



SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

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2010 CE Course Schedule Announced

We are proud to announce the University of Pittsburgh's continuing education courses for 2010 will be offered at the same prices as last year! Plus, if you register by December 1, 2009, you will receive discounted pricing.

By now, you should have received a flyer with all the details, but if you have not, simply go to our website at www.scrantondental.org and click on "Register for 2010 CE Courses" right on the home page. If you have any questions, contact Charlie Potter at 570-654-6745.

Wed, 1/20/10

"Oral Mucosal Disease: An Update"
Dr. Scott S. DeRossi

Wed, 2/10/10

"A Potpourri of Dental Challenges and Their Current Protocol of Care," Dr. Dai C. Phan

Wed, 3/10/10

"Advancements for Endodontic Success," Dr. George M. Just

Wed, 4/7/10

"Tricky Decisions and Treatment Techniques in Pediatrics"
Dr. Jane A. Soxman

FREE COURSE...

Bowser Memorial Lecture
To Be Determined
Pittsburgh, PA

PDA "Day on the Hill"

A letter from Marisa Swarney, Director of Government Relations, PDA:

Dear PDA District and Local Presidents:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Dental Association (PDA) Board of Trustees and Council on Government Relations, I am writing to extend an invitation for you and colleagues in your district/local dental society to attend PDA's Day on the Hill, scheduled for October 20, 2009.

On Day on the Hill, dentists, spouses and dental students come to Harrisburg to talk with state legislators about issues important to the dental profession. In the past, we've talked about a range of issues, including student loan forgiveness, access-to-care issues, scope of practice and fair insurance practices.

This year we will talk primarily about insurance issues, most especially advocating for legislation that will prohibit insurers from capping fees for

non-covered services, an issue we know impacts many members participating with those plans. Certainly, passing legislation like this (which will be strongly opposed by the insurance lobby) stands a better chance if hundreds of dentists come to Day on the Hill to speak to legislators personally.

I'm sending you some preliminary information about the event, including a schedule and registration form. In a nutshell, the day begins with a continental breakfast and legislative briefing from PDA's lobbyists. Then we board buses to the Capitol and everyone goes in groups or on their own to visit their respective legislators.

PDA will create groups of dentists, spouses and dental students to make office visits together, and will assist with scheduling those legislative appointments. We're back at the PDA by 1:45 for lunch and debriefing. PDA staff can assist you with all the logistics and will make sure attendees receive background information and talking points on our issues in advance, so that

everyone feels well-prepared to meet with their legislators and staff.

As a PDA leader in your district/local dental society, you are encouraged to attend Day on the Hill and bring along as many of your colleagues as possible. Please feel free to make copies of the attached flyer and registration form for distribution to others. I'd be happy to provide any other information you may need in discussing this with your colleagues, or mail more of these flyers to you for distribution at any upcoming meetings you may have. You may also register online at www.padental.org.

Please keep in mind that the registration deadline is September 22. Registration is required so that legislative appointments are made in advance.

Thank you for your assistance with promoting Day on the Hill to colleagues in your district/local dental societies. I hope you and other dentists are able to attend this important event and strengthen PDA's voice in the legislative arena. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

2010 Proposed Slate of Officers

The following slate of officers has been presented for nomination for 2010. A vote of the general membership will occur during October's meeting.

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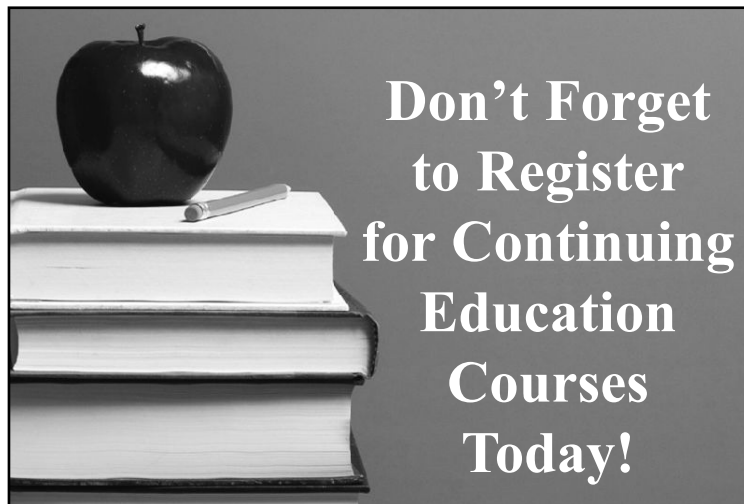
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American Dental Association Statement: Food and Drug Administration Action on Dental Amalgam

WASHINGTON, July 28, 2009—The American Dental Association (ADA) agrees with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) decision not to place any restriction on the use of dental amalgam, a commonly used cavity filling material.

The FDA ruling issued today categorizes encapsulated dental amalgam as a class II medical device, placing it in the same class as gold and tooth-colored composite fillings. The ADA has supported a class II designation for dental amalgam since 2002 when first proposed by the FDA.

"The FDA has left the decision about dental treatment right where it needs to be—between the dentist and

the patient," states ADA President Dr. John Findley. "This decision underscores what the ADA has long supported—a discussion between dentists and patients about the full range of treatment options to help patients make educated decisions regarding their dental care."

Dental amalgam is a cavity-filling material made by combining mercury with other metals such as silver, copper and tin. Numerous scientific studies conducted over the past several decades, including two large clinical trials published in the April 2006 *Journal of the American Medical Association*, indicate dental amalgam is a safe, effective cavity-filling material for children and others.

In its 2009 review of the scientific literature on amalgam safety, the ADA's Council on Scientific Affairs reaffirmed that the scientific evidence continues to support amalgam as a valuable, viable and safe choice for dental patients.

"Dentists are doctors specializing in oral health care," Dr. Findley states. "We encourage people to talk with their dentists if they have any questions about their oral health."

Additional information about dental amalgam and other cavity-filling materials may be found on the ADA's web site at: www.ada.org.

Taken from the ADA's website

Upcoming Events

General Meeting <i>Dr. Amid Ismail, Dean, Temple Dental</i>	Radisson	September 22, 2009	6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting	Pepperwood Grill and Ale House	September 28, 2009	6:30 p.m.
ADA 150th Session	Honolulu, Hawaii	Sept 30 – Oct 6, 2009	TBA
General Meeting <i>Father Pilarz, U of S President</i>	Radisson	October 20, 2009	6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting	Pepperwood Grill and Ale House	October 26, 2009	6:30 p.m.
Third District Annual Meeting	Woodlands Inn	November 13, 2009	8:00 a.m.
Board Meeting	Pepperwood Grill and Ale House	November 30, 2009	6:30 p.m.
General Meeting <i>Dr. Fred Bonacci</i>	Radisson	January 19, 2010	6:30 p.m.
CE Course <i>"Oral Mucosal Disease: An Update"</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	January 20, 2010	8:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	Pepperwood Grill and Ale House	January 25, 2010	6:30 p.m.
CE Course <i>"A Potpourri of Dental Challenges and Their Current Protocol of Care"</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	February 10, 2010	8:00 p.m.

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