SDDS "Shredfest" Makes a Comeback

by SDDS STAFF

We are happy to announce that your Second District Dental Society has arranged to sponsor two half days of "dental community document shredding" with a reputable document shredding company, Time Shred Services Inc.

As a FREE members-only service and by appointment only, you may bring your old dental records to one of two locations on the appointed days where they will be loaded into a large bin and shredded in a regulatory compliant manner, on-site, in a mobile shredding vehicle. A HIPAA-compliant certificate of destruction will be mailed to each office shortly thereafter.

It is our pleasure to present this exclusive complimentary offer as a way of saying thank you for your continued support of Second District and organized dentistry. As this is a very limited members-only program, we will only permit current members of the Society in good standing to utilize the service. To do so, we only ask that you call or email Second District’s Headquarters to arrange a time (i.e., an appointment) for you to arrive at the designated location with your patient records.

The document and record shredding days will take place on:
• Friday, June 19, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn at 1100 South Avenue at Lois Lane, Staten Island, NY 10314
• Friday, June 26, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Second SDDS "Shredfest"

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Expectations of a General Practice Residency Program

by VITO A. CARDO, JR., D.D.S. AND JESSICA D. FIGUEROA, D.D.S.

The volume of information that has developed in the field of dentistry in the last ten years to say the least, overwhelming to the seasoned practitioner but ever more so to the new graduate. Can four years give the average student the knowledge he/she needs to understand fully all the new concepts that are developed almost on a daily basis?

The answer is, probably not. Our experience with incoming graduates who wish to pursue higher education at the postgraduate level is that they do not have enough experience with basic dentistry. They are excited by the new technology and wish to participate in the advancement of dentistry but need guidance in its foundations. It is during advanced general practice residency (GPR) that these basics can be fortified and new residents’ knowledge can be stabilized. In these programs, the bridge from basic dental knowledge is connected to the highly technical areas that are developing in our profession.

During interviews students seeking residency ask many questions. “Can I place implants?” “Do you have a CEREC machine?” “Can I do impactions?” “Can I do molar endo?” “Can I get a lot of crown and bridge?”

These are all legitimate questions but do the students asking these questions understand the foundation of proper diagnosis and treatment planning? Can they see the forest from the trees, that is, do they understand occlusion, the periodontal condition, the function of the TMJ and diagnosing of simple cavities? No; the average incoming graduate cannot on a constant basis recognize these conditions, make a proper diagnosis and develop a sound treatment plan.

How do we solve this problem? The state of New York requires all dentists who wish to practice in New York to complete an American Dental Association (ADA) accredited residency program. This is the first step in this task. Each residency program has a curriculum intended to develop young graduates’ academic and clinical abilities and prepare them for private practice. The basic curriculum has been designed by the ADA and published in its standards, and all programs must comply with these standards or lose their accreditation. Residency candidates can easily go online and read these standards. Every seven years, the ADA visits each program to assure the profession, the student and the public that these programs meet its standards.

At the Brookdale Hospital and Medical Center, we approach the education of our residents beginning on the first of each July with a series of lectures that continue for the entire year. Initially, these lectures are a review of the curriculum taught in the dental schedule and progress to more advanced lectures throughout the year. Lectures are only part of this educational program. Special seminars, tutorials and lecturers’ reviews round out the didactics.

Weekly educational seminars applying didactic knowledge to clinical situations is an important part of the students’ education. At these seminars, which feature case presentations utilizing images, articulated models and clinical photos, the residents begin to apply their knowledge to develop a treatment plan.

On the clinic floor, the resident learns to treatment plan each individual patient with assistance from the clinic attending. On any given date the attending’s complement averages two to three.
Board members from Second District’s branch society, Richmond County Dental Society (RCDS), recently presented certificates and monetary awards to graduating students from Tottenville High School’s Dental Assisting Program in recognition of their academic and clinical excellence. From left to right: RCDS Past President Dr. Marc Meiselman; Maria LaRocca (student); Joseph Scarmato (Tottenville HS principal); Joseph Lombardi (student); Gail Battista (program coordinator, Tottenville HS dental assisting program) and 2015 RCDS President Dr. Edward Jastremski.

