamine fluoride which is equivalent to five percent fluoride in a colorless liquid, with a pH of 10. The exact mechanism of SDF is not understood. It is theorized that fluoride ions act mainly on the tooth structure, while silver ions, like other heavy metals, are antimicrobial. It also is theorized that SDF reacts with hydroxyapatite in an alkaline environment to form calcium fluoride (CaF_2) and silver phosphate as major reaction products. CaF_2 provides sufficient fluoride to form fluorapatite which is less soluble than hydroxyapatite in an acidic environment. A side effect is the discoloration of demineralized or cavitated surfaces. Patients and parents should be advised regarding the black staining of the lesions associated with the application of SDF. Ideally, prior to use of SDF, parents should be shown before- and afterimages of teeth treated with SDF. Recently, the Food and Drug Administration approved SDF as a device for reducing tooth sensitivity, and off-label use for arresting caries is now permissible and appropriate for patients.

Many clinical trials have evaluated the efficacy of SDF on caries arrest and/or prevention, although clinical trials have inherent bias because of the staining (i.e., since the difference between control and treated teeth is obvious to the researcher). However, studies consistently conclude that SDF is indeed more effective for arresting caries than fluoride varnish. SDF reportedly

also has approximately 2-3 times more fluoride retained than delivered by sodium fluoride, stannous fluoride, or acidulated phosphate fluoride (APF) commonly found in foams, gels, and varnishes. Additionally, SDF has not been shown to reduce adhesion of resin or glass ionomer restorative materials. The use of SDF is safe when used in adults and children. Placement of SDF should follow AAPD's Chairside Guide: Silver Diamine Fluoride in the Management of Dental Caries Lesions. Delegation of the application of SDF to auxiliary dental personnel or other trained health professionals, as permitted by state law, must be by prescription or order of the dentist after a comprehensive oral examination.

The ultimate decision regarding disease management and application of SDF are to be made by the dentist and the patient/parent, acknowledging individuals' differences in disease propensity, lifestyle, and environment. Dentists are "required to provide information about the dental health problems observed, the nature of any proposed treatment, the potential benefits and risks associated with the treatment, any alternatives to the treatment proposed, and potential risks and benefits of alternative treatment, including no treatment." The SDF informed consent, particularly highlighting expected staining of treated lesions, potential staining of skin and clothes, and the need for reapplication for disease control, is recommended. Careful monitoring and behavioral intervention to reduce individual risk factors should be part of a comprehensive caries management program that aims not only to sustain arrest of existing caries lesions, but also to prevent new caries lesion development. Although no severe pulpal damage or reaction to SDF has been reported, SDF should not be placed on exposed pulps. Therefore, teeth with deep caries lesions should be closely monitored clinically and radiographically by a dentist.

SDF, when used as a caries arresting agent, is a reimbursable fee through billing to a third-party payor, when submitted with the appropriate dental code recognized by the American Dental Association's current dental terminology. Reimbursement for this procedure varies among states and carriers. Third-party payors' coverage is not consistent on the use of the code per tooth or per visit. Because there is a recommended code for SDF application, billing the procedure using any other code would constitute fraud, as defined by the Federal Code of Regulations. The AAPD supports



the education of dental students, residents, other oral health professionals and their staffs to ensure good understanding of the appropriate coding and billing practices to avoid fraud.

Policy Statement

The AAPD:

- Supports the use of SDF as part of an ongoing caries management plan with the aim of optimizing individualized patient care consistent with the goals of a dental home.
- Supports third-party reimbursement for fees associated with SDF.
- Supports delegation of application of SDF to auxiliary dental personnel or other trained health professionals according to a state's dental practice act by prescription or order of a dentist after a comprehensive oral examination.
- Supports a consultation with the patient/parent with an informed consent recognizing SDF is a valuable therapy which may be included as part of a caries management plan.
- Supports the education of dental students, residents, other oral health professionals and their staffs to ensure a good understanding of appropriate coding and billing practices.
- Encourages more practice-based research to be conducted on SDF to evaluate its efficacy.

