



THE HISTORY OF THE CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY

The Chicago Dental Society is an active member association founded in 1864 and is closely intertwined with the origins and evolution of the dental profession in Chicago and beyond.

The City of Chicago has played a central role in moving the dental profession forward and continues to be headquarters to many professional oral health associations. Chicago is also home to many influential figures in dentistry, including the father of modern dentistry, Dr. Greene Vardiman Black.

The Chicago Dental Society was founded on February 8, 1864, by a group of Chicago dentists with the goal of advancing the profession, improving public health, and promoting the art and science of dentistry.

CDS Mascot Hadley the Hound is named after the first CDS President, Dr. E.W. Hadley, who was the oldest dentist living in Chicago when CDS was founded.

There are 9 branches in the Chicago Dental Society: Englewood, Kenwood/Hyde Park, North Side, North Suburban, Northwest Side, Northwest Suburban, South Suburban, West Side and West Suburban.

The Midwinter Meeting is one of the longest-running dental trade shows, starting back in 1865.

1864: The Chicago Dental Society is organized.

1878: The Chicago Dental Society is legally incorporated.

1920: Branches are officially recognized in Amendments to the CDS Constitution and Bylaws. The first six branches are Englewood, Kenwood, Lincoln Park, North Shore, West Side, and West Suburban.

1929: The Midwinter Meeting changes venues to the newly opened Stevens Hotel to accommodate a growing audience, hitting a record attendance of more than 12,000 attendees.

1945: The third CDS political party, the Progressive Club, is created.

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1865: The first Midwinter Meeting is held by the Chicago Dental Society. The Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS) is founded by Chicago dentists.

1912: The American Dental Association (ADA) adopts a new constitution and bylaws, establishing the tripartite structure.

1920: Shortly after World War I, the first two political groups are created in the Chicago Dental Society: the Members Group and the Independent Organization.

1933: The ADA and CDS jointly sponsor the Chicago Centennial Dental Congress as part of the Chicago World's Fair, attracting more than 8 million people and educating the public on the value of good oral hygiene.

1993: The Midwinter Meeting moves to McCormick Place, where it has been held since.