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NYCDS will hold its inaugural golf outing on Monday, June 8. The event is co-sponsored by Henry Schein, Inc. and will be held at Fenway Golf Club (www.fenwaygolfclub.com) in Scarsdale, NY. The course is considered one of the best in Westchester County, and was written up in LINKS Golf Magazine by Tom Doak, a world renowned golf architect, as one of “those courses [in the United States] that are worth their time and effort to play.”

The event is being held in memory of Mitch Cutler, a beloved Schein rep from Westchester. We will also honor Mr. Jim Breslawski, President of Henry Schein, Inc. Proceeds from the event will benefit the American Cancer Society.

Dentists from the entire New York City metropolitan area are invited, and registration will be limited to eighty (80) players, so please sign up early to ensure your spot.

- the registration fee is $500.00/golfer, or $450.00 for Young Professionals (dentists in practice less than ten years)
- registration opens at 10:00AM
- the driving range opens at 10:00AM
- full buffet brunch is served from 10:30AM until 12:30PM
- shotgun start will be at 12:30PM
- there will be refreshments on the course
- there will be a heavy hors d’oeuvres dinner with a full open bar from 5-7:00PM

Registration is easy. You can register by calling NYCDS at (212) 573-8500. Alternatively, you can download and complete the registration form and return by FAX or by MAIL to:

New York County Dental Society
6 East 43rd Street, New York, NY 10017
Phone: (212) 573-8500 | Fax: (212) 573-9501
SDDS Announces Creative Contest Winners

by VERONICA MOLINA, SDDS STAFF

Members of the Second District Oral Health Committee gathered at Society Headquarters on April 21 to select the winners of the SDDS 2015 Creative Contest. This contest is sponsored annually as part of the Second District’s Children’s Dental Health Month (CDHM) activities with the aim of engaging local youth on oral health awareness through a creative project. SDDS invited all preschool through high school aged children in Brooklyn and Staten Island to submit a poster design with a dental health message to SDDS and, as in previous years, hundreds of local students responded to the challenge.

After an evening of careful deliberations, the committee judges reviewed over 400 submitted entries to select 21 outstanding entries to receive first, second and third place prizes across seven age group categories. The judges selected the winners based on the overall educational value and creativity of their designs. In recognition of their outstanding efforts, the winners received award certificates and Barnes and Noble gift cards in the amount of $100 for first place, $75 for second place and $50 for third place.

SDDS extends its sincere recognition and appreciation to all the judges from the oral health committee for contributing their time and expertise: Drs. Scott Brustein, Angela De Bartolo, Marvin Grossman, Juana Luster, Joel Manley, Lauro Medrano-Saldaña, Phyllis Merlino, Reneida Reyes, Sari Rosenwein, Sophia Scantlebury and Anna Marie Truncali.

A gallery of the winning entries can be found on pages 4-6 of this Bulletin. Congratulations and thank you to all the winners, contestants, schools and teachers who participated!

**CATEGORY I (PRE-K – K)**

**Evon Li (Grade K)**
P.S. 105 - The Blythebourne School, Brooklyn

**Leah Taylor (Grade K)**
Midwood Catholic Academy, Brooklyn

**Robert Lawrence (Grade Pre-K)**
P.S. 216 - The Arturo Toscanini School, Brooklyn
**Category II (1st – 2nd Grade)**

- **Georgia Rose Correll (Grade 1)**
  Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Staten Island

- **Michael Barbera (Grade 1)**
  Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Staten Island

- **Paul D’Ambrosio (Grade 2)**
  Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Staten Island

**Category III (3rd – 4th Grade)**

- **Giovanni Vozza (Grade 3)**
  Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Staten Island

- **Richard Benvenuto (Grade 3)**
  Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Staten Island

- **Kelly Gallagher (Grade 3)**
  Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Staten Island

**Category IV (5th – 6th Grade)**

- **Tatiana Mroczek (Grade 6)**
  Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Staten Island

- **Elizabeth Gallagher (Grade 6)**
  Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Staten Island

- **AmaDea Collado (Grade 6)**
  Sacred Heart School, Staten Island
Category V (7th – 8th Grade)

Jade Dinkins (Grade 7)
Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Staten Island