References referred to in the above article may be found at: <https://www.aapd.org/research/oral-health-policies--recommendations/use-of-silver-diamine-fluoride-for-pediatric-dental-patients/>

Abstract on Pediatric Sedation

Abstract

The safe sedation of children for procedures requires a systematic approach that includes the following: no administration of sedating medication without the safety net of medical/dental supervision, careful presedation evaluation for underlying medical or surgical conditions that would place the child at increased risk from sedating medications, appropriate fasting for elective procedures and a balance between the depth of sedation and risk for those who are unable to fast because of the urgent nature of the procedure, a focused airway examination for large (kissing) tonsils or anatomic airway abnormalities that might increase the potential for airway obstruction, a clear understanding of the medication's pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic effects and drug interactions, appropriate training and skills in airway management to allow res

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cue of the patient, age- and size-appropriate equipment for airway management and venous access, appropriate medications and reversal agents, sufficient numbers of appropriately trained staff to both carry out the procedure and monitor the patient, appropriate physiologic monitoring during and after the procedure, a properly equipped and staffed recovery area, recovery to the presedation level of consciousness before discharge from medical/dental supervision, and appropriate discharge instructions. This report was developed through a collaborative effort of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry to offer pediatric providers updated information and guidance in delivering safe sedation to children.

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HealthDay (5/28) reports that the American Academy of Pediatrics, in conjunction with the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, has "updated its guidance for monitoring and managing pediatric dental patients during sedation." The guidelines provide specific guidance for the level of sedation and "note that the practitioner using sedation must have facilities, personnel, and equipment available for managing emergency and rescue situations." The guidelines were published online in Pediatrics.

<https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/early/2019/05/24/peds.2019-1000>

Writing in the AAP News (5/28), Charles J. Coté, MD, lead author of the clinical report, states, "Updated from 2016, the guidance recommends that at least two individuals with specific training and credentials should be present with a pediatric patient undergoing deep sedation/general anesthesia for dental treatment in a dental facility or hospital/surgicenter."

The Oral Health Topics on ADA.org provides information and links to a variety of resources on anesthesia and sedation for dental professionals. ADA Guidelines for the use of Sedation and General Anesthesia by Dentists is recommended for patients who are adults. For children, the American Dental Association supports the use of the American Academy of Pediatrics/American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Guidelines for Monitoring and Management of Pediatric Patients During and After Sedation for Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures.

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General dentists volunteer their time to provide needed treatments for children through the age of 18 years. Because of the dedication of several pediatric specialists, KCDC is also well equipped to help children under the age of 5. Local specialists provide various services as needed, such as orthodontic and periodontal work.

With a very small paid staff and more than 35 volunteer dentists, dental specialists, and

hygienists, plus dental hygiene students from local colleges, the clinic is able to care for patients in a professional, child friendly atmosphere. Thus far, KCDC has successfully operated by retaining 15 key long-term dentists who see about 2,000 patients within the clinic and another 10,000 out at schools. The remaining volunteers ensure that another 2,000 children are encountered through public outreach, health events and missions.

The clinic first opened in the 70's by the Sisters of Providence at St. Joseph's Hospital and many of the dentists who volunteered there are still volunteering today. Timothy Knox DDS, a general dentist in Burbank, has dedicated more than 30 years to the clinic and now represents the dental professionals through his seat on the Board of Directors.

Peter Shimizu, DDS, is Dental Director, overseeing KCDC dental programs for more than 10 years.



Dr. Cheryl Estiva, a pediatric specialist, travels from San Diego monthly to provide treatments to pediatric patients. She says, "I think anyone that goes into healthcare has an altruistic calling."

It is personally rewarding to volunteer my professional skills to help the children patients at KCDC. When I was younger and aspiring to become a dentist, I had goals to continue volunteering during school and even after I graduated, and I have happily accomplished those goals."

Further, she says that "Understandably, it can be difficult to find time to give back. But



every small effort counts as it adds to a cumulative effort that ends up being quite significant. My schedule allows me to volunteer at KCDC once a month. The staff is well-trained, works great with children, and makes the experience an accommodating one for the volunteer dentists.

Often new grads come out of dental school looking for work, and experience working with children can be a great asset to their resumes.

In addition to giving back to the community, they are gaining invaluable experience, and some have even found that they enjoy working with children so much that they go on to pursue pediatric dental specialty.

I am very proud to be a part of KCDC and its efforts to not only treat children but to educate parents and the community on the importance of oral health for infants, children and teenagers."

