



SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

September 2012

2013 Continuing Education Courses

By now, you should have received at least one flyer in your mail highlighting the upcoming CE courses. For your convenience, we have listed the courses, along with their descriptions here. If you haven't already registered to take advantage of the "early bird discount," please do so by December 15, 2012. You can register by going on-line (www.scrantondental.org) or completing the form that came in the mail.

All checks should be made payable to "Scranton District Dental Society" and mailed, along with your registration form, to Dr. Joseph Kelly, Jr., 103 West Grove Street, Clarks Summit, PA, 18411-2019. Courses will be held at The Inn at Nichols Village, 1101 Northern Blvd, Clarks Summit in the Commons Conference Room. Registration begins at 8:00 AM. Course starts at promptly at 8:30 AM. Any questions can be directed to Dr. Kelly at (570) 587-4787 or drkellyjr@gmail.com

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

Dr. Joseph Massad: The Latest on Dentures and Implant Overdentures

Topics Include:

- Understand a consistent predictable impressioning method for all prosthetic restorations.
- Understand how physiologic centric relation can be performed hand's free for all dental scenarios with consistent, accurate results.

- Learn how the Cameo Impression can be utilized in improving the sunken facial appearance with or without facial fillers.
- Learn how utilizing the final prosthetic appliance is used as the virtual guide for implant placement.

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Dr. Robert Obradovich: How Can I Do That, Get Paid, and Enjoy It? (Restorative Dentistry Techniques)

Topics Include:

- Cosmetics, composite, and bleaching
- Re-bonding of extracted teeth for a "quick bridge"
- Crowns, bridges, and veneers with composite, the "3 step crown"
- Changing vertical dimension, contouring teeth, the composite rehab
- Implant restorations with composite
- Crown sleeve coping cases with nanocomposite, the removable bridge
- Composite and dentures
- Denture repairs - a profit center? Practice builder?
- Denture concerns and problem solving (no reason to hate dentures!)

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

Dr. Carl Driscoll: Restoration of the Complex Denture, Fixed and Implant Patient

Topics Include:

- Learn the various ways to treat our complex prosthetic patients.
- Learn the complications that you may face with these patients in your practice.
- Learn methods to differentiate complications, which are normal maintenance.
- Learn clinical techniques to make complex prosthodontic treatment less stressful.
- Learn which prosthodontic patients to refer, which ones to treat, and how to treat them.

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Dr. Howard Glazer: What's Hot and What's Getting Hotter? (Implants/ Restorative Dentistry)

Topics Include:

- Learn the different types of materials in various product categories.
- Be able to evaluate product claims and merit.
- Understand the necessity of oral cancer prevention.

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Day on the Hill By Dr. J.R. Karam



As a new member of PDA's government relations committee, I joined nearly 120 colleagues in Harrisburg on June 5th to talk with lawmakers about pertinent legislation that will affect the way we practice dentistry. In addition to meeting with legislators, the PDA held a press conference to bring media attention to important access-to-care issues, such as funding for the adult Medical Assistance and Donated Dental Services programs which face severe cuts starting in September of 2012. Day on the Hill issues of interest included:

HB 532: Requiring insurers to cover general anesthesia for young children and patients with special need. Shortly after the Day on the Hill General Assembly passed HB 532

HB1537: PDA is lobbying for legislation prohibiting insurers from capping non-covered dental services, believing that insurers have no right to interfere in the financial arrangements made with patients once the insurer's contractual obligations are met. This house bill was tabled in June; however, mutual language from both the insurance companies and the PDA suggests that this

bill will pass.

SB 388, now Act 65: Requires dentists to carry malpractice insurance at minimum of \$1 million per occurrence or claim and \$3 million per annual aggregate. A licensee must show proof of having purchased this amount of insurance to the State Board of Dentistry within 60 days of the bill's enactment on June 22.

PDA successfully lobbied to amend the legislation of Act 65 to include the following exemptions:

- Dentists maintaining an active license practicing clinically.
- Volunteer dentists in community-based settings. but not
- Dentists whose employer provides coverage.

PDA learned that the following changes to adult MA will take effect September 30.

- Limits an examination and cleaning to one every 180 days.
- Eliminates coverage for crowns.
- Eliminates coverage for endodontics.
- Eliminates coverage for periodontal services.
- Allows one denture per lifetime, regardless of procedure code used.

