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Friday, **APRIL 5** 9 a.m. – noon (IN-PERSON) TREATING THE BEHAVIOR CHALLENGED AND COMPLEX MEDICAL HISTORY PATIENT in Private Dental Practice

Presented by Drs. Kenneth Kromash, Joanne Oppenheim and Robert Rada

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM:

Course Description:

Due to the increase in community living arrangements and advances in medical care, the number of individuals requiring dental treatment has increased significantly. 70 – 80% of the pediatric and adult population with medical complexities as well as intellectual and developmental disabilities can be treated in private practice with simple behavior management techniques or a small anxiolytic dose of medication. The remaining require advanced anesthesia procedures. Many have multiple medical problems and are high risk. Medicaid is also a primary limiting issue.

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Learning Objectives:

• Visualize the use of advance behavior management and anesthesia techniques to accomplish dental procedures for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

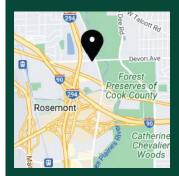
- Learn how dentists can receive training in becoming more comfortable with the pediatric population as well as special care dentistry.
- Understand the dental considerations and management for medically complex patients.



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ABOUT CDS MEETINGS:

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Regional Meetings are free to CDS members and their staffs. Doors open at 8 a.m. with continental breakfast. Parking is free.

• A fee of \$150 is charged to dentists who are not ADA members. The fee may be applied to membership for the current year.

• No partial credit issued

• CE credit verification will be emailed to registered attendees after each meeting.

• Cancellations accepted until one week before the program.

• For refunds and additional information, email Lisa Hosley at **lhosley@cds.org**

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS:

at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical

anesthesiology residency in 1992. He

is on the staff at the Medical Center

Head of the Section for Pain and

in the Department of Dentistry as the

Center. He completed his dental



Anxiety Control.

Kenneth Kromash, DDS: Dr. Kromash is the program director of the Dental Anesthesia

Residency Program



Oppenheim, DDS: Dr. Oppenheim is a board-certified pediatric dentist, the owner of Pediatric Dental

Joanne

Health Associates and co-section head of pediatric dentistry at Advocate Illinois Masonic general practice residency. She is the recipient of the 2022 Illinois State Dental Society Humanitarian Award.



Robert Rada, DDS, MBA·

Dr. Rada is a clinical professor in the Department of Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences

at the University of Illinois Chicago College of Dentistry. He also maintains a private practice in La Grange, IL, focusing on patients with special needs. He teaches in the Group Practice Clinics and currently has dental students rotate through his private practice and directs the Special Care Dentistry Track at UIC.

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Regional Meeting venue has changed

CDS is changing up its 2024 Regional Meetings with two new venues and an updated registration process.

• For the April 5 and the Nov. 8 in-person Regional Meetings, the venue will be the Hyatt Rosemont at 6350 N. River Rd., Rosemont, IL 60018.

• For the Sept. 20 in-person Regional Meeting, the location will be the Hyatt Schaumburg, 1800 E. Golf Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60173.

• The June 14 Regional Meeting is a webinar.

Watch your email and check **www.cds.org** for registration details.

CDS is also offering two sessions of BLS/CPR training on Friday, May 31, to help members and their staff meet 2024 licensing requirements.

The morning session is 9 - 11 a.m., and the afternoon session is 1 - 3 p.m. Training will be held at the Hyatt Schaumburg, 1800 E. Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60173.

Watch your email and check cds.org for registration details.

Get your Midwinter Meeting CE certificates

Attendees of the Midwinter Meeting should secure their CE certificates through the Midwinter Meeting mobile app or at **www.cds.org**.

Have your badge to reference the proper registration and sequence number information. **Certificates are free through April 30**; there is a \$35 fee afterward.

Volunteer for Special Olympics Special Smiles

Special Olympics Special Smiles needs volunteer dentists, hygienists and staff to provide oral screenings and hygiene instructions and distribute oral health supplies and teach participating special needs athletes about practicing good oral health.

• May 8, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.: Dunbar Park tennis courts, 300 E. 31st St., Chicago

- Earn 4 CE credit hours
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RSVP by April 24: Dr. Ricardo Mendoza, **ricardo.y.mendoza@gmail.com** or Dr. Ilie Pavel, **docpavel1@yahoo.com**. When responding, please make the subject of your email "Special Olympics" and provide the names of all volunteers attending.

New member database coming

The ADA will adopt a new member database this summer that will mean faster and better service across the ADA Tripartite. As the ADA's largest component, CDS will convert to the new system as well when the conversion comes in early July.

The new Association Management System, called Fonteva, is powered by Salesforce and will replace the current Aptify system. Fonteva will be cloud based, permitting the ADA's official member records to be updated in real time.

According to the ADA, "Fonteva will help us all work better by improving how we access data, evaluate trends, and organize information. What we learn can help us enhance our strategies for connecting and communicating with members. It also coordinates and streamlines information within the ADA and across the Tripartite, strengthening our partnerships in service to our members."

As summer approaches, CDS will update you about the rollout.

New CFO joins staff

Keith Tristano, CPA, has joined CDS as the organization's new Chief Financial Officer. His responsibilities will include oversight of all financial operations and



strategy, information technology and innovation.

Keith comes to CDS from the Residential Real Estate Council, where he served most recently as their Chief Financial and Information Officer for the last 13 years, and previously managed the council's financial management and information systems for 15 years. The RREC is a 28,000-member, non-profit 501(c)6 corporation and is one of the largest affiliates of the National Association of Realtors.

"Keith brings a vast expertise of financial excellence, wealth management, innovation and technology experience with operational and strategic value that will be key in leading the digital and financial transformation for CDS," said Heather Nash, chief executive officer for CDS. ■

CDS FOUNDATION GRANTS AVAILABLE

Applications are due April 5 for the Chicago Dental Society Foundation's 2024 Mars Wrigley Company/CDS Foundation Healthier Smiles Grants.

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It takes all of us

HANK YOU FOR THE FANTASTIC EFFORT TO ALL who volunteered and participated in the 159th Midwinter Meeting to support the Chicago Dental Society's vision as "the respected leader in dental continuing education." Having been an attendee, table clinician, committee member, Program Chair, Director, Officer and now President, I appreciate more than ever the complexity, dedication and skill required for the planning that goes into this meeting.

Many thanks for all of the time that General Chair Dr. Yendis Gibson, Program Chair Dr. Dave Williams, former Director of Scientific Programs Dr. Ted Borris (2024 selecting and inviting speakers), new Director of Scientific Programs Dr. Cheryl Mora (2024 final planning and operation of scientific program), and the Dental Meeting Committee put into the meeting. With the tremendous support from the CDS staff, now with Heather Nash enthusiastically leading the team and Barry Ranallo returning just to see the CDS through one more Midwinter Meeting, I offer my gratitude and appreciation to them all for their expertise and devotion to the CDS and its membership.

I want to acknowledge the tremendous support of more than 560 exhibitors who as partners support the profession's needs

and the financial viability of the Midwinter Meeting. With their participation, the CDS is able to hold a world-class meeting in our own backyard, keep CDS dues low, and not charge a registration fee for regular and associate members. To that end, we need to continue to have better member participation; in 2023 less than half of our regular members attended the Midwinter Meeting.

It takes all of us to keep the value of the meeting and CDS strong. Offering events that allow attendees to relax with colleagues, team members, and exhibitors such as the Keynote Session (guest speaker Geoffrey Baer); Sips, Suds, and Sales in the Exhibit Hall; the President's Dinner Dance; and the Dental Student Reception and Early Career Dentist Reception allow networking opportunities while attending the meeting. A podcast booth, yoga sessions, and a CDS Experience booth (rebranded from last year) were added to the exhibit floor for additional interest.

We all look forward to the new additions that Denise Hale, 2024 President-elect, and her team may be planning for the 160th Midwinter Meeting to enhance the attendee/member experience and the value of attending the Midwinter Meeting in 2025. ■



CDS President Dr. David Lewis, Jr., flanked by his chairs and joined by the rest of the CDS officers and Board of Directors, cut the ribbon to officially open the Exhibit Hall and the 2024 Midwinter Meeting.