Clinics such as KCDC rely on fundraising and volunteer help! If you're interested in volunteering or would like more info, contact Dale Gorman at (818) 841-8010 or visit www.kid-sclinic.org

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An Open Letter From the Medi-Cal State Dental Program (Denti-Cal)

Greetings,

I am reaching out as the Provider Outreach Dental Consultant for the Medi-Cal Dental (Denti-Cal) State Government Program to share an exciting opportunity with your Society. On Jan. 1st 2019, the Department of Health Care Services expanded additional counties to the Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI) Domain 2.

The goals for Domain 2 are to assess Medi-Cal children ages six (6) and under for caries risk and to manage the disease of caries using preventive services and non-invasive treatment approaches instead of more invasive and costly restorative procedures. The Domain 2 incentive program (https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/dtidomain_2.aspx) has been expanded from 11 counties to an additional 18 counties. Twenty-nine counties are now able to participate in Domain 2.

Domain 2 pilot counties:

Original 11 pilot counties		Expanded 18 counties	
• Glenn	• Plumas	• Merced	• Madera
• Humboldt	• Sacramento	• Monterey	• San Joaquin
• Inyo	• Sierra	• Kern	• Fresno
• Kings	• Tulare	• Contra Costa	• Orange
• Lassen	• Yuba	• Santa Clara	• Ventura
• Mendocino		• Los Angeles	• Riverside
		• Stanislaus	• Ventura
		• Sonoma	• Santa Barbara
		• Imperial	• San Diego
		• San Bernardino	

Providers in these counties must complete the online training "Treating Young Kids Every Day," developed through the CDA as a collaboration with DHCS. Course completion also ensures 2 CE credits for participants. The course is available at: <http://www.cda.org/member-resources/education/tyke-training>.

Once completed, the provider can opt-in to participate in Domain 2 and be able to bill for and receive the bundled incentive payments. An example of the Caries Risk Assessment Incentive: \$126 per patient for completion of the caries risk assessment, nutritional counseling and motivational interview.

Now more than ever, there is a chance to help improve the oral health of children while being part of this truly transformative initiative. For more details on the Dental Transformation Initiative, visit <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/DTI.aspx>.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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Learning outcomes:

1. Recognize how early childhood caries (ECC) affects children's oral health and the need to see babies and young children.
2. Perform caries risk assessments (CRA) to individualize interventions and recall.
3. Implement the 6-Step Infant Oral Care Visit process in your practice.
4. Promote the use of early prevention and intervention techniques.
5. Implement motivational interviewing and goal setting.
6. Recognize the role of patient self-management in reducing caries.
7. Promote healthy daily family behaviors.
8. Complete appropriate documentation and effective follow-up.

This interactive educational experience is available to members and non-members at no charge at this time. Upon successful completion, participants are eligible for two (2) Continuing Education credits

Dentists participating in the Denti-Cal Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI) Domain 2 pilot project must submit their course completion certificate to the Department of Health Care Services to enroll in the pilot and qualify for the pilot's enhanced reimbursement for caries risk assessment and corresponding care. Enroll Now

*Log in required. If you do not have a cda.org log in, you will be required to create one. The course is free of charge, but a credit card is required to process the enrollment. Your credit card will not be charged.

Providers in the 29 selected counties are eligible to receive incentives for performing pre-defined treatment plans for children based upon the beneficiaries' risk assessment. If the pilot is successful, then this program may be expanded to other counties. Dental Managed Care providers are included in this Domain 2 incentive program. The goal is to:

- Diagnose early childhood caries by utilizing Caries Risk Assessments (CRA) to treat it as a chronic disease
- Introduce a model that proactively prevents and mitigates oral disease through the delivery of preventive services in lieu of more invasive and costly procedures (restorative services)
- Identify the effectiveness of CRA and treatment plans for children ages 6 and under

For more information about the pilot and the requirements of participation, visit www.dhcs.ca.gov.

Antelope Valley *Report*

by: Michael Rabizadeh, DDS



We have had quite the Spring here in the Antelope Valley! This past quarter has been full of many opportunities for the engagement and growth of our loyal dental colleagues, as our committee continues to provide meaningful events to engage our members in a professional and social setting.



