



SCRANTON DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

February 2019

February's General Meeting

Don't miss February's general meeting! The topic will be "Basic Strategy for Management Of Patient's with Opioid Use Disorder." This brief lecture will cover the PDMP as a tool for identifying patterns of abuse, approach to the patient, referral for treatment, and management of pain in opioid addicted patients.

As always, attendance at our general meetings is complimentary and includes the speaker, dinner, and pre-dinner



cocktails. Please let Dr. Samantha Abod know that you're coming by calling her at (570) 342-3556 or emailing at abod@qmaortho.com.

Mom-n-PA

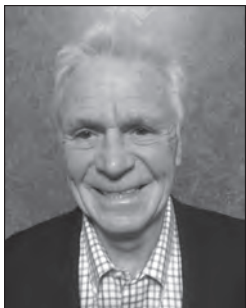
We need everyone's help!

June 7 & 8, 2019 are the dates for this year's MOM-n-PA event at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre and we need many hands (both dentists and lay persons).

The MOM-n-PA mission is a large-scale dental clinic where dental treatment is provided at no cost to individuals who cannot afford dental care. Treatment is provided on a first-come, first-served basis and patients do not preregister.

For more information, contact Chris Kotchik at (570) 346-7301, Rich Grossman at (570) 283-0664 or go to www.mom-n-pa.com. There is also a great Facebook page to follow. Go to Facebook search and type in: @MomnPaDentalMissions.

Jack Erhard Reappointed to PA State Board of Dentistry



Sincere congratulations to our very own Jack Erhardt who has been reappointed to the Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry.

Jack is serving his fifth term as Board Chairman, marking his tenth year on the State Board.

The State Board of Dentistry, through the licensure process insures that dentists, dental hygienists, and, by means of certification, EFTA's are individuals qualified and suitable to practice in Pennsylvania. The Board issues, suspends and revokes licenses and certificates when deemed necessary. In addition, the Board supervises dentists, dental hygienists and EFDA's to insure that they are complying with licensure

and certification requirements and the Board acts when complaints are made concerning these individuals. The Board develops standards of professional conduct, including continuing education requirements, in order to maintain a high level of integrity and performance in the practice of dentistry.

Jack is engaged in the private practice of dentistry in the North Pocono area. He is a CDCA (formerly NERB) license examiner and grader; Pennsylvania representative to the American Association of Dental Boards; and an ADEX (American Dental Examiners) PA representative. Jack creates and revises the restorative exam for ADEX.

He would like everyone to please remember to renew you license by March 31, 2019. The renewal process will be entirely electronic this renewal cycle. Practicing with a lapsed license may be viewed as unauthorized practice.



Sneak Peak at NCDHM!



Great kick-off to National Children's Dental Health Month at the Viewmont Mall, Saturday, February 2! Special thanks to doctors Matrone, Ratchford, Schloesser, Scrimalli, Abod, and Zale for performing complimentary exams for area children.



The Tooth Fairy and Peppa Pig are on hand at the Mall to greet the children.



Dr. Al Matrone examines his son as his daughter looks on.



Dr. Brian Kerr shows proper dental hygiene at the Children's Library, Sunday, February 3.

LICENSE RENEWAL DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2019

Understanding licensure requirements can be confusing, due to the addition of mandatory CE courses every so often. Here is a breakdown of what is needed to renew your dental license.

30 hours minimum CE credits are required every two years to renew your dental license. Dental licenses are valid for 2 years until April first of the odd numbered year. This is the bare minimum in hours required, and there are certain CE courses that are now mandated for renewal. 15 of the 30 hours must be lecture hours, and the remainder can be completed online.

The child abuse course is now mandated, and 2 CE hours must be met for each renewal cycle. If you are a new applicant for licensure, 3 hours are required. Another mandated course is the Opioid course, and this is required if you have or use a DEA number. For renewal it is a 2 hour CE requirement in the training of pain management, identification of addiction or the practices of prescribing or dispensing opioids. New licensees have 12 months to complete 2 hours of training in pain management or the identification of addiction, and 2 hours in the

practices of prescribing or dispensing opioids.

CPR courses are separate from CE required for re-licensure, and are not counted towards total CE hours. It is still mandated that you have an active CPR license.

If you are an unrestricted anesthesia or restricted permit I license holder, it is further required that 15 of your 30 hours are in anesthesia related courses. Dentists with restricted permit II do not need to fulfill any CE requirement in order to maintain the permit. ACLS/PALS training must also be maintained.