Margaret Donovan (Grade 6)
Sacred Heart School, Staten Island

Elizabeth Bianco (Grade 8)
Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Staten Island

Category VI (9th – 10th Grade)

Kelsey Michalak (Grade 10)
Bishop Kearney High School, Brooklyn

Aleese Gonzalez (Grade 10)
Bishop Kearney High School, Brooklyn

Sara Di Maggio (Grade 10)
Bishop Kearney High School, Brooklyn

Category VII (11th – 12th Grade)

Pamela Henry (Grade 11)
Bishop Kearney High School, Brooklyn

Anarya Wright Leslie (Grade 11)
Bishop Kearney High School, Brooklyn

Brianna Gelsomini (Grade 11)
Bishop Kearney High School, Brooklyn
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Expectations of a GPR Program

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residents each, thus giving them adequate support in both routine and complex situations. A strong mentored clinical experience for any GPR is essential.

Our educational seminars are held weekly; the seminar may be an in-house lecture from an attending either in general practice or a specialty. The advantage of having an attending faculty member with specialty qualifications available is paramount in a resident’s educational arena. Difficult case presentations allow the resident almost immediate solutions since the specialists are easily available. At the educational session, a guest lecturer may give residents insight on how to begin preparing for opening their offices or discuss a complex prosthetic problem.

On the other hand, they will develop in a systematic manner how, what, where or why a dental implant is the proper method of care. An interesting case is presented to the resident staff beginning with the chief complaint; the history of that complaint is presented to the resident’s knowledge and approaches to sound treatment plans.

The GPR is designed to provide residents with exposure to all the specialties including endodontics, periodontics, pedodontics, prosthetics, orthodontics and oral and maxillofacial surgery. There are two reasons for this design: one is so that young dentists can perform any and all procedures, another is so that residents will learn their limitations and when to refer a patient to a specialist.

The advantages of rotations through the internal medicine service, anesthesia service and the emergency department are multiple. While on rotation to internal medicine, residents will begin lifelong relationships with their colleagues in medicine and understand both their limited knowledge of dentistry and how to present to their patients in a manner that is universal to both disciplines. The anesthesia rotation is short and with the following goals in mind: understanding emergency procedures and how to handle them, becoming familiar with pain control medications, and finally, appreciating the use of sedation in day-to-day procedures. The emergency department rotation gives the resident exposure to all aspects of trauma, infection and pathology. It gives residents exposure above and beyond dental school and teaches them how to handle acute life-threatening emergencies that may happen to them in their private practices or even in their homes.

The combination of the three rotations will enhance the didactic knowledge of medicine to which residents are exposed in dental school. The unfortunate problem that occurs is that many residents take these rotations lightly and really don’t apply their didactic knowledge to the clinical situation. All programs must give residents the opportunity to research a subject and develop a literature review paper for publication. This exercise introduces residents to the current literature and how it is beneficial to their knowledge. It also gives them the stimulation to remain current on recent developments in the profession over their career.

The faculty, led by the department chairman and the program director, are the overseers who constantly monitor the resident’s progress over this one-year journey in education. Each program develops requirements that are in part dictated by the state of New York as the minimum for the awarding of a certificate of completion at the end of the program. The faculty meets, at a minimum, three times during the academic year and evaluates the progress of each resident. These meetings assure the future patients of these residents and the State that these young doctors are both proficient and competent. Residency programs are strong academic environments that are beneficial to our profession.

Dr. Vito Cardo, Jr. is chair of the department of oral & maxillofacial surgery and director of the oral & maxillofacial residency program at Brooklyn University Hospital and Medical Center.

Dr. Jessica Figueroa is the director of general dental medicine residency at Brooklyn University Hospital and Medical Center.