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Upcoming Events

General Meeting	U of S Brennan Hall	Sept. 18, 2012	6:30 PM
Board Meeting	Carl von Luger Steak & Seafood Rest	Oct. 1, 2012	6:00 PM
ADA Annual Session	San Francisco	Oct. 18-21, 2012	8:00 AM
General Meeting	U of S Brennan Hall	Oct. 23, 2012	6:30 PM
Third District Meeting	Woodland's	Nov. 9, 2012	6:30 PM
CE Course <i>Dr. Joseph Massad</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	Jan. 23, 2012	8:00 AM
CE Course <i>Dr. Robert Obradovich</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	Feb. 27, 2012	8:00 AM
CE Course <i>Dr. Carl Driscoll</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	Mar. 27, 2012	8:00 AM
CE Course <i>Dr. Howard Glazer</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	April 17, 2012	8:00 AM

SoNet

If you haven't already registered for the PDA's Social Network through www.padental.org, you don't know what you're missing! Like Facebook for dentists, it's the perfect way to keep up with what's happening in our society, as well as dentistry in general!

SDDS President, Dr. Matthew Zale says, "I urge all members to register online at PDA's Social Network (SoNet). It features a forum limited to our SDDS group of 96 and also allows for a statewide message that can be sent to all PDA members who are registered. Through SoNet, we welcome your comments or inquiries about By-laws, PDA governance, advocacy, or other interests. We'd also like to hear your answers to the following questions: What should the Board be aware of in managing the SDDS? What about having a general meeting at a lunch break during a CE offering at Nichols Village? Would this be more convenient? Do you think it would help increase attendance at the general meeting? Do you want social events? Possible new events mentioned include a picnic in memory of Dr. Angelo, a women dentist's meeting, and new dentist meet and greet."

This year, we will offer a kiosk at our general meetings to assist in registering on the SoNet. We want you to get started, but don't wait for the meeting, go to the PDA website and click on Social Network. If you have questions feel free to contact Dr. Zale at (570) 383-5300 or mattzale1@gmail.com.



Doctors Shokoufeh Emamian, Matthew Zale, and Renee Schaffer greet students at TCMC's Career Day.

SDDS Out and About

Members of the SDDS cheerfully attended two community events during the summer. The Lackawanna Heath Fair, held in June at Nay Aug Park, was "manned" by Dr. Renee Schaffer, Dr. Kady Schloesser, and Dr. Chuck Scrimalli who fielded questions and donated toothbrushes to our

cause to educate our community.

In July Dr. Shokoufeh Emamian and Dr. Matthew Zale represented the SDDS at The Commonwealth Medical College Career Day where they spoke to high school students from across the state.

2013 SDDS Board Positions

SDDS By-Laws indicate that nominations are opened at the general meeting in September and elections of officers will be at the October meeting. In October, the floor will be opened for any new nominations prior to the election on that night. All SDDS members are invited to consider a position as officer on the SDDS board. All nominations need to be personally confirmed by the president. Remember, although we meet in person only at the general meeting, you can still continue communicating via the Social Network at www.pda.org.

Mission of Mercy

Feeling generous? Would you like to give back for the good of our profession? There is a two day Mission of Mercy (MOM-n-PA) event planned in Philadelphia May 31-June 1, 2013. It's a dental clinic for underserved Pennsylvanians in which all services are provided free of charge by members of organized dentistry and assisted by a host of volunteers. MOM-n-PA expects more than 2,000 patients and 800 volunteers, including 120 dentists.

MOM-n-PA provides dental care for the relief of pain to thousands of the most needy, many of whom are from working families who do not have access or cannot afford dental insurance. Many of these patients might otherwise have no hope of receiving care.

President's Letter

A recent new patient described his tooth-gaped smile as "summer teeth," he said, "Some are here, and some aren't." As the seasons turn to cooler nights, it's back to school for dentists too.



Registration is now open for our 2013 for Continuing Education at Nichols Village in Clarks Summit (same place). There is a discount if you register before December 15th. For more information, see the cover story in this newsletter, flyer you received in the mail, our website (www.scrantondental.org), or the PDA's "Social Network."

The SDDS By-Laws committee met

in August to review and update the 2002 version. A final draft will be presented at a general meeting for approval.

Our first general meeting will be at the University of Scranton's Brennan Hall, (same location as last year: Rose Room, 5th floor), where a member of the PDAIS staff will offer a presentation on risk management, covering legal issues to avoid in the practice of dentistry.

There is a request from local assisted living home to address their staff on denture care for their residents. Any Volunteers? Call Matt Zale 383-5300.

Recently, an Department of Environmental Protection agent visited me. She called a few days before to inform me of the need to test my radiologic equipment. She did not ask for CE records, even though I later offered them to her. Quick and courteous, she was there

about 20 minutes. For more details, please see my account on the SoNet at PDA's website (www.padental.org).

Mark your calendar for our only two general meetings in 2012: September 18th & October 23rd. Also don't forget the Third District annual meeting at Woodlands in Wilkes-Barre on November 9, 2012. Dr. Barry Glassman will speak on joint dysfunction, chronic pain, headache, sleep disorders, and migraine headaches. Be sure to join our new Trustee, Dr. Eli Stavitsky for this informative presentation.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Sincerely,

Matthew A. Zale, DMD