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SAFCO DENTAL SUPPLY

Safco Dental Supply joins CDS as its preferred product distributor for dental products and supplies in the U.S. for the last 75 years. Safco's warehouse is located in Chicago's western suburbs.

"Our new partnership with Safco provides a great opportunity for our members," said Dr. David Lewis Jr., CDS President. "Not only can our preferred dental supply partner pass along substantial savings to help you save money and time, the use of their services also includes a revenue-sharing arrangement that will help CDS grow in the future."

Safco strives to provide the products, supplies and equipment needed by general practice dentists as well as all dental specialists, including endodontists, pediatrics, orthodontics, oral surgeons and periodontists.

The company partners with top brands – 3M, Dentsply, Kerr, Premier, Hu-Friedy and many more - and also sells 1,600 high-quality Safco Brand products.

CDS members who enroll with Safco can take



advantage of loyalty benefits, ordering efficiency, and support from dedicated account representatives. Substantial ordering savings are available through

specially negotiated volume discounts, available only to CDS members.

Safco has committed to providing the following value to enrolled CDS members:

- 10% off list price for national brand products
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- Credited during the end of month and denoted on the business review.

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"CDS is very fortunate to have such a dedicated partner in Safco who has such a deep commitment to the dental community," Dr. Lewis said. "We are so pleased to offer this added benefit to our members and really deliver on the value of their membership. Take advantage of the Safco sign-on bonus and you've already paid for your annual CDS member dues."

TORCH DENTAL

Torch Dental comes on board as another new preferred partner in the CDS Member Advantage program.

Torch Dental is a leading technology platform for dental supply and equipment discovery, ordering and spend management. Based in New York, the company looks to help its customers streamline dental practice operations, simplify supply and equipment ordering, and optimize spending.

"Torch Dental adds another strong company to our Member Advantage program," said Dr. Lewis. "CDS is working hard to find and forge partnerships with quality companies that bring both value and savings to our members."

Torch Dental's procurement platform offers an online, easy-

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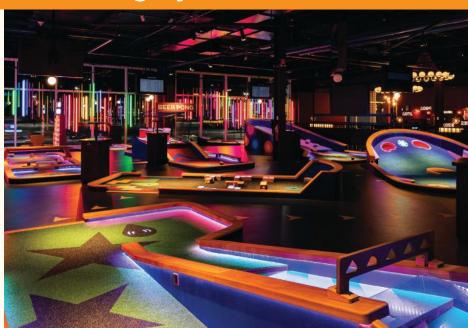
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MENTAL HEALTH: Our search for balance

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By Joanna Brown

O SEE MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY results, one might wonder why the subject has drawn so much attention in the last few years. But a closer look at the numbers behind the statistics signals a true shift in mental health and tells an emerging story of the evolving attitudes and approaches to mental health and wellness.

For instance, a 2022 Gallup poll on Americans' Assessments of Their Mental Health showed that a combined 75% of adult respondents described their mental health as "excellent" or "good," a reassuring number though down from 89% of respondents in a similar 2009 survey.

The number of us seeking professional help has climbed too. In that same 2022 poll, nearly one-quarter of U.S. adults reported that they had visited a psychologist, therapist, psychiatrist or other mental health professional in the previous 12 months, a sizable uptick from 13% in 2004, when the question was last asked.

(on.cds.org/galluppollhealth).

Even as the world was focused on the physical effects of the COVID-19 virus, mental health and wellness – our emotional, psychological and social wellbeing – rose in prominence over the last four years. An increasing number of Out of the shadows, mental health is now top of mind and in the headlines like never before, especially among healthcare workers whose duty is to serve their patients, sometimes at their own physical and emotional expense.

Where earlier generations buried feelings of stress or self-doubt or worse, today's portrait of mental wellness focuses on addressing our challenges and working to balance life's pressures.

In 2024, the CDS Review will explore with experts the issues around mental health: its effects, its treatments, available resources and support. Watch for the May/June issue when reporter Joanna Brown looks at the complexities around mental health as the nation marks Mental Health Awareness Month.

adults are reflecting on their mental health and seeking out ways to improve it. In dentistry specifically, 44% of dentists reported suffering from a mental health issue in a 2021 survey by the Canadian College of Health Leaders for a study published by Healthcare Management Forum.

(on.cds.org/mentalhealth).

"We have to invest in ourselves, especially in this space where we are of service to others," said Ben Frank, Chief Wellness Officer at NAMI Chicago, part of the National Alliance of Mental Illness.

IDENTIFYING A PROBLEM

Mental health describes the totality of how humans think, feel and act. "Good mental health and wellness includes many dimensions, including a sense of life satisfaction, feeling you can successfully manage life stressors, and a feeling of connection and support with others," said Sheela Raja, a clinical psychologist and the director of the University of Illinois Chicago College of Dentistry's Resilience Center.

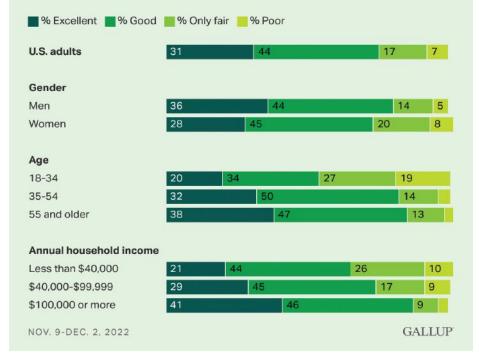
Poor mental health is harder to describe. "The symptoms are diverse and individualized to each person," Mr. Frank said, but the human body's general reaction to stress and anxiety "is experienced in mind and in body as unpleasurable."

"It could be, if you're experiencing a panic attack, it can feel like you're having a heart attack as you feel things coursing through your whole body," he said. But for far more people, it's just a feeling of unease with life in its present state.

"I think it's important to remember, too, that manifestations of mental illness are not always negative," Mr. Frank said. "For some people there comes a hypersensitivity, and they are excellent at making connections with other people through empathy and compassion."

Americans' Assessments of Their Own Mental Health, Among Subgroups

How would you describe your own mental health or emotional wellbeing at this time? Would you say it is -- excellent, good, only fair or poor?



SOURCES OF STRESS

The reasons for these feelings of unease come at us from all sides.

The American Psychological Association (APA) reported in its report Stress in America 2023 **on.cds.org/apastress** that the greatest contributors to stress as reported by adults in the U.S. were:

- the future of our nation (68%),
- violence and crime (61%),
- the U.S. debt (57%),
- mass shootings (56%),
- social divisiveness (55%),
- and health care (54%).

Among the day-to-day stress categories, health-related stressors (65%), money (63%), and the economy (64%) were reported among the top significant sources of stress in adults' lives.

For dentists specifically, there are the pressures of starting a career, paying off student loans, growing a business, chronic pain associated with the practice of dentistry, and managing an office staff. "Couple the aforementioned issues with the fact that about half of dental patients tell their dentists how much they hate dentists, or hate coming in to see them," wrote ShaLyse Walker in May 30, 2023, article for Ultradent.

(on.cds.org/ultradentblog).

Dr. Raja added, too, that global affairs have affected people deeply. Political unrest, issues of race and identity, and the varied effects of the COVID-19 pandemic should not be understated.

The result: the percentage of dentists diagnosed with anxiety more than tripled in 2021 compared to 2003, according to the American Dental Association's 2021 Dentist Health and Well-Being Survey Report.

"APA psychologists widely agreed there is mounting evidence that our society is experiencing the psychological impacts of a collective trauma," the Stress in American 2023 report states.

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It is OK to ask for help

As important as mental wellness is, healthcare workers may be worried that disclosing a mental health or substance use disorder will be made public and have professional repercussions.

In fact, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations established by rule a program of care, counseling, and treatment for dentists and dental hygienists (225 ILCS 25/5.5). The Illinois Professionals Health Program is a statewide program providing support and accountability in the areas of behavioral, mental and physical health for healthcare professionals exclusively.

There is no discipline for taking part in the program, and participation is not published on IDFPR's website as long as the licensee completes the program, explained IDFPR spokesperson Chris Slaby.

The Illinois Dental Practice Act defines an "impaired dentist" or dental hygienist as one who is "unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety because of a physical or mental disability as evidenced by a written determination or written consent based on clinical evidence, including deterioration through the aging process, loss of motor skills, abuse of drugs or alcohol, or a psychiatric disorder, of sufficient degree to diminish the person's ability to deliver competent patient care."