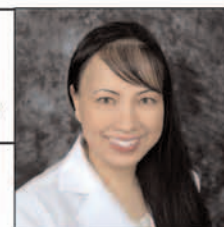
On May 7th, we hosted a dental education seminar with Dr. Luis Henrique Schlichting. In addition to a delicious dinner, participants received 1.75 CE credits for attendance at the course. Nearly 40 people were present for the seminar, where they learned about 'Simplified Treatment of Severe Dental Erosion' with Ultra-Thin CAD/CAM Veneers.

We also offered CPR certification courses and Infection Control courses to our members for just \$35/person. If interested in signing up for an upcoming continuing education course or CPR certification, please contact Vanessa@drsnow.com or call 661-450-0033.

We also hope you come join us for one of our upcoming dental education seminars. We have an exciting one planned for September 12th with Dr. Chris Ho, who will be going over the complexities of 'Modern Dental Treatment for Predictability and Success' in every day practice. Both lectures will be held at Snow Orthodontics: 868 Auto Center Drive, Palmdale, CA 93550 at 6PM. We hope to see you there!

Glendale-Foothills *REPORT*

By: Chi Leung, DDS



A membership benefit, we held another very successful zone meeting on June 6, 2019, located at the Central Grill restaurant. We had 30 dentists attended. Due to the overwhelming registration and limited space, we had to turn down a numbers of dentist that wanted to attend. Please watch your emails. Zone meeting always fill up quickly.

Dr. John Chao, the inventor the Pinhole Surgical Technique, gave a very informative lecture on scalpel-free, suture-free procedure for correcting gum recession. Dr. Chao uses specially designed instruments to gently loosen the gum tissue and glide it over the receded part of the tooth. Since there is no cutting or stitching, patients can expect minimal post-operative symptoms (pain, swelling and bleeding).



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International, 1989

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Orthodontics
USC, 2015

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NYU, 2007

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General
USC, 2019

Matthew Tabanfar, DDS
General
USC, 2019

Emin Hartunian, DDS
General
USC, 2019

Ramy Garsdean, DDS
General
Loma Linda University, 2019

Anahita Behshadpour, DDS
General
USC, 2019

Rebecca Tom, DDS
General
UCSF, 2019

Anoush Akopyan, DDS
General
UCSF, 2019

Anisha Kurukulasuriya
General
UCSF, 2019

Neil Tamashiro-Miyamoto,
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UCLA, 2019

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UCLA, 2019

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USC, 2019

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USC, 2019

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UCLA, 2019

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UCLA, 2019

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UOP, 2019

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USC, 2019

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The SFVDS Foundation recently receive a rather large donation of supplies from Henry Schein, which included a large number of items that the foundation cannot use. So as not to see them go to waste, the foundation would like to make these items available to its members in exchange for a donation of your choosing to the foundation. The list of items can be found below and members are welcome to call 818.576.0116 to schedule a time to come take a closer look.

Dri-Angles - 12 boxes of 160 each
Lead X-ray Apron - Two - 3mm
Lead technicians apron - Two - beige
SootheGuard Pano Cape - One
Small Wall Cabinets for gauze, cotton, etc
One 3-drawer & One 4-drawer
Natkey foam fillers -
Two inch square - 3/8 inch thick
Assorted X-ray items
XCP color-coded anterior blocks
XCP color-coded posterior blocks
x-ray holders
XCP Endo Bite blocks
Disposable shield low speed
XCP Endo positioning
XCP Schick bitewings
Rinn EZ-tab bitewing tabs
XCP - DS Gendex EHD kit

Assorted CadCam items
Empower - Dual enzymatic detergent - Two
5-gallon containers
Itero HOV Scanner sleeves - 24 boxes of 25
each
Itero 29 Scanner sleeves - 12 boxes of 25
each
Chair covers - 4 boxes of 25 each on a roll
(27.5" X 24")
2x2, 8-ply non-woven sponges - 3,000
4x4, 4-ply non-woven sponges - 200
Tray covers - 15 boxes of 1,000 each
CSR Wrap - 12 spray bottle - 16 oz. ea.
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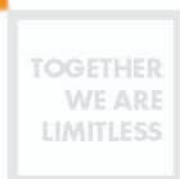
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