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!**

**New Member**

**DR. ANGELICA IANCU** (General Practice, New York University 2013)

1761 Rockaway Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11236

**Reinstatements**

**DR. TERRY LIEBMAN** (General Practice, New York University 1982)

947 Manhattan Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11222

**DR. ENDALE TEFERA** (General Practice, New York University 1989)

944 Nostrand Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11225

**Transfers**

**DR. POURANG JAHANSHAHI** (Orthodontics, University of California, San Francisco 2004)

11 Plaza St W, 1st Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11214 *Transferred from Queens County Dental Society*

**DR. ANNE YU** (General Practice, New York University 2007)

771 55th St, Brooklyn, NY 11220 *Transferred from New York County Dental Society*
Classifieds

WRITER NEEDED—Second District Dental Society is seeking a component reporter to write brief articles about noteworthy Second District and Richmond County Dental Society events for publication in the New York State Dental Journal, which is printed six times a year. Applicants must have excellent writing and editing skills, a strong command of English and be actively involved in Second District Dental Society activities. Interested persons should forward their résumé and a short writing sample to info@sddsny.org.

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EDUCATION—Learning Orthodontics is available for general dentists and pedodontists, locally in Brooklyn. For more information about Clinical Orthodontic Course, please contact Dr. Kale at (917) 881-3048 or email at drkale@clinicalorthodontic.com. Dr. Kale has been teaching this course since 1996 and can provide you with references if necessary.

EDUCATION—Brooklyn Implant Study Group offers low cost continuing education to dentists in Brooklyn. We meet 6 times a year, Wednesday evening at 6:45 p.m. over dinner. For more information contact Cinthia at (718) 439-8121 or email brooklyndds@yahoo.com.
Endodontics: Now and the Future
Featured Clinician: LAURIE R. FLEISHER, D.M.D.
Clinical Assistant Professor, New York University College of Dentistry

This program will include a discussion of the following:

- The differential diagnosis of a patient presenting in pain; where to begin
- Case management; emergency; vital vs. non-vital cases; prosthetically indicated endodontics
- Endodontic anatomical considerations
- Anesthesia, pain control and pain management; the hot tooth
- Emergency treatment including inter-appointment flare-ups
- Cleaning, shaping and obturation techniques; rotary systems, hand files and reamers
- Restorative considerations of endodontically treated teeth
- Retreatment vs. implant
- The use of intra-canal irrigants and medicaments
- Appropriate antibiotic regimens
- Iatrogenic complications and how to address them; MTA and biodentine
- Single appointment endodontics...when?

The program will also incorporate the new concepts of the smear layer; revascularization and stem cell research in endodontic therapy. Clinical application of all presented topics is the goal of this course. Questions and interaction with participants will be encouraged. Upon successful completion of this course, participants will have the ability to incorporate a broad spectrum of endodontic considerations into practical clinical application.

Risk Management
Featured Clinician: LESLIE SELDIN, D.D.S.
Past Chairman, ADA Council on Insurance

The continuation of risk management courses serves the purpose of reviewing the basic legal requirements for office activity, introducing changes as well as new aspects of the standard of care and discussing the ever increasing restrictions and requirements placed on dental practice by governmental and regulatory agencies. Risk management is a dynamic concept and is always changing. Dr. Seldin’s experience in the world of malpractice litigation will provide attendees with a recipe for office operation and patient treatment that will minimize the opportunity to find themselves the object of litigation.

Completion of this course may entitle dentists to a discount on their liability premiums for a three-year period from OOB, TIG Insurance company, Medical Liability Mutual Insurance Company (MLMIC) and many other insurance carriers providing coverage in the New York area. Please check with your carrier.

CPR & Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office
MICHAEL KALIROFF
Certified Instructor, American Heart Association

This course provides dentists and their staff members with the knowledge and skills needed to properly respond to cardiopulmonary and other medical emergencies which can occur in dental offices. The specific advantages and disadvantages of performing CPR within the dental operatory will be discussed. This program utilizes hands-on practice sessions for all participants. Topics to be covered will include heart attacks and strokes (signs and symptoms), sudden cardiac arrest/defibrillation, airway obstruction (choking), respiratory emergencies, anaphylactic reactions, emergency drug kits, and more.

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will gain the knowledge and hands-on experience needed to administer CPR safely and effectively. Participants will receive a two-year certification card from the American Heart Association as well as continuing education credits. Completion of this course will also satisfy the New York State Education Department’s requirement for licensed dentists.

ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED, SO REGISTER EARLY!!!
edentulous jaw, proper positioning of dental implants can be a challenge. Also locations of important vital structures such as nerves or sinuses need to be considered during treatment planning and especially during surgery to prevent permanent damage. This can be very challenging. Being able to plan implants virtually and transfer that information precisely through CAD/CAM enabled technology enables clinicians to perform safe, precise and faster procedures. Guided surgery allows clinicians to locate, position, direct and size one or multiple implants, which can be beneficial for medically compromised patients as the surgery can be flapless, faster and less traumatic.

Guided surgery has many uses. It can be used for any procedure, although it may increase costs for the patient due to lab charges and the additional clinician time involved. Therefore, it is much more practical to use the guided surgery approach in multi-implant cases. This course will review different types of guided surgery, the basic philosophy in using them and their practical importance to use as a clinician. Upon successful completion of this course, attendees will learn the basics of cone-beam computed tomography, virtual implant placement and how to implement this information during the limitations and benefits of surgical procedures and the accuracy of computer-guided surgery. The principles of prosthetic designs will also be discussed along with the indications and contraindications of the various options.

Upon successful completion of this course attendees will be familiar with the diagnosis, execution and limitation of computer-guided surgery. Participants will also be familiar with the optimization of implant fixture placement.

There are many disorders and conditions which cause referred pain to the dental structures that are not of dental origin, often leading to overtreatment or over-utilization of dental treatment that is not required. Some of these conditions will be discussed, including:

- First Bite Syndrome
- Trigeminal autonomic cephalgias (TACs)
- Orofacial trigger points
- Upper molar pain syndrome

This presentation will highlight diagnostic considerations and therapeutic intervention strategies. Upon successful completion of the lecture, attendees will be better able to recognize rare and infrequent atypical oro-facial pain that can mimic odontogenic pain.
SDDS 2015 CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE LISTING

#2015-16 "Endodontics: Now and the Future"
SDDS Members $100
SDDS Member’s Staff $85
SDDS Resident Members FREE
ADA Members/Staff $110
Non-ADA Members/Staff $190
Federal Service Dentists $50
Laurie R. Fleisher, D.M.D.
Friday, June 12, 2015
Fort Hamilton Community Club
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
MCEU - 6 hours
Breakfast and lunch included

#2015-17 "Risk Management"
SDDS Members/Staff $100
SDDS Resident Members FREE
ADA Members/Staff $110
Non-ADA Members $195
Federal Service Dentists $50
Leslie Seldin, D.D.S.
Friday, June 19, 2015
Fort Hamilton Community Club
8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
MCEU - 4 hours
Breakfast included

#2015-18 "Guided Implant Surgery"
SDDS Members/Staff $50
SDDS Resident Members FREE
ADA Members/Staff $60
Non-ADA Members $95
Federal Service Dentists $25
Chanda Kale, D.D.S.
Friday, September 11, 2015
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
MCEU - 3 hours
Breakfast included

#2015-19 "Utilization of 3-D Imaging for Implant Placement"
SDDS Members/Staff $50
SDDS Resident Members FREE
ADA Members/Staff $60
Non-ADA Members $95
Federal Service Dentists $25
Bharat Joshi, B.D.S., Pros.
Friday, September 25, 2015
Fort Hamilton Community Club
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
MCEU - 3 hours

#2015-20 "Current and Future Trends in Radiology"
SDDS Members $100
SDDS Member’s Staff $85
SDDS Resident Members FREE
ADA Members/Staff $110
Non-ADA Members/Staff $190
Federal Service Dentists $50
Arthur D. Goren, D.M.D.
Friday, October 9, 2015
Fort Hamilton Community Club
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
MCEU - 6 hours
Breakfast and lunch included

#2015-21 "Provocative Prosthodontics"
SDDS Members/Staff $50
SDDS Resident Members FREE
ADA Members/Staff $60
Non-ADA Members $95
Federal Service Dentists $25
Kenneth S. Kurtz, D.D.S., F.A.C.P.
Sunday, October 18, 2015
Fort Hamilton Community Club
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
MCEU - 3 hours
Breakfast included