Records that a dental health professional has received care for these conditions are exempt from public disclosure.

The American Dental Association's 2021 Dentist Well-Being Survey Report found only 46% of dentists surveyed were aware of a state dentist well-being program available through their dental association.

(on.cds.org/wellbeing).

Find information about the Illinois Professionals Health Program at www.illinoisphp.com.

STRESS IN AMERICA

The American Psychological Association's 2023 Stress in America Survey polled 3,185 adults ages 18+ who reside in the U.S.

61%

said people around them just expect them to get over their stress.

33%

said they feel completely stressed out no matter what they do to manage their stress.

47%

said they wish they had someone to help them manage their stress.

44%

said they don't feel anyone understands what they are going through.

36%

said they don't know where to start when it comes to managing their stress.

52%

said they wish they had

someone to turn to for advice and/or support.

Stress impacts physical health and productivity

DECLINES IN YOUR MENTAL HEALTH may impact your physical health – as well as your practice of dentistry.

Physically, the APA reported that, "(s)tress puts the body on high alert and ongoing stress can accumulate, causing inflammation, wearing on the immune system, and increasing the risk of a host of ailments, including digestive issues, heart disease, weight gain and stroke."

Mental health also affects your performance at work.

Spear Education reported in May 2023 (**on.cds.org/spear**) that a negative mindset can lead to "emotional aging."

People with a negative mindset may experience a reduction in their focus, overlooking critical details and making errors in diagnosis and treatment planning. They also may feel less compassion for their patients and erode their chairside rapport. Or they must just feel less motivated at the office, cutting corners and reducing productivity. "THE GREATEST GENERATION LEARNED TO SUCK IT UP. . . IT WAS ALL ABOUT SELF-SACRIFICE. NOW, PROFESSIONALS HAVE A MUCH GREATER SENSE OF SELF-AWARENESS."

- Dr. Bill Hamel, ADA Wellness Ambassador Program

SEEKING SOLUTIONS

The shining star in this story is the growing number of people who recognize these threats to their mental health and seek help to improve their state of mind. Gallup offers several possible explanations for the increase, but suggests that it's really a combination of factors, including the growing appreciation for the importance of good mental health; the reduced stigma of seeking help, especially within younger generations; and changes in the way health insurance programs cover mental health treatment.

Chicago Dental Society member Dr. Bill Hamel mans a mental health hotline for dentists in crisis statewide as part of the American Dental Association's Wellness Ambassador Program. "I think the younger generation is more open to getting help, and so they find help on their own. And I think people are getting help before things get out of control," he said. "There are just so many more ways to get help right now, and there are certainly more resources for people with money, like dentists.

"The Greatest Generation: they learned to 'suck it up' and get through it, whatever it was. No one then sought therapy; no one thought, 'maybe I'm the problem.' It was all about self-sacrifice and taking care of the greater good," Dr. Hamel said.

"But now, professionals have a much greater sense of self-awareness. There's been a maturing of our society that's not a bad thing. It's just happening so rapid-ly. But if you pride yourself on wanting to keep learning – and I do – that's part of it." ■

short takes

ADA RELEASES PAIN GUIDELINES

Guidelines released in February on the use of acetaminophen and NSAIDs as first-line treatments for adult and pediatric dental patients include avoiding "just in case" opioid prescriptions.

A new clinical practice guideline developed and endorsed by the ADA recommends NSAIDs such as ibuprofen taken on their own or with acetaminophen as first-line treatments for managing short-term dental pain in adults and adolescents age 12 and over.

Similar in scope to the guideline the ADA released in August 2023 on pain management in pediatric patients, the newly released guideline recommends that when used as directed, acetaminophen, NSAIDs, or a combination of the two can effectively manage pain after a tooth extraction or during a toothache when dental care is not immediately available.

According to a press release from the ADA, clinicians are advised to avoid writing "just in case" opioid prescriptions, to engage patients in shared decision-making, and to exert "extreme caution when prescribing opioids to adolescents and young adults."

ADA TELEDENTISTRY REPORT

An ADA-approved report on teledentistry is now available at no cost from the ADA Standards Committee on Dental Informatics.

The report provides information on the informatics aspects of the evolving field of teledentistry and assist dentists in determining goals, selecting components and creating working systems.

The report also provides an adoption guide, which is designed to support providers who are considering incorporating teledentistry in their practices. It includes guidance on making decisions about how they will use teledentistry, what arrangements they need to make, what hardware and software choices they could consider and how they could organize a system that includes teledentistry as one of its components.

ADA Technical Report No. 1112 is available to ADA members by visiting the ADA Store or calling 800.947.4746.

TWO ADA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

• The deadline to apply for scholarships is March 29 for a program geared toward supporting dental education and ADA general dentist members interested in dental academia. The Academy for Advancing Leadership's Institute for Teaching and Learning is a four-day on-site program with class discussions, small-group projects, problem-solving exercises, self-directed coursework, peer feedback and presentations by institute scholars. Three full tuition scholarships will be granted by May 16. Each scholarship totals \$3,500. For details, visit **www.ada.org.**

• Institute for Diversity in Leadership applications are due April 5. The awardwinning program is designed to strengthen leadership skills and build professional networks. As part of the program, with all expenses paid, participants attend three sessions at ADA Headquarters in Chicago. Visit **www.ada.org** to apply by April 5. All expenses are covered for this program, in part through support from Crest + Oral-B and Henry Schein, Inc. ■

Loren J. Feldner Leadership Award

Submit your nomination for the Loren J. Feldner Leadership Award

The Loren J. Feldner Leadership Award is presented annually to a member-dentist or a non-dentist who embodies the ethics, leadership, passion and spirit Loren brought to the dental profession.

The following description of leadership and leadership traits will be used as the criteria when nominating a candidate for this award:

• A leader who can motivate people to achieve a common objective.

• A mentor who others look to, learn from and thrive with.

• A leader who is proactive rather than reactive. One of Loren's favorite quotes helps to define this: "If you're not at the table, you'll be on the plate."

• A person who is visionary, confident, charismatic and inspirational. The Loren J. Feldner Leadership Award will be presented at the CDS Installation of Officers. The award will feature an engraved statue and a \$500 donation to the Dental Lifeline Network Heroes Challenge Fund, donated in the recipient's name in honor of Dr. Feldner. It will be presented by the CDS President and the Chair of the Ethics and Special Issues Committee at the Installation of Officers ceremony in November.

Scan the QR code and submit the nomination form. Email your completed nomination form to Lennoree Cleary at lcleary@cds.org, or print the form and mail it to Ms. Cleary's attention at: Chicago Dental Society, 401 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 200, Chicago, IL 60611.

Be sure to include the nominee's name in the subject line of your email. CDS Board officers are not eligible. **Submissions must be received by July 12.**





Sun, smiles shine during 2024 MIDWINTER MEETING

Report compiled by Joseph DeRosier





CCORMICK PLACE WEST was bustling for the Chicago Dental Society's 159th Midwinter Meeting, which wrapped up Feb. 22-24 with sunny skies and another bump up in attendance. Dentists, the dental team and the representatives from the global dental industry from 49 states and 68 different countries converged on the shores of Lake Michigan for three days of learning and fun.

More than 21,000 people attended the gathering that offered 140 different speakers presenting more than 240 continuing education courses as well as an Exhibit Hall packed with more than 560 exhibitors presenting the latest in dental technology and services. The Midwinter Meeting also draws numerous ancillary associated events sponsored by various dental school alumni clubs and specialty dentistry organizations during its run.

The event culminated the years-long planning efforts led by 2024 CDS President Dr. David Lewis, Jr., and his team, General Chair Dr. Yendis Gibson and Program Chair Dr. David Williams.

For this year's **Keynote Session**, Chicago public television personality Geoffrey Baer took the stage to spotlight various treasures in Chicago, its history and its fabled architecture for fans and attendees Thursday afternoon. The 200+ who came to enjoy Baer's presentation also received a sample of another Chicago icon – Garrett popcorn – as a tasty souvenir.

