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2024 SDDS President's Message

Dearest Colleagues,

Thank you for giving me the honor to serve as your president for 2024. I do not take lightly the faith that has been entrusted to me.

I consider myself a second career dentist, having been a high school teacher and a mortgage broker prior to attending dental school. My path to dentistry may not have been as direct as others, but even as a dental student I saw the value in organized dentistry. I was an active member of the Student National Dental Association (SNDA) and part of their national executive board.

After graduating from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in 2009, I began moonlighting in private practice in New Jersey while completing my Advanced Education in General Dentistry at Lutheran Medical Center. I have worked in private practices in both New York and New Jersey, in federally qualified health centers in Brooklyn and the Bronx, and in a dental support organization in New Jersey—all while building my startup practice. I have been an attending and an associate director of the GPR program



2024 SDDS President Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille

at Interfaith Medical Center. The experience of working in many types of practice models has led me to one conclusion: We are all dentists. We are experts in the maxillofacial region, not just dentition. Advocacy continues to be a passion of mine. We must come together as the experts we are instead of finding reasons to be divided.

For 2024, I'd like to bridge the gap. Bridge the gap between younger and older dentists, public health and private practice dentists, and solo practitioner dentists and large group practice dentists. After all, we are all dentists. I'm excited to offer our first series of hands-on continuing

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Continuing Education Course #2024-02

The Dr. Meryl J. Efron Memorial Lecture:

"Prosthodontics—A 40-Year-Old Retrospective: Where We Have Come from and Where We are Headed" by Louis F. DeSantis, D.D.S.

FRIDAY
MAR
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Live webinar via Zoom, 11 A.M.—12 P.M.

Continuing Education Course #2024-03

"The Social Marketologist: Learn to Master Social Media"

by Minal Sampat, B.A., R.D.H.

MONDAY
MAR
04

Virtual meeting via Zoom, 7 P.M.

SDDS Board of Trustees Meeting

THURSDAY
MAR
14

Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn, NY, 6:30 P.M.

SDDS March Membership Meeting:

"Update on Selecting and Cementing Ceramic Restorations" by Andrew Koenigsberg, D.D.S.

FRIDAY
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The Dr. Irving E. Gruber Memorial Lecture:

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TUESDAY
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RCDS Membership Meeting:

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by Michael Kaliroff, Certified Instructor

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education courses during my presidency and to support our new dentist chair, Dr. Theressa Eliscar-Hewett, to bring new and exciting content to our younger members and mid-career dentists. I know many of us are struggling with rising costs and staffing shortages. The resolutions for this will take time, but I

am committed to helping all my fellow dentists be as successful as they aspire to be.

I am honored to follow in the few steps of my organized dentistry mentors—Drs. Reneida Reyes, Steven Gounardes, Craig Ratner and Mitchell Mindlin. I'm blessed to serve alongside our officers and board of trustees, who spend countless hours

volunteering for member and non-member dentists. It was Dr. Reneida Reyes who first encouraged me to get involved. After serving on the Second District Dental Society (SDDS) New Dentist Committee, I wasn't sure if I would continue to volunteer in organized dentistry, but it was Dr. David Miller who encouraged me and told me that change happens when you have a seat at the table.

The biggest of thanks to our tireless team of Mr. Bernard Hackett, Ms. Shayo Farinre, Ms. Christine Terrio and Ms. Stephanie Carter, who allow SDDS to be the successful component that we are. Let us not forget: "Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Yours in service,
Tricia Samantha Naa Kwale
Quarthey-Sagaille, D.M.D.,
F.A.G.D., O.M.T.