#2015-22 "Continuum: Dentist-Operator/Anesthesiologist-Dental Anesthesiologist"
SDDS Members/Staff $50
SDDS Resident Members FREE
ADA Members/Staff $60
Non-ADA Members $95
Federal Service Dentists $25
Charles D. Azzaretti, D.D.S.
Thursday, October 22, 2015
Fort Hamilton Community Club
7 P.M. - 9 P.M.
MCEU - 2 hours
Beverage service only

#2015-23 "Taking Control of Your Esthetic Cases"
SDDS Members/Staff $50
SDDS Resident Members FREE
ADA Members/Staff $60
Non-ADA Members $95
Federal Service Dentists $25
Alberto Ambriz, D.D.S., M.D.T.
Friday, October 30, 2015
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
MCEU - 3 hours
Breakfast included

#2015-24 "Innovations in Modern Esthetic Dentistry"
SDDS Members $100
SDDS Member’s Staff $85
SDDS Resident Members FREE
ADA Members/Staff $110
Non-ADA Members/Staff $190
Federal Service Dentists $50
K. Michael Ghalili, D.D.S., M.S.D.
Friday, November 13, 2015
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
MCEU - 6 hours
Breakfast and lunch included

"CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office"
SDDS Member $160
SDDS Member’s Staff $145
SDDS Resident Members FREE
ADA Member/Staff $170
Non-ADA Member/Staff $280
Federal Service Dentists $85
MCEU - 5 hours
Breakfast and lunch included

SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn, NY
(9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.)
#2015-19 Friday, July 17, 2015
#2015-20 Friday, August 7, 2015
#2015-23 Friday, September 18, 2015
#2015-30 Friday, November 6, 2015

Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island, NY
(9 A.M. - 3 P.M.)
#2015-18 Friday, June 26, 2015
#2015-21 Friday, August 7, 2015
#2015-24 Friday, September 18, 2015
#2015-31 Friday, November 6, 2015

To register for any of these courses, call Second District Dental Society at (718) 522-3939 or e-mail info@sddsny.org. A full listing of the SDDS 2015 CE schedule can be viewed on our website at www.sddsny.org.
POSITIONS WANTED

GENERAL DENTIST—Compassionate, competent and motivated general dentist seeks part time or full time associateship in private or group practice. Please call (714) 345-4253.

ORTHODONTIST—Experienced orthodontist available one day per week (Tuesdays). Phone (917) 647-3802.

PERIODONTIST—36 years experience in high-volume insurance and union-oriented NYC offices seeks PT associateship with general practice in Manhattan or Brooklyn. Excellent references. Very productive. Call (212) 679-2472.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

GENERAL DENTISTS—Dentserv, a provider of general dental services to long term care facilities throughout New York State is seeking dentists to join our team. Candidates with experience providing service to a geriatric population a plus! We offer flexible schedules and no billing responsibilities. EOE. Responses to: Email: careers@dentserv.net; Fax: (914) 738-0331; Phone: (914) 738-1144 ext. 29

ORTHODONTIST—Busy cosmetic dental office is looking for a P/T GP dentist with 2 years+ experience in molar endo, routine extractions & Invisalign. Please email: NYDDS@optimum.net.

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GENERAL DENTIST—Modern fee-for-service dental office is looking for a general dentist to work part-time in our family practice located in Brooklyn, NY 11229. Must be competent and ambitious person. Bilingual. Applicants should submit their resumes to humanoff@gmail.com or fax it to (718) 382-9809.

GENERAL DENTIST—Looking for a general dentist part time in a busy Brooklyn dental practice. Wednesdays 9-6 and Saturdays 9-2. Dr. must have at least 5 years experience, also be friendly and competent. Please submit email to eec927@aol.com.

PEDIATRIC DENTIST—Board-certified or Board-eligible Pediatric Dentist needed as Attending for pediatric dental residents. 1 day/week at our Brooklyn hospital. Includes OR privileges. Contact for additional details: ghenson@interfaithmedical.org or (718) 613-7383.

GENERAL DENTIST—Looking for a part-time General Dentist to work in a busy dental office located in Brooklyn NY 11209, we are looking for someone with at least two years experience, with NY state License and who has exceptional clinical skills and loves what they do. The General Dentist must be capable of diagnosing a patient, providing a treatment plan, and treating dental conditions. Applicants should submit their resumes to tibadental@yahoo.com or please call: (718) 491-6585 or fax it to: (718) 491-6586.