Keynote Speaker Geoffrey Baer sneaks a comical selfie in the Exhibit Hall. Baer, who highlighted Chicago's known and little-known history and architectural gems in his keynote address, was captivated by all the various dental products on the exhibit floor.

Friday saw the annual early-morning gathering of Wisconsin attendees at a special welcome breakfast hosted by CDS and the Wisconsin Dental Association. Later that day attendees were able to participate in a "happy hour" style activity, this year's **Sips, Suds & Sales**, in which beer and wine were served while attendees walked the Exhibit Hall aisles to see special exhibitor deals in a festive atmosphere.

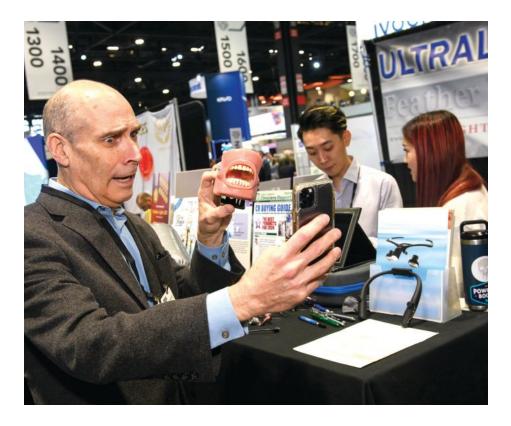
Also on Friday were two receptions: dentists in practice 10 years or less gathered for the **Early Career & New Dentist Reception**, and dental students who will soon join the ranks of professional dentistry came together for the **Dental Student Reception**.

The annual **President's Dinner Dance** in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel, hosted by Dr. Lewis and his wife, fellow CDS member Dr. Christine Culp, culminated another successful meeting. More than

FINAL ATTENDANCE	
Dentists	4,886
Graduate students/residents	109
Dental students	1,782
Hygienists	2,613
Assistants	1,729
Office personnel	1,532
Medical health coordinators	78
Laboratory technicians/students	117
Hygienist/assistant students	886
Guests	1,056
Press	39
Trade	740
Exhibitors	5,568
TOTAL	21,135

300 gathered in style to celebrate the efforts of volunteers and CDS leaders who work diligently to bring the Midwinter Meeting to life every year.

Photo coverage by Randy Belice, Tricia Koning and Jose Torres. View more photos: **on.cds.org/photos**



Awards honor contributions to oral health education





(from left) Dr. Yendis Gibson, CDS President Dr. David Lewis Jr., Dr. Gordon Christensen, Judy Kay Mausolf, and Dr. David Williams.

CHRISTENSEN AWARD

Judy Kay Mausolf is the 2024 recipient of the Gordon J. Christensen Lecturer Recognition Award. Ms. Mausolf is a long-time speaker at the Midwinter Meeting. She was presented the award by Dr. Christensen during one of her classes on Friday and received a rousing standing ovation.

Ms. Mausolf is a dental culture specialist who works with dentists and dental teams to help grow practices.

Dr. Christensen said that Ms. Mausolf epitomizes the qualities of an outstanding speaker.

In accepting the award, Ms. Mausolf became emotional remembering her jour-

ney from riding with her father in a pick-up truck on a farm to her position as a sought-after presenter.

"This doesn't happen every day, I was an administrator for more than 26 years and when I started by career I decided to do it my way. I wanted to inspire people, I wanted to motivate them, and I wanted to love people from the stage. It's 19 years now, and I've been able to do that. Be clear about what you want, and don't let anybody stop you."

The Christensen award was established in 1990 and honors a professional who has contributed to furthering continuing education for dental professionals.

CDS FOUNDATION VISION AWARD

Dr. Robert Rada is the Chicago Dental Society Foundation Vision Award recipient.

Dr. Rada's passion is providing treatment to those with special needs at his private practice in La Grange, IL.

A dental educator for more than 30 years and mentor to young dentists and students, Dr. Rada is a clinic professor for the University of Illinois Chicago School of Dentistry. He is a steadfast volunteer at free dental clinics around Chicago.

The Vision Award recognizes outstanding volunteerism, philanthropy and a commitment to improving oral health education and access to care for the underserved.

CDS extends hospitality to our Wisconsin friends





Once again, the Chicago Dental Society welcomed Wisconsin Midwinter Meeting attendees with a special breakfast event.

More than 475 attendees from the Badger State signed up for the event that provided breakfast fare, including a signature cheese platter, said Wisconsin Dental Association Executive Director Mark Paget.

It was the largest turnout since the breakfast started several years ago after Wisconsin discontinued its own annual meeting and promoted the Chicago event to its members. WDA President Dr. Chris J. Hansen, a dentist from Manitowoc, said the association appreciates the collaboration between the two dental organizations. "It works really well for both parties," said Dr. Hansen. He personally looks forward to seeing the variety of course offerings at Midwinter as well as the chance to reconnect with old friends.

"I also love being in Chicago and enjoying the nightlife, the restaurants and all the wonderful opportunities we have for socialization. It's a great place to come and very close for us," Dr. Hansen said.

Dr. Ned Murphy from Racine, WI, said he has been coming to the Midwinter Meeting for about 50 years.

"I look forward to seeing friends," Dr. Murphy said of what he most likes about the meeting. "That's what this meeting is all about, and also to see the new products and the vendors and the world-class speakers."

He said his daughter is an athletic trainer, and while not in dentistry per se, she attends the meeting with him to take some of the health courses offered.

Dr. Bill Akey, a dentist from Wisconsin Rapids, said he has attended the meeting since the 1990s and looks forward to taking the scientific courses.

Dr. Akey's dental assistant, Amelia Melvin, attended the breakfast and said it was her first time at the Midwinter Meeting.

"I think it's great," she said, adding that the sheer size of the Exhibit Hall was impressive.







Early Career & New Dentist Reception

Early career dentists, those in practice for 10 years or less, gathered Friday evening for the Early Career & New Dentist Reception, held at Restaurant 270 to accommodate a larger crowd this year.

Reception attendee Dr. Christina Pascale graduated in May from Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine in Downers Grove and said she stayed in the Chicago area after getting her degree. She started her career at a practice in Lincoln Park and Lincoln Square.

"There was a transition from school,

but I understood what was getting into when I wanted to get into the field," she said. "It's actually really good; I enjoy it."

Dr. Concetta Maniaci, also a recent graduate of Midwestern University, practices in Rockford and said she looks forward to an event like the New Dentist Reception to see what fellow classmates are up to.

"It's good to see how they are faring and how it compares to my experiences," she said. "It's good to see how rewarding everyone thinks this profession is in such a short time of being in it. Seeing a patient and getting them out of pain is rewarding."

Dr. Martin Navarrette, who also graduated in 2023 from Midwestern, is doing a residency at Jesse Brown VA Hospital.

"I wanted to figure out if I want to specialize," he said of why he took the residency. "After going through the program I've decided that I like general dentistry and like doing everything. It's been a great experience learning how to treat more medically complex patients."



















Dental Student Reception

Though it was a packed day of taking classes and walking the Exhibit Hall floor, energy was running high at the Dental Student Reception, which drew nearly 700 students to mingle and enjoy some beverages and light food at the annual Midwinter Meeting event.

Christine Malito, a third-year dental student at Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine in Downers Grove, said this is her second year coming to the Midwinter Meeting.

"It is very interesting being able to

see the variety of booths (in the Exhibit Hall) and all the different things they have to offer," she said.

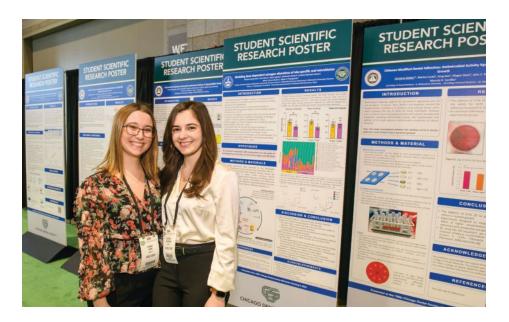
Tibyan Mohamed, a first-year student at Midwestern University, said it is her first time coming to the Midwinter Meeting.

"I've had a blast meeting different people from different schools," she said of the experience. "I definitely enjoyed the Exhibit Hall. There was a free massage, and I really enjoyed that. There was a vendor selling toothbrushes, so I got a toothbrush for my son!"