SDDS President Dr. Tricia Quarthey-Sagaille with her son, Kendrick, and her husband, Noel

SDDS Photo of the Month



RCDS past presidents at the RCDS membership meeting on Nov. 14, 2023, which is designated as Past Presidents night. Standing, from left to right: Drs. Raymond Flagiello, Robert Sorrentino, Sandra Scibetta, Paul Albicocco, Valerie Venterina, Lydia Lam, Edward Jastremski, Michael D'Anna and Michael Costa. Seated, from left to right: Drs. Phyllis Merlino, Howard Lieb, Vincent Frazzetto, Robert Seminara and Charles Mistretta

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SDDS Annual Installation of Officers 2024 Luncheon (Tricia's Version)

by Stuart L. Segelnick, D.D.S., M.S., CDE Editor, SDDS Bulletin Editor



2024 SDDS President Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille delivers her inaugural address at the SDDS installation luncheon

Small droplets of aquamarine ocean water aggregated onto the frigid window walls of The Liberty Warehouse, pointlessly trying to gain access to the most awesome Second District Dental Society (SDDS) event of the year. Peering through the foggy glass, SDDS members, dignitaries, VIPs, friends and family could be seen packing into The Liberty Warehouse alongside the sea's shifting coastline on Pier 41 in Brooklyn. Sunday, January 7, 2024, marked a day of celebration with 175 attendees showing their love and utmost support during the SDDS's annual installation of officers climactic event. Inside, sparkling electrical energy danced among attendees, connecting everyone in a cheerful, upbeat and happy way, bringing a warmth across the dark wood floors stronger than the orange blaze of the room's majestic crackling fireplace.

Smiling faces full of joy shone throughout the day while becoming acquainted or reacquainted with their colleagues. Navigating a pre-luncheon cocktail, attendees toasted one another and munched on bite-sized delicacies until it was time to enter the main dining hall. Dr. Raymond Flagiello, immediate past president of the SDDS, conducted the audience in the

Pledge of Allegiance. SDDS Past President Dr. Reneida Reyes gave an impressive invocation blessing us and the world with a path to peace, understanding and mindfulness to the common good.

Dr. Flagiello then introduced all the VIP attendees and welcomed Dr. Maria Maranga, candidate for ADA president-elect; Dr. Brendan Dowd, ADA trustee; and Dr. Anthony Cuomo, president of the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) to say a few words. Dr. Maranga, who also chairs the New York State Dental Foundation (NYSDF), began by describing the NYSDF's new mission of "improving the oral health of all New Yorkers and supporting outreach to communities in need" and their vision of being the "leading oral health champions of the vulnerable and underserved." Dr. Maranga praised both SDDS President Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille and former NYSDA Speaker Dr. Steven Gounardes on all their accomplishments and especially for their leadership roles, noting that "through their own 'giving back' to communities in need, [they] have touched the lives of many New Yorkers."

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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Columbia University, 2002)*

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Transferred from Eight District Dental Society

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(General Practice: New York University, 2021)

1 Brookdale Plaza, Brooklyn, NY 11212

Transferred from New York County Dental Society

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Dr. Brendan Dowd spoke about how organized dentistry, even at the local level, can have far reaching ramifications by highlighting how the Eighth District Dental Society's battle with the local government to fluoridate their water supply has made national news. Dr. Dowd reported how ADA membership has decreased to about 57% which led to changes in how the ADA does business. As ADA trustee, Dr. Dowd asked anyone who has recommendations for improvements at the ADA and the over 160 programs they run to speak with him and he will forward it to the proper channels. He is also looking forward to a new system of communication that the ADA will be introducing that is more member focused. Dr. Dowd concluded by asking everyone to root for the remaining New York football team (Buffalo Bills) still in contention for winning the Super Bowl. NYSDA President Dr. Anthony Cuomo then took the stage and said that "the SDDS has always been a beacon to professional integrity and service to the community" and spoke highly about the SDDS Loan Forgiveness program. He praised SDDS Executive Director Mr. Bernard Hackett and gave some presidential advice to Dr. Quartey-Sagaille, particularly in forming a team of individuals comparable to herself to help achieve

her goals during her presidential year. Dr. Cuomo then thanked Dr. Gounardes for all his amazing service in every aspect of dental leadership. He also acknowledged the service and contributions of NYSDA Trustee Dr. John Demas and former Trustee Dr. Mitchell Mindlin, along with Immediate Past President Dr. Flagiello.