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DENTIST FOR BROOKLYN SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC—Following criteria required and open for adjustment based on Dentist’s needs: attend clinic 3 mornings a week minimum from 8am to 1pm, general dentistry on adolescents, have a New York license of Dentistry, supervising teacher and students procedural steps in the clinic, assist in taking dental x-rays with students, salary is hourly with benefits, works from September to June, follow school calendar, will need to start application process as soon as possible. Please contact Elizabeth Gallaro at (718) 636-4900 or email at EGallaro@schools.nyc.gov.

DENTIST (BROOKLYN)—Seeking personable P/T GP dentist associate with 2 years+ experience for a growing practice in Brooklyn with potential for a buy-in. We have a friendly staff and are looking for a team player with exceptional communication skills; must be proficient in molar endo, routine extractions & Invisalign. Please email: NYDDS@optimum.net.

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Even minor fee disputes can cause major headaches. As observed by the New York State Department of Education, Office of Professional Discipline (“OPD”), fee disputes have a tendency to escalate into professional discipline complaints. Although OPD does not mediate pure fee disputes, practitioners should be aware that once a complaint is filed, OPD can decide to review the dental chart and applicable billing records to determine if ANY professional misconduct has occurred. If so, OPD can pursue charges such as poor record keeping, abandonment, negligence, or, by way of further example, fraudulent billing. Disagreement over money owed also frequently inspires patients to file court actions alleging fraudulent overcharging, unnecessary treatment and malpractice. The internet is also a growing forum through which patients voice complaints.

To help prevent fee disputes, care should be taken to provide patients with clear payment expectations. A written payment policy should be given to all patients outlining payment responsibility, whether the patient or dental office is expected to file insurance reimbursement claims, and the time frame within which the patient is expected to pay uncovered expenses, including co-payments.

Before initiating services that are not covered by insurance (or only partially covered by insurance) it is also important to discuss payment responsibility and identify the specific services to be provided and the corresponding amount of anticipated out of pocket expenses, as well as the timetable of any necessary installment payments.

As a cautionary note, the New York State Attorney General’s office has investigated and settled claims regarding the use of third party healthcare credit cards, finding that, in some instances, dental patients were misled about the terms of the credit cards and were pushed by their dental practitioner into using high cost credit. Civil suits have also been filed. Nevertheless, if you choose to allow use of a health credit card, make sure to document the patient’s understanding of and consent to the terms of the credit card, including all associated interest charges and potential late fee and retroactive penalties.

**Practice Points**

*Focus: In light of the risks and inconvenience associated with fee disputes, it is important to minimize the potential for a patient to misunderstand their financial obligations.*

- Provide patients with a **WRITTEN PAYMENT POLICY** that clearly sets forth patient payment responsibilities and office expectations.
- Develop an **INDIVIDUALIZED PAYMENT PLAN** before initiating treatment involving expenses that are not covered by insurance.
- **DOCUMENT DISCUSSION OF FEE ARRANGEMENTS**, and retain signed copies of your office payment policy and all agreed to payment plans in each patient chart.
- **THINK TWICE ABOUT FACILITATING THIRD PARTY HEALTH CREDIT CARDS**. But if you do allow their use, make sure to document the patient’s understanding and voluntary consent to all interest terms and possible penalties.
- **DO NOT ABANDON A PATIENT** by withholding necessary emergency treatment because fees are in arrears.

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MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2015
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
President, Dr. Philip Buccigrossi, called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.


EXCUSED: Drs. Pasquale and Ratner

GUESTS: Drs. DiMango, Gounardes, Lerner, Bakhitari, Quartey, Wei (Methodist), Craigen (Methodist)

MOTION PASSED: Acceptance of the minutes of March 2, 2015 Board of Trustees Meeting

DECEASED MEMBERS:
- Dr. Richard Brancaccio – New York University, 1983
- Dr. Henry Caltabiano – Columbia University, 1943
- Dr. Irwin Giber – New York University, 1947
- Dr. Arthur Puglisi – Georgetown University, 1965