STUDENT RESEARCH POSTERS

Nearly 70 dental students submitted Scientific Research Posters, which were assembled in the Exhibit Hall. Attendees could earn 1 credit of CE daily by visiting the poster galleries.













Sips, Suds & Sales

The driving energy of the expansive Exhibit Hall was once again on display at the 2024 Midwinter Meeting.

This year, attendees could grab a cup or wine or beer while they walked the floor and its impressive collection of 560 exhibitors, many of whom offered special deals for the Friday afternoon Sips, Suds & Sales event.

Attendees and exhibitors alike gave the event good reviews.

Sharilyn Lord, a dental assistant and office manager in Milwaukee, said she has been to the Midwinter Meeting "lots and lots and lots of times" and appreciated the chance to unwind at the end of the day with a cold beer. "It's always a fun thing the end of the day," she said.

Exhibitor Matt Anderson, Territory Portfolio Manager for Midmark Corp., said he considers events like Sips, Suds & Sales as worthwhile, hands down.

"You look at the lines over there," he said while pointing to the queue for beverages, "and I think everyone is really enjoying it. It loosens things up, people really enjoy it, and they get a chance to look at the equipment, too."

He said overall the meeting was good for his company with the sales leads

being "high quality."

Bressler USA Regional Manager Frank Damico said he was "pleasantly surprised" with the turnout on Thursday. "Thursdays are usually good, but today was exceptionally good," he observed.

Mr. Damico said a social event like Sips, Suds & Sales is a "great idea. I don't know how many people actually come up to our booth because of it, but it is a great idea. We've been here a long time and we're here to support the Chicago Dental Society. Our original roots were here in Lombard, Illinois."

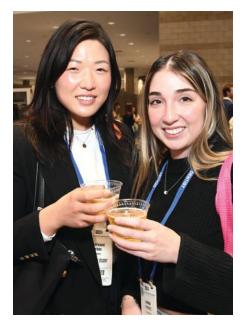
























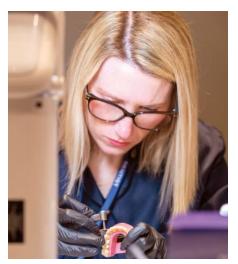
Inside Our Classrooms

























Inside the Exhibit Hall

























President's Dinner Dance

One last event caps the annual Midwinter Meeting: the President's Dinner Dance.

CDS President Dr. David Lewis, Jr., and his spouse, Dr. Christine Culp, welcomed more than 300 guests to the Crystal Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Chicago hotel to celebrate the conclusion of another successful Midwinter Meeting with the Chicago Catz band.

The emcee was Dr. Paul Fischl, who introduced guests and dignitaries.

First introductions went to the General and Program Chairs for the meeting: General Chair, Dr. Yendis Gibson and her husband, Wallace Henley, and Program Chair, Dr. Dave Williams, and his wife, Diane.

CDS Officers were introduced: Treasurer Dr. Mark Ploskonka, and his wife, Tracey; Vice President Dr. Victoria Ursitti, and her husband, Patrick Hoffmann; Secretary, Dr. Philip Schefke, and his wife, Sandy Tableriou; and President-elect, Dr. Denise Hale, and her husband, Rob Sorpassa.

Also recognized were members of the CDS Board of Directors:

West Suburban Branch Director Dr. Paul Kempf Jr. and his wife, Carole;

West Side Branch Director Dr. Shafa Amirsoltani; South Suburban Branch Director Dr. Brent Stanford and his wife, Sharon; Northwest Suburban Branch Director Dr. Joseph Baldassano and his wife, Lea; Northwest Side Branch Director Dr. Gordon Ziols, and his wife, Therese Krieger; North Suburban Branch Director Dr. David Rosenbaum, and his wife, Donna; North Side Branch Director Dr. Jun Lim, and his wife, Julie Hahn;

Kenwood/Hyde Park Branch Director Dr. Lori Lightfoot, and her husband, Michael Tucker; Southwest Branch Director Dr. Neil Singh, and his wife, Reena; and New Dentist Board member Dr. Sara Imtiaz, and her guest, Brian Kim. Special greetings also went out to the representatives of dental associations and dental meetings present at the dinner dance.

MOMENT OF GRATITUDE

CDS member and former board member Dr. Sherece Thompson provided a few words in a Moment of Gratitude before festivities got underway.

She honored past CDS leaders whose service and dedication helps create and preserve a future for the profession.

"May their spirit continue to shine upon us and prompt us to strive for excellence, integrity, ethics, selfless acts of service with unwavering commitment to our profession, our families, our friends, our colleagues and communities we serve," she said.























Around the Meeting



PAST PRESIDENTS LUNCHEON

(seated) Drs. Thomas Schneider Jr., Susan Becker Doroshow, H. Todd Cubbon, Terri Tiersky, Michael Durbin, Paul Landman, Bernard Grothaus and David Kumamoto (standing) Louis Imburgia, Dennis Manning, Edward Bonk, Keith Suchy, George Zehak, John Gerding, John Fredricksen, Richard Holba, John Parzakonis, Phillip Fijal and Cheryl Watson-Lowry.

Looking forward to gathering again in 2025

Planning for the 2025 Midwinter Meeting is already under way. Dr. Denise Hale, CDS president-elect who will host the annual gathering as president next year, says she is looking forward to continuing the successful formula that has worked for generations of dentists with an eye on making sure the next generation also discovers the many ways the meeting benefits their careers.

The 2025 meeting will be held Feb. 20-22 at McCormick Place West.

Dr. Hale's Midwinter Meeting team includes Program Chair Dr. Robert Rada and General Chair Dr. William Hamel III.

Special events are still in the planning stages, but Dr. Hale said she and her team found in scouting other meetings that hands-on courses are what hygienists and assistants enjoy taking.

"People enjoy it," Dr. Hale said of hands-on courses. "Not only are they learning, but they are doing something. In our field, we like to touch the material, we like to try the material, we want to like to see how to do it and not just watch someone's technique. It's one thing to sit in a lecture and look at a slide; it's another thing to actually have the handpiece in your hand."

"We spent a lot of time scouting," Dr. Rada said. "One of the areas we scouted was to find speakers who could appeal to staff, including hygienists, dental assistants with some of the techniques that dental assistants use for their own dental materials course and their own hands-on courses."

Dr. Hale said she would also like to bring back some more social activities for spouses of dentists who are attending the meeting.



Midwinter Meeting General Chair Dr. William Hamel III, CDS President-elect Dr. Denise Hale and Program Chair Dr. Robert Rada invite you to the 2025 Midwinter Meeting.

"There are people who are here with their spouse and especially for people who come from out of town, they bring their spouse with them," Dr. Hale said. She added that some families attend the meeting, and her team is looking at ways to offer events for them, too.

Dr. Hale said interest in the Student Research Poster presentation on the exhibit floor is also growing and she is excited for its return next year because it boosts the opportunity for students to become involved in organized dentistry and brings them to the meeting.

"When they come to the meeting, they see all the camaraderie, all the education that's available and all the products in the Exhibit Hall," Dr. Hale said. "We keep talking about how we can grow our association and our societies. We want to make sure they feel included, and they can enjoy themselves at the meeting, too, and they can see how much we enjoy seeing each other." "It's more than just CE at the meeting," Dr. Rada said. Running into friends and colleagues while walking the aisles of the Exhibit Hall "makes you feel good," he added.

Registration for the 2025 Midwinter Meeting starts Friday, Nov. 1. Check back for details later this year on the CDS website at **www.cds.org**. ■

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Legal rules on requests for dental records

DENTAL PRACTITIONER RECEIVES A LETTER FROM A PATIENT who is requesting a copy of her dental records. What should the practitioner do? In Illinois, there are several ways a dental patient can request a copy of his or her records.

Firstly, Illinois statute 735 ILCS 5/8-2001 mandates that, within 30 days of the request, a dental office must provide a copy of the records. Failure to comply "shall subject the [dentist] to expenses and reasonable attorney's fees" to enforce compliance.

Contrary to what some may believe, a verbal request must be honored. However, most of the time, written requests are made by the patient or the patient's attorney, which provides proof if there is a squabble about when the records request was made.

