NEW MEMBER WELCOME PACKET

WHY JOIN CDS?
VALUE OF A CDS MEMBERSHIP
LOCALIZING A CDS MEMBERSHIP
GETTING INVOLVED WITH CDS
CDS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
HISTORY OF CDS

CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY
Today, CDS is more important than ever to its members. When you join, you have the opportunity to build your network, access exclusive benefits and enhance your standing with your patients.

WHY JOIN THE CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY?

**NETWORKING**
Develop friendships, build professional connections

**VISIBILITY**
CDS public oral health campaigns get you noticed and attract patients

**CREDIBILITY**
CDS membership adds to your community reputation

**BE HEARD**
CDS, ISDS, and ADA ensure your voice is heard on issues important to dentistry

**CONTINUING ED**
CDS branches, the Regional Meetings and the Midwinter Meeting bring you unparalleled opportunities to keep your skills fresh and practices running smoothly

**DISCOUNTS**
Take advantage of classified ad and insurance discounts

**JOIN NOW**
THE VALUE OF A CDS MEMBERSHIP

Whether you’re a dentist fresh out of dental school or an established professional, joining organized dentistry is important to advancing your career and growing your network. Investing in a tripartite membership (Chicago Dental Society, Illinois State Dental Society and the American Dental Association) opens access to resources that will help you excel throughout your career, both as a clinician and as an individual.

Below is a breakdown of some of the exclusive cost-saving benefits that CDS members receive:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event</th>
<th>CDS Tripartite Member</th>
<th>Non-CDS Member</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Midwinter Meeting Individual Registration</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$850 per ticket</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MWM Registration for Office Team Members</td>
<td>LECTURE PACKAGE (270 per staffer, Nov. – Dec.; 285 in Jan.). Allows member to register all staff at discounted rate.</td>
<td>Non-CDS member team members will pay for course tickets a la carte.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Registration for Three Regional Meetings</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$250 per meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Regional Meeting Registration for Office Team Members</td>
<td>Free for all team members</td>
<td>$250 per team member</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Midwinter Meeting Volunteer Stipend – Presiding Chairs</td>
<td>$+100/day and CE credit</td>
<td>Not eligible for savings</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Midwinter Meeting Exhibit Hall Rebate</td>
<td>Starts at $75 in Nov.</td>
<td>Not eligible for savings</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Another benefit of a CDS membership includes access to the nine CDS branches. Each branch offers Season Tickets that range from $200 to $325 to attend meetings and receive CE, with one-time meeting passes ranging from $65 to $125. Some branches also have special discounts for post-grad and retired members, so it is important to contact your branch leadership team to confirm your branch’s specific dues structure.

Did you know that CDS member dues are also tax deductible?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Member Category</th>
<th>CDS Dues Amount</th>
<th>Total Tripartite Deductible Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Post-Graduate</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reduced Year 2</td>
<td>$34</td>
<td>$43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reduced Year 3</td>
<td>$68</td>
<td>$85</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reduced Year 4</td>
<td>$101</td>
<td>$109</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Full Dues</td>
<td>$135</td>
<td>$132</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Associate</td>
<td>$125</td>
<td>$3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Life Dues</td>
<td>$101</td>
<td>$131</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retired Dues</td>
<td>$35</td>
<td>$22</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*A CDS membership is a tripartite membership with the American Dental Association and Illinois State Dental Society, which both have their own set of dues and unique membership benefits.*
Joining the Chicago Dental Society is an excellent way to elevate your career in dentistry. CDS membership spans the Chicago metropolitan area, with geographic “branches” in Cook, Lake and DuPage counties. When you join, you are placed into one of these nine branches, however, you have the option to choose any branch: one close to your home or practice or a branch where you already have friends and colleagues.

Because CDS encompasses such a large area, the organization is comprised of nine branches that meet at least four times locally throughout the year.

- Englewood
- North Suburban
- South Suburban
- Kenwood/Hyde Park
- Northwest Side
- West Side
- North Side
- Northwest Suburban
- West Suburban

CDS branch meetings showcase presenters who offer Continuing Education (CE) credits for your licensure and various social events. Branch meetings are an excellent opportunity to connect with other dental professionals in your neighborhood, find a mentor, build a referral network, discuss practice challenges and successes, and further your development as a clinician.

Each branch has board officers who are elected each spring. If you’re interested in volunteering or in a branch leadership position, reach out to your branch officers for more information.
GETTING INVOLVED WITH CDS

There are many opportunities to expand your CDS membership. Getting involved is a great way to boost your network, enhance your professional and clinical development and open doors to new opportunities. With so many options, we want to highlight specific opportunities to consider.

Branch Involvement and Leadership

If you’re interested in getting involved, the best place to start is through your local branch. Each CDS branch has different options, so reach out to the officers in your branch to see what’s available in:

• Event Planning
• CE Programming
• Membership Recruitment and Retention
• Mediation and Peer Review Committees
• Midwinter Meeting Committee Volunteers

Each branch has its own director, officers and committees to handle its affairs. If you are interested in serving, talk to your current board officers for details.

CDS Leadership and the Coalition

After serving in branch leadership positions, members may advance to a CDS board position. CDS has three leadership development groups that decide on officers for its Board of Directors. The three groups are: the Members Group, the Independent Organization and the Progressive Club. These groups form what is called the Coalition.

A CDS member is not required to be a member of any leadership development group to hold branch office or to be active within the society.
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND THE TRIPARTITE RELATIONSHIP

The Tripartite

The Chicago Dental Society is part of a tripartite relationship with the American Dental Association and the Illinois State Dental Society. While each organization exists independently, the national, state, and local components work together, offering a comprehensive set of benefits to members. Dentists who practice in Illinois, and more specifically in Cook, Lake and DuPage counties, must join CDS as a Tripartite Member. CDS serves approximately 3,800 Tripartite Members. The nine CDS branches provide the unique opportunity to network with colleagues who live and practice in your own community.

Associate Members

Associate members are dentists who practice outside of Cook, Lake and DuPage counties. While these members cannot vote in CDS elections, they can enjoy many member benefits, including free registration to the Midwinter Meeting.

Organizational Structure and Leadership

CDS is governed by a Board of Directors, consisting of a President, President-Elect, Secretary, Vice President, Treasurer, New Dentist Director, and a director from each of the nine CDS Branches. The nine branches operate independently (while adhering to the CDS Constitution and Bylaws) and are governed by their own boards.
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.
- **1865**: The first Midwinter Meeting is held by the Chicago Dental Society. The Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS) is founded by Chicago dentists.
- **1878**: The Chicago Dental Society is legally incorporated.
- **1912**: The American Dental Association (ADA) adopts a new constitution and bylaws, establishing the tripartite structure.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **1945**: The third CDS political party, the Progressive Club, is created.
- **1993**: The Midwinter Meeting moves to McCormick Place, where it has been held since.

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.