PROPOSALS AND ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:
- NEW MEMBERS:
  - Dr. Paul Baker – New York University, 1989
  - Dr. Sylva Piltch – New York University, 1999

REINSTATEMENTS:
- Dr. Igor Dekhkanov – New York University, 2012
- Dr. German Gelb – New York University, 1993
- Dr. Peter Gershenson – New York University, 1983
- Dr. Vera Heifetz-Kharkovsky – New York University, 2000
- Dr. Arver Rubinstein – University of Pennsylvania, 1998

TRANSFERS:
- Dr. Aaron Brandwein – New York University, 1985 (QCDS)
- Dr. Louis Franzetti – Georgetown University, 1987 (NYCDS)
- Dr. Gershon Pincus – New York University, 1978 (NYCDS)

MOTION PASSED: To elect the proposed members to active membership

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
See “Calendar.”

CORRESPONDENCE:
1. Email dated March 30 from Dr. Mark Feldman re: Cuomo Budget (previously sent)
2. Email dated April 6 from Danielle Zimbar, re: MLMIC Dividend (previously sent)
3. Memo dated April 1 from NYS Dental Foundation re: e-Prescribe course procedures
4. Memo dated April 9 from NYS Dental Foundation re: Revised e-Prescribe course procedures (previously sent)
5. Letter dated March 26 from The Hartford re: acknowledgement of potential claim
6. Email dated April 1 from Dr. Ian Lerner on behalf of GNYDM re: joint programming (previously sent; See New Business)

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:
- President – Dr. Philip Buccigrossi:
  1. NYS Dental Foundation will now be overseeing the courses on e-Prescribe. The proposed fee to the dentist would be $25, the online fee $40, and the honorarium went from $350 to $500. Second District sent a letter to the NYSDA President objecting to the new fee structure, noting it was undesirable at a time when membership is declining. Dr. Feldman notified components that the Foundation has since reversed its decision.
  2. Discussion points of the joint meeting with the executive officers of SDDS and NYCDS
     - Agreement between SDDS and NYCDS to fund a “Reserve Fund” to start in 2015
     - Discussion of Gounardes’ candidacy for Speaker

- President-Elect – Dr. Mitchell Mindlin:
  1. Dr. Mindlin thanks Dr. Halikias for his help in arranging the “Yale Club” for the SDDS 2016 Installation of Officers.
  2. The 2016 CE courses are in the works with 26 lectures and 13 CPR courses.
  3. Discussion of the need to raise the budget for CE honoraria.

- Vice-President – Dr. Gabriel Ariola:
  1. Dr. Ariola also attended the meeting of the executive officers of SDDS and NYCDS.
  2. NYCDS is actively recruiting for a new “Executive Director.”

- Secretary – Dr. Sari Rosenwein:
  • Attended the NYSDA Council on Peer Review and Quality Assurance in Albany, April 10, 2015. Discussion of the issues associated with escrow requirements on the part of the dentist and from the perspective of the liability carrier when involved with payment on behalf of the dentist in an adverse decision. Discussion of cases involving dentists who have multiple complaints brought to Peer Review. The council addressed the need for training mediators.

- Treasurer – Dr. Alyson Buchalter:
  • Progress

- Librarian Curator – Dr. Paul Albicocco:
  • Progress

- Executive Director - Mr. Bernard Hackett:
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GOOD & WELFARE:
- Dr. Deborah Pasquale’s mother passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2015.
- We wish Dr. Mindlin “good luck” on his upcoming surgery.
- Dr. Ariola congratulated Dr. Segelnick who co-authored a book entitled “Dentist’s Quick Guide to Medical Conditions.”
- Dr. Gournardes congratulated Dr. DiMango on his daughter’s successful show, “Hot Bench” and an appearance on the show, “Rachel Ray.”
- Dr. Buccigrossi will be attending a joint meeting with the presidents of NYCDS, QCDS, and SCDS.
- Dr. Buccigrossi’s twin daughters (Adelle and Genevieve) were accepted into Macaulay Honors College with full scholarships. Congratulations!

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned 8:49 PM.

COUNCIL ON ETHICS—Dr. Pavlakos: (previously emailed)

MLMIC—Drs. Oshrain, Ratner: (previously emailed)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
None
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