For patients who are minors (under the age of 18), a parent or legal guardian can make a request.

A letter from the patient's lawyer requesting records must be accompanied by a signed authorization from the patient or from a parent or legal guardian.

Also keep in mind that even if a patient owes money, the statute, nonetheless, requires production of a copy of the records within 30 days of the request.

However, a verbal or written request for a patient's records from a patient's spouse, sibling, relative or friend, unless accompanied by a written authorization from the patient expressly directing release of the records to a particular third party, is not sufficient for the dental professional to comply with the request.

For patients who have passed away, Illinois law requires that the requesting party state that he or she is a relative, family member or legal representative and provide a copy of the patient's death certificate.

Another way a dental professional might receive a request for records is pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 204 by a subpoena issued by a licensed attorney in the state of Illinois. A subpoena does not require a written authorization from the patient (or the patient's legal guardian). However, over the last several years, many healthcare providers (especially hospitals) have insisted on a signed HIPAA authorization from the patient, although Rule 204 does not specifically mandate this.

Paragraph (d) of Illinois statute 735 ILCS 5/8-2001 sets forth a



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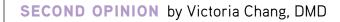
"formula," based on the number of pages, that a dental office can charge for a hard copy and electronic copy (email) of the records. Every year the fees for production of records increases so check the Illinois Comptroller's Office website, which provides an upto-date "formula" on what a dentist can charge.

An often-asked question is whether a dental office can withhold producing a copy of the records if payment is not enclosed with the request. The answer is that the courts have generally said that when a dental professional does receive a request for records, he or she should advise the requesting party of the copy fee rather than simply ignoring the request. However, if the requesting party refuses to pay the fee, then the dental professional has grounds for refusing the request until the fee is paid. With that said, and practically speaking, unless the number of pages and imaging studies are voluminous, it is sometimes advisable to simply produce a copy of the records rather than bicker over the copy fee.

Keep in mind that a request for records is not necessarily an ominous sign that the dental professional is likely to be sued as many requests are related to treatment for dental injuries that a patient has sustained in an auto accident, for instance, or the patient is simply changing dentists. Nonetheless, it is prudent for the dental professional, upon receipt of a records request, to contact his or her malpractice carrier or personal attorney for guidance.

And finally, never send original records and do not alter the records.

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Absorbing lessons, finding joy in Chicago The journey of a new dentist pediatric resident

S I WRAPPED UP MY FIRST SEMESTER IN DECEMBER, I FELT A SENSE OF RELIEF and accomplishment. I'm officially 25% a pediatric dentist – woohoo! After graduating from dental school in summer of 2023, I moved from Boston to Chicago to begin residency. Originally from Lancaster, PA, I'm far from home, but the opportunity to train for my profession in pediatric dentistry at University of Illinois Chicago is worth the distance.

Over my first semester, I have learned an abundance and grown tremendously. As a resident, we have courses for our Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry, but we also have classes and a thesis to work toward a Master of Science Degree in Oral Sciences. Clinically, I have gained an abundance of experience working with pediatric patients and appreciate the impressive number of full-time and part-time faculty at UIC.

Though the days can be long, busy, and tiring, I find that working with pediatric patients brings me so much joy, confirming that I made the right decision to pursue this specialty. I have also found myself to be passionate about prevention and building a positive relationship with my patients. Slowly but surely, I am also improving in my clinical confidence, skill, and speed, which has promoted my ability to focus on behavior management, oral health education, and personally connecting with the families I meet. Our program also provides us with a great deal of experience in treating children under oral conscious sedation and general anesthesia, as well.

Outside of residency, I have been exploring the city of Chicago! I live downtown, within the Loop, and am always amazed at the number of events that are occurring. As a foodie, I have been loving trying restaurants, cafes, and diverse cuisines. I have also been taking advantage of living in the Midwest and have traveled to explore the beauty in our neighboring states. Having run the Chicago half-marathon in the fall, I also recognize that there are many distinct areas in the city to visit and have enjoyed attending events that expose me to new neighborhoods. Looking forward, I eagerly anticipate not only growing as a pediatric dentist through my residency program but also making more memories, becoming more familiar with the city, and making new connections – hopefully through the Chicago Dental Society too!

As a first-generation college student and the first in my family with a career in healthcare, it sometimes feels daunting paving my path and planning for the future. At the moment, I aspire to achieve a well-balanced career and work-life balance, and hope that I can make a positive impact on as many pediatric patients and families as I can.

If you have any insightful advice, restaurant/travel recommendations, or would like to chat, do feel free to reach out to me or say hello at a future CDS event!



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Dr. Victoria Chang is originally from Lancaster, PA, and received her undergraduate degree from University of Pittsburgh. After continued studies at the university and a year working in a private dental practice, she then moved to Boston, where she earned her DMD at the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine. Currently, she is a first-year resident at the University of Illinois Chicago, pursuing a pediatric dental specialty certification and a master's degree in Oral Sciences.. *Opinions and statements expressed within this publication are those of the writer and not necessarily those of the Chicago Dental Society*.



Find more information about the CDS Foundation at www.cdsfound.org.

Dr. Robert Rada Receives 2024 Vision Award

HE CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION is delighted to announce that Dr. Robert Rada is this year's recipient of the CDS Foundation Vision Award. This award recognizes outstanding volunteerism, philanthropy and a commitment to improving oral health education and access to care for the underserved. It was presented Feb. 22 at the Midwinter Meeting.

Dr. Rada's compassionate practice has provided treatment to thousands of people with special needs, while also educating oral health and medical practitioners on the unique challenges and needs of this population. Dr. Rada has been a true voice for those who may not always have one, advocating on their behalf at various meetings and agencies.

In addition, Dr. Rada has been involved as a dental school educator for more than 30 years and is currently a clinic professor at the University of Illinois Chicago. He has served as a mentor to numerous dental students on how to work on children and adults with special needs and emphasized the importance of volunteering and community involvement. He has been the recipient of many Mars Wrigley Foundation Healthier Smiles Grants, which help support dental programs and services to underserved communities in the Chicagoland area. By sharing his passion for serving vulnerable communities, Dr. Rada has empowered these students to make a difference in their future practices.



(from left) Drs. Yendis Gibson, David Williams, CDS President David Lewis Jr., Robert Rada, CDS President-elect Denise Hale, and CDS Foundation Chair Vincent Arpino.

Dr. Rada's volunteer efforts extend beyond his dental practice. He has been actively involved in various programs that provide vital dental care to underserved populations. Notably, he has played a pivotal role in the AdventHealth Free Clinics, initiating the dental component, and providing portable equipment, instruments, and supplies, as well as mentoring dental students. Furthermore, Dr. Rada has generously volunteered at the Refugee One Dental Clinic, where he supervises and assists dental students in providing free onsite dental care to refugees who have recently arrived in the United States.

He has also dedicated time as a mentor for the Health & Medicine's Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program. Through this program, Dr. Rada has empowered aspiring health and human services professionals to address health inequities in vulnerable communities.

Dr. Rada's current project with

Schweitzer Fellow and fourth-year dental student Angela Olivar at El Valor exemplifies his ongoing commitment to community service. Shedding light on this initiative in the UIC Alumni Cusp magazine, Dr. Rada demonstrates his dedication to strengthening oral healthcare in underserved communities.

The Chicago Dental Society Foundation commends Dr. Rada for his outstanding contributions to the dental profession, his commitment to improving oral health education and access to care, and his embodiment of professional integrity and volunteerism. Dr. Rada's selfless dedication to serving the underserved exemplifies the principles of the Vision Award and inspires others to follow in his footsteps. ■

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legislative updates

Dental Insurance Reform a primary focus in 2024

HE ILLINOIS STATE DENTAL SOCIETY is preparing for the 2024 legislative session with a primary focus on dental insurance reform, teledentistry, and changes to the state's Medicaid program.

DENTAL INSURANCE REFORM

Three key pieces of legislation are being proposed to revamp the existing dental insurance system.

Prioritizing patient care over profits with a Dental Loss Ratio: Under our dental loss ratio legislation, any health insurer or dental plan carrier offering dental insurance policies must annually submit a dental loss ratio filing to the Illinois Department of Insurance. The goal is to establish a minimum dental loss ratio for dental carriers, ensuring that an adequate portion of premium payments are directed toward patient care.