Dr. Flagiello's farewell address commenced with congratulations to the SDDS Distinguished Service award recipient Dr. Steven Gounardes. He also pledged his support to Dr. Maria Maranga, who is running for president-elect of the ADA, and asked the audience to donate to her campaign. He spoke proudly of what was accomplished during his term in office and in the continuance of the SDDS Loan Forgiveness Program year, and the many young new Brooklyn and Staten Island dentists it has helped by giving some substantial relief to their educational debt. The SDDS has awarded \$200,000 this year, and cumulatively well over a million dollars to developing dentists. He proceeded by thanking the BOT, officers and SDDS trustee to NYSDA, Dr. John Demas. Dr. Flagiello also thanked Dr. Richard Oshrain, the outgoing general chairman of the Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM), the "number one dental meeting in the United States," along with the newly elected general chairman of the GNYDM, Dr. John Young, Jr.

and GNYDM General Manager Mr. Tom Loughlin. He concluded by thanking the SDDS staff for their amazing work, wished incoming SDDS President Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille all the best and gave her his full support. Leaving the best for last, Dr. Flagiello thanked his wife, Meredith, and said he loved her with all his heart.

Dr. Mitchell Mindlin, past president of the SDDS and former trustee to NYSDA, was then invited up to the podium by Dr. Flagiello to take his place as installing officer. Dr. Mindlin then installed our remarkable, capable and dedicated leaders, the 2024 officers: Treasurer Dr. Cherry Libramonte, Secretary Dr. Phyllis Merlino, Vice President Dr. Valerie Venterina, President-Elect Dr. Paul Teplitsky and SDDS President Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille. They were sworn in with smiling faces and resounding standing ovations.

Dr. Tricia Samantha Naa Kwale Quartey-Sagaille, 144th president and first Black woman president of the SDDS, mesmerized the crowd with her presidential speech. She started off with recognition of her parents and siblings. Dr. Quartey-Sagaille's mother is a nurse and her father is a podiatrist, both of whom emigrated to America from Ghana. Her brother, Lambert, is a physical therapist and photographer; her brother Preston has a master's in physical therapy and is a world-renowned DJ, fine artist and barber; and her youngest brother Michael is a lawyer and former NFL agent.

Dr. Quartey-Sagaille thinks her "desire to help others come from the collectivist upbringing from my African roots." Her involvement in organized dentistry stems from her involvement during dental school, where she was vice president of the Student National Dental Association and national board member at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (now Rutgers School of Dental Medicine), where she graduated from in 2009. Afterward, she attended an AEGD program

at Lutheran Medical Center and simultaneously moonlighted as a dental hygienist, gaining knowledge in practice management from all the offices at which she worked. Some of the other jobs she held were at Federally Qualified Health Centers in Brooklyn, DSOs and in private practice. She also worked as an attending at a hospital clinic. All these experiences taught her that we as dentists "instead of finding reasons that we are different, we must unify as experts in our field and find common ground in order to adequately advocate for ourselves." Dr. Quartey-Sagaille remembered how she opened her practice and after five years was overwhelmed with patients, but was somehow not producing enough to continue operations, so she dropped off dental insurances and now six years later has expanded her office to seven operatories and has a periodontist and endodontist working there. Expounding on her personal life, she thanked her husband, Noel, and spoke about her trials in conceiving her two-year-old son, Kendrick. She talked about having to rush "back to work after giving birth when bonding with your baby is more important" and expressed that "women should not have to feel this guilt." Although faced with many roadblocks to her career in dentistry, Dr. Quartey-Sagaille credited and is thankful that "my African parents created a steadfast unwavering young lady who would be fueled by others telling me no."