President's Letter

Hello gang and Happy February! Thank you to those who have attended board meetings, task force, and other meetings so far this year. We are excited to celebrate National Children's Dental Health Month this month. Great job everyone who helped out at the Viewmont Mall on Feb 2nd and the Library on Feb 3rd. Special thanks to Benco and Henry Schein for donating 2 dental chairs, as well as gloves and masks for these wonderful events.

Planning is underway for the MOM-n-PA event on June 7th and 8th and we can use all the help we can get. Leads are still needed for the following positions: Verifier Lead, Verifier Assistant Lead, Patient

Waiting Assistant Lead, Medical Chair (a physician), Medical Triage Lead, Orientation Assistant Lead, Pre-triage Waiting Lead, Pre-triage Assistant, Waiting Lead, Student Lead, and Assistant Student Lead. Please contact Dr. Chris Kotchick at ckotchick@comcast.net if you are interested in filling any of these positions.

License renewal is due by March 31st, 2019! Just a reminder that those of you who attended Dr. Cindy Olenwine's presentation at the General Meeting on September 18th, 2018 have received 1 CE credit to count towards renewal.

New this year, The PA State Board sent out an email on February 1st

to register through the BPOA portal site. This email is not spam and contains your user ID and unique registration code. Renewal takes only a few minutes and can be done right through this site.



As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any advice, suggestions, or questions. Thank you for your trust and support and I look forward to seeing everyone throughout the year!

Sincerely,
Mary Grace

Minutes

Submitted by Megan Azar, Secretary

- A meeting of the Board of Directors of the SDDS was held at Cafe Classico on January 10, 2019. In attendance were Darlene Oleski, Joellen Drosinski, Jess Falk, Sam Abod, Chuck Scrimalli, Alphonse Matrone, Tom Langan, Cindy Cox, Mary Grace Rizzo-Fryzel, Megan Azar, and Jack Erhard.
- Sam Abod called the meeting to order.
- First item of business discussed was a survey conducted by the PDA that revealed a separation of what employees and employer dentists want from organized dentistry. Dr. Scrimalli informed that the PDA's Board of Trustees approved a large sum of money to create an ADA app for smartphones to update the "outdated" PDA website. The

goal of the app is to streamline information from the ADA and bring the user up to date easier. Ideas were offered to Dr. Scrimalli to bring up at his next meeting, which is set for April 6th the the PDM in Gettysburg.

- Jessica Falk provided the treasurer's report. She was happy to report an increase in money collected from CE in 2018.
- Sam Abod reported that the Lackawanna Medical Society would like to collaborate on some meetings and possibly CE. The directors agreed to set up an opioid/Narcan course which will be offered by the Wright Center at an upcoming meeting.
- Megan Azar reminded the directors of the upcoming NCDHM events and asked for volunteers.
- Meeting was adjourned.

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Upcoming Events

CE Course	Radisson Lack Station	Feb 13, 2019	8:00 AM
<i>"Evidence Based Analgesia for Dental Professionals; and Three Serious Adverse Drug Interactions That Every Dentist Should Know About"</i>			
NCHDM	Tunkhannock McDonalds	Feb 16, 2019	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
General Meeting	U of S Brennan Hall	Feb 19, 2019	6:30 PM
NCHDM	Carbondale McDonalds	Feb 21, 2019	5:00 – 7:00 PM
CE Course	Radisson Lack Station	March 13, 2019	8:00 AM
<i>"Fixed Prosthetics: Mastering basic principles for success in ever-changing times – the dentist/lab continuum"</i>			
General Meeting	U of S Brennan Hall	March 19, 2019	6:30 PM
Volunteer Registration	www.mom-n-pa.com	April 1, 2016	
PDA Annual Meeting	The Gettysburg Hotel	April 6, 2019	8:00 AM
CE Course	Radisson Lack Station	April 10, 2019	8:00 AM
<i>"Treatment of the Anterior Fractured Tooth & Posterior, Cervical and Incisal Composites"</i>			
General Meeting	U of S Brennan Hall	April 16, 2019	6:30 PM
MOM-n-PA	Mohegan Sun Arena	June 7-8, 2019	8:00 AM
General Meeting	U of S Brennan Hall	Sept 17, 2019	6:30 PM
General Meeting	U of S Brennan Hall	Oct 15, 2019	6:30 PM