Shielding patients from Surprise

Insurance Denials: Aiming to address cases where insurance companies initially agree to cover a dental procedure through prior authorization but later deny claims, ISDS is pushing to limit insurers' ability to backtrack their commitments, except in specific situations.

Electronic Claims Submission: Dentists will soon be mandated to submit insurance claims electronically starting Jan. 1, 2025. In light of this impending requirement, ISDS is working on legislation to:

- extend the compliance deadline,
- provide exemptions,
- demand enhanced patient information from insurers, and

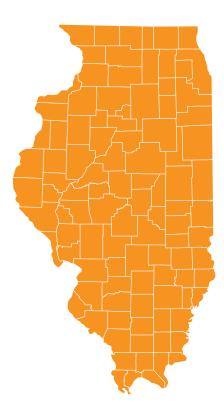
• require the insurer to provide an electronic claim system for dentists to use. This will ensure that dentists have the necessary insurance information they need to provide correct and accurate information to their patients.

DENTAL PRACTICE ACT

ISDS is introducing two pieces of legislation that will amend the Illinois Dental Practice Act.

• Protecting consumers from the dangers of DIY teeth straightening: ISDS seeks to bolster consumer protection for those using Do-It-Yourself teeth straightening products in the state. The legislation aims to ensure individuals receive quality care, undergo proper examinations, and are providing informed consent.

• Licensing legislation: Following significant delays in licensing various professions, including dentistry, the ISDS is taking proactive steps to mitigate future setbacks. Legislation takes aim at licensing delays for dental residents and as well as renewal fee waivers for new license applicants and qualified faculty-restricted license holders.



LLINOIS MEDICAID PROGRAM

In this year's legislative agenda ISDS continues to address the issues within the Illinois Medicaid program and will focus on two primary issues:

• Anesthesia Rate Increase: The Medicaid rates for deep sedation dentistry have been a continued barrier. To improve access to deep sedation, ISDS is seeking legislation that will increase the Medicaid reimbursement rates.

• Orthodontic Coverage: Currently in Illinois, the rules for determining who qualifies for orthodontic coverage are subjective and lack clear guidelines.

During the 2023 legislative session, ISDS introduced legislation to establish automatic qualifiers for determining eligibility for orthodontic services. Despite working with DHFS throughout the 2023 session and an agreement to implement these standards through official rules, DHFS has now indicated that these changes will not be implemented.

To ensure you stay in the loop about our efforts, please sign up for our text alerts. Simply text "toothparty" to 52886. ■

meeting place EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

April

2: Kenwood/Hyde Park

Oral Pathology: Current Trends in Bisphosphonates. Presented by Bryan Bouchelion, DDS. At Norman's Bistro, 1001 E. 43rd St., Chicago. Cocktails: 6:30 p.m.; Meeting, 7 p.m.; Program: 7:30 p.m. Contact Irsenia Norfleet, **drnorfleet@yahoo.com**, 773.263.1113.

5: CDS Regional Meeting (in-person)

Treating the Behavior Challenged and Complex Medical History Patient in Private Dental Practice. Presented by Kenneth Kromash, Joanne Oppenheim and Robert Rada. in-person. **New location:** Hyatt Rosemont, 6350 N. River Rd., Rosemont. 9 a.m. – noon. Continental breakfast served at 8 a.m. Register online at **www.cds.org**.

9: Northwest Side

The Effects of Bruxing on Endodontically Treated Teeth. Presented by William Freccia, DDS, MS. At Coletti's, 5707 N. Central Ave., Chicago. Cocktails: 6:30 p.m.; Dinner and Program: 7 p.m. Contact Eliza Drobny, **eliza.drobny@gmail.com**, 847.274.4133.

9: South Suburban

Modern Approaches to Pediatric Dentistry: Presented by Kristin McCullough Elliot, DDS. At Crystal Tree Country Club, 10700 W. 153rd St., Orland Park. Cocktails: 6 p.m.; Dinner: 7 p.m.; Program: 8 p.m. Contact Beth Ann Damas, bethann.dds@gmail.com, 630.697.1337.

9: Southwest

Dementia and Digital Dentures: What to Expect as Our Patients Age: Presented by Joy Poskozim, DDS, FSCD, CDP. At Francesca's on 95th Street, 6248 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn. Cocktails: 6 p.m.; Dinner and Program: 7 p.m. contact Samantha Synenberg, **ssynenberg@gmail.com**.

9: West Side

West Side Branch Planning Meeting. West Side Branch Members Only.At 19th Century Charitable Association, 178 Forest Ave., Oak Park. Cocktails: 6:30 p.m.; Dinner and Program: 7 p.m. Contact Sharon Perlman, 312.307.8798, sjperlman@sbcglobal.net.

16: West Suburban

Ergonomics and the Optimal Operatory. Presented by Tim Caruso, MBA, MS, PT. At Maggiano's Little Italy, 240 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook. Branch Board Meeting: 5 p.m. Cocktails: 6:30 p.m.; Dinner: 7 p.m. Program: 7:30 p.m. Contact Ken Korpan, Dinner Chair, **westsuburbandinner@gmail.com**.

18: West Suburban

West Suburban Branch New Dentists Mini Golf. New/Early Career Dentists and D4 dental students are invited for an evening of food, drinks, putting and raffles and other giveaways at Puttshack in Oak Brook. RSVP by April 4 at **www.cds.org**.

May

7: Kenwood/Hyde Park

Prosthodontics: Removable Restorations. Presented by Artistic Dental Laboratory. At Norman's Bistro,

1001 E. 43rd St., Chicago. Cocktails: 6:30 p.m.; Meeting: 7 p.m.; Program: 7:30 p.m. Contact Irsenia Norfleet, **drnorfleet@yahoo.com**, 773.263.1113.

28: Northwest Suburban, North Suburban, Northwest Side and North Side

Suburban Scramble Golf Outing. At Royal Melbourne Country Club, 4700 Royal Melbourne Dr., Long Grove. Registration & Breakfast: 7 a.m.; Welcome: 7:15 a.m.; Shotgun start: 8 a.m. Fee: \$250/player. Contact: hollywales@live.com.

31: CDS BLS/CPR training (in-person)

At Hyatt Schaumburg, 1800 E. Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60173. Morning session, 9 – 11 a.m.; afternoon session, 1 – 3 p.m. Watch your email for registration information.

June

12: Southwest, West Side and West Suburban

West Suburban Golf Outing. At Old Oak Country Club, 14200 S. Parker Rd., Homer Glen. Registration: 7 a.m.; Shotgun start: 8 a.m. Contact Mark Ploskonka, **ploskonka@msn.com**, 630.926.3920.

14: CDS Regional Meeting (webinar)

Practice Management Webinar. Presented by Richard Huot, DDS. 9 – 11 a.m. Must register in advance to receive email from CDS with link to the Zoom meeting. Find information at **www.cds.org**.



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SOUTH SUBURBAN: 1) Four-op starter. Owner relocating and must sell, come save. Beautiful presentation, doing \$225,000.

2) Three-op and fee-for-service. Doing \$400,000 without trying, well-established, real estate also. Motivated seller.

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SOUTH SUBURB PRACTICE SALE: Great location close to the Indiana border. Highly visible storefront. Five treatment rooms. Collections: \$571,000. PPO/fee-for-service. Dentrix and Dexis. Digital pan/ceph. Contact: Jim Plescia, jplescia@e-ppc.com. 630.890.6074.

LAKE COUNTY PRACTICE SALE: Legacy family practice located in a free standing building with awesome lake views. Four treatment rooms with room to expand. Collections: \$632,000. PPO/fee-for-service. Contact Jim Plescia, jplescia@e-ppc.com, 630.890.6074.

SECOND GENERATION REAL ESTATE opportunity in St Charles: Four plumbed ops with cabinetry, lights. Compressor, vac, wired for technology. Excellent condition. Lots of storage, only needs equipment. Upscale area. https://buildout.com/website/1244137-sale. Contact Dave Grammas, 630.258.3693, dgrammas@jrossiandassociates.com.

PRACTICE FOR SALE: North suburbs, three ops, digital, PPO, fee-for-service. Located on main street. Collections \$380,000. three-day week. Low overhead. Contact **tmcdermott@paragon.us.com**.

ORLAND PARK PRACTICE FOR SALE: New listing start-up opportunity. Located in a highly visible storefront location. Four ops, CBCT, iTero scanner, Dexis sensors. Collections: \$285,000 on three days. Contact Jim Plescia, jplescia@e-ppc.com, 630.890.6074.

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LINDENHURST PRACTICE SALE: Collections: \$300,000. Three operatories. Mostly PPO. Flexible transition. Working one day per week and refers out major procedures. Retail location. Great potential. Website https://buildout.com/website/1277343-sale Contact Pete Saladino, 815.621.6663, psaladino@jrossiandassociates.com.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE TRANSITIONS

Orland Park practice sale: Practice and real estate for \$450,000. Collections: \$325,000. Four ops (three equipped). PPO/fee-for-service. Strong hygiene. Flexible transition. Website https://buildout.com/website/1278287-sale. Contact Shera Vittorio, 773.805.7778, shera@jrossiandassociates.com.

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www.chicagopracticesales.com, 773.502.6000. ADDISON: Three ops, great starter or second office. CHICAGO, MOUNT GREENWOOD: Four ops, expandable. High visibility street level storefront. FFS/PPO, Collections \$400,000. Building available for sale. CHICAGO, SIX CORNERS: Three ops, strip mall, FFS/PPO. Collections \$520.000. CICERO/BERWYN: COMING SOON: Four ops and two plumbed. New build. Strip mall, \$800.000 collections. Associate and HYG. DOWNERS GROVE: Six ops. Storefront. FFS and PPO only. Collections \$800,000 part-time. DES PLAINES: Five ops, stand alone building. Collections \$600,000. Building available for sale. LANSING: Seven ops, standalone building. Associate driven, \$1.2 million. NORTH SHORE: Seven ops, Highly visible location, high end equipment, hygienists on staff, collections \$2 million, seller will stay. Won't last. WAUKEGAN: Five ops, stand alone building. FFS/PPO, Collections \$300,000. SOUTH ELGIN: Four ops +1 op, street level storefront. FFS/PPO. Collections \$550,000. Seller will associate. WHEELING: Three ops +1 plumbed, strip mall.

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WEST SUBURBS: Great jump start practice opportunity in the west suburbs of Chicago. This practice is located in a busy strip mall off a major road in a thriving community. \$175,000 in revenue on a very limited schedule, three ops, leased space. Flexible transition options and motivated seller. #IL3776

WEST SUBURBS: Fantastic opportunity to own a two-location oral surgery practice in the west suburbs of Chicago. \$1 million-plus in collections, six total operatories, and real estate available at one of the locations. Excellent referral base, great cash flow, and flexible transition options from the doctor. Won't last. #IL3773 NORTH SUBURBS: Orthodontic specialty practice for sale: rare opportunity to acquire a thriving practice in a highly desirable area. Offering clinical care two days/week is 4,891 square feet, has six open bay concept operatories with room to expand to a total of eight chairs, also including multiple rooms perfect for multi-specialty. The practice utilizes a digital pan-ceph and digital scanners. Leased space. Tremendous upside on an already well-established specialty practice. Won't last. #IL3532

CHICAGO: Well-established pedo/ortho practice in Chicago. The practice is located in a mixed-use medical building with great signage and visibility from the street. This leased space with 1,675 square feet, five ops, and collections of \$500,000 with a majority of the revenue being pedo. This practice has up-to-date technology, pan-ceph, Dentrix Ascend, and Dexis imaging. #IL3727

NORTHWEST SUBURBS: Great opportunity to acquire a 100% fee-for-service practice in the Northwest Suburbs of Chicago. The practice is 800 square feet located in a professional building off a major highway with excellent signage and ample parking. The practice did \$324,000 in collections on 3.5 days/week, two equipped and one plumbed operatories, and is full digital utilizing Dentrix and a 2D Pan. Immediate growth potential as the owner refers most specialty procedures out. #IL3716

WEST SUBURB: Three ops, Tri-City area, leased space in a busy strip mall with excellent visibility and parking. Impressive financials of \$635,000 with high cash flow. 29 years of goodwill and over 3,000 active patients. Up-to-date technology with Eaglesoft, Schick sensors, and Pano. Grow the practice by keeping specialties in-house. #IL3556

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NORTH SIDE: Calling all start-up doctors! Incredible opportunity to acquire a profitable practice and real estate on the north side of Chicago. \$508,000 in collections, 1,300 square feet of current practice space, four ops, and 39 years of goodwill. The building is 3,500 square feet with another tenant in the building on a month-to-month lease. The practice and real estate are both priced to sell. #IL3660

CHICAGO: Fantastic opportunity to acquire a two-location. Practice collected \$1.2 million in 2023. The doctor utilizes, and is highly trained in, the most advanced technology in dentistry, including CEREC, digital X-rays, intra-oral cameras, and 3D imaging. One location is four ops with the ability to expand to five (2,200 square feet). The other is three ops but could be expanded with additional space in the building (850 square feet with an additional 1,100 square feet available). The doctor owns the real estate, leasing possible. Owner wants DSO Partnership. Phenomenal practice, don't miss this opportunity. #IL3620

WEST SUBURBS: Good location with room to grow . . . across from school and large residential area. Practice has five ops, revenue in low \$300,000s on only about 30 hours/week. #IL3575

NORTHWEST SUBURBS: Fantastic opportunity to own a growing fee-for-service practice in the Northwest Suburbs of Chicago. Practice has four ops and collected \$518,000 in 2022. The current owner refers most specialty work out so there's an immediate opportunity for growth through added procedures. Won't last. #IL3582

SOUTH/SOUTHWEST SUBURBS: Spacious, modern, five-plus-op fully digital practice in a standalone building with ample parking in a vibrant high growth area. On limited hours and procedures are referred out. Revenue is in low \$500,000s with good upside potential. #IL3593

NORTHWEST SIDE: High traffic location on a major street with \$312,000 gross revenue on part-time hours. Very well-kept, spacious five-op digital office. Building with three-bedroom apartment upstairs possibly for sale. #IL135 WEST SUBURBS: Fee-for-service/PPO practice in high-traffic area near residential neighborhoods. Good upside potential with revenue around \$480,000 on only 3.5 days a week, referring out endo/implants. #IL3692 WEST SUBURBS: Mid-\$800,000-revenue practice with an upward trend. Modern, very well-kept, six-op practice with digital X-rays in a 2,500-square-foot office with Conebeam. Located on main road in one story building with ample parking. #IL3317.

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WEST SUBURBS: General practice, three ops with room to expand, CBCT and CEREC, fee-for-service, \$450,000 in collections. SOUTH SUBURBS: General practice, \$500,000 in collections, six operatories with CBCT, leased space, busy street.

WEST SUBURBS: General practice, \$170,000 in collections, three ops, leased space, insurance mix. NORTHWEST SUBURBS: General practice, three operatories with expansion for three more ops. Collections of \$720,000 annually, mainly insurance driven, leased space. Flexible transition. NORTHWEST ILLINOIS: General practice, five ops, \$1.25 million in collections, 100% fee-for-service, modern décor, fully digitized, incredible staff. SOUTHWEST SUBURBS: Adult restorative practices, \$3.4 million in collections, 10 total ops, attractive locations and décor. Supported by strong staff and three providers. Flexible transition. CHICAGO: General Practice, four operatories with two equipped, \$100,000 in collections, real estate including fenced parking lot, busy thoroughfare. NORTHWEST INDIANA: General practice, \$725,000 in collections, five operatories with expansion opportunity, real estate available. WILL COUNTY: General practice, three ops, \$350,000 in collections, real estate offered. Owner motivated.

NORTHWEST INDIANA: Pediatric practice, \$1 million in collections, five operatories, attractive neighborhood, leased space. WEST SUBURBS: Large modern dental and med-spa platform, 4,300 square feet, CBCT and CEREC, \$250,000 in collections. Suite and practice for sale. Call to learn more. DENTAL LAB FOR SALE: Family run for decades, call to discuss details.

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