Dr. Quartey-Sagaille would like to give member dentists a voice and create opportunities for volunteerism at the SDDS. She will be focusing on unity, representation and inclusion during her presidency. She then very enthusiastically described how the SDDS will institute, for the first time, a new hands-on CE course series at SDDS Headquarters, along with the help of SDDS New Dentist Committee Chair Dr. Theressa Eliscar-Hewett. With much thanks and appreciation, Dr. Quartey-Sagaille mentioned



SDDS President Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille (center) and the rest of the 2024 SDDS officers. From left to right: Dr. Cherry Libramonte (treasurer), Dr. Valerie Venterina (vice president), Dr. Phyllis Merlino (secretary) and Dr. Paul Teplitsky (president-elect)

Drs. Reneida Reyes, Steven Gounardes, Mitchell Mindlin and Craig Ratner for helping her along the way. She also recognized Dr. David Miller, chair of One Brooklyn Health and past NYSDA president, who appointed her to the ADA New Dentist Committee. To complete her amazing speech, Dr. Quartey-Sagaille quoted the great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., “Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be.” The room went wild with roaring applause for their new president.

Afterward, New York State Senator Andrew Gounardes praised the SDDS for all the work we do across the state and country and the impact that we have and for the patients we serve and the communities in which we work. Senator Gounardes holds the SDDS close to his heart and considers the SDDS to be part of his extended family and always looks forward to joining our events. He then bestowed a proclamation to Dr. Quartey-Sagaille for becoming president of the SDDS and later to Dr. Richard Oshrain as outgoing chairman of the GNYDM.

Dr. Quartey-Sagaille then presented Dr. Steven Gounardes with the most prestigious award given to an SDDS member, the Distinguished Service Award. She then spoke about all Dr. Gounardes has accomplished and the many people he has mentored, including herself, and revealed this is only the 16th time this award has been bestowed. Dr. Gounardes served organized dentistry for over 40 years at every level, be it local, state or national. In 1985, he attended his first SDDS board meeting thanks to the late SDDS Past President Dr. Robert Halikias, who convinced him to attend and brought him to the meeting. After seeing how great and important organized dentistry is, Dr. Gounardes gradually became more involved and his wondrous association with the SDDS culminated in his

presidency in 2002. In 2007, Dr. Gounardes was elected president of NYSDA. From 2010 to 2014, he was trustee to the ADA and then from 2016 to 2023 he was NYSDA’s speaker of the House, all while also serving on many committees, chairing committees, task forces and being a delegate to both NYSDA and the ADA. Dr. Gounardes is renowned for his parliamentary knowledge and is a certified parliamentarian. During his acceptance speech, Dr. Gounardes was humbled to be part of the legendary giants of the SDDS who had previously received the award. He indicated that his words of love could not fully express his gratitude on receiving the 2024 Distinguished Service Award and today’s acknowledgement by his peers is the pinnacle of his career. He went on to say that with all he offered to organized dentistry, “the SDDS returned it a thousand-fold” supporting him on every and “any path he travelled.” Dr. Gounardes then thanked everyone at the SDDS and SDDS Executive Director Mr. Bernard Hackett along

with his residents from Woodhull hospital (Dr. Gounardes is GP director) that surprised him by being present at the installation. Looking in from the audience you could spot Dr. Gounardes’ family, who were all happily teary eyed proud, as they were acknowledged by Dr. Gounardes and recognized, along with his wife Dianne, for sharing this amazing day with him.

The award ceremony resumed with Dr. Quartey-Sagaille presenting awards to Dr. Sari Rosenwein and Dr. William Bongiorno for serving on the SDDS Board of Trustees. Lifetime member awards were presented to 10 SDDS members. Dr. Deborah

Pasquale received an award for her service on the NYSDA Council of Dental Education and Licensure and Dr. Mitchell Mindlin received an award for his service on the NYSDA Council on Nominations. Their praiseworthy work and assistance to the SDDS did not go unnoticed.

The SDDS gives our sincere gratitude and appreciation to SDDS Executive Director Mr. Bernard Hackett, along with SDDS staff Ms. Christine Terrio, Ms. Stephanie Carter and Ms. Shayo Farinre, for their incredible work in promoting and elevating the SDDS. We truly appreciate their dedication.



SDDS Immediate Past President Dr. Raymond Flagiello gives his farewell address

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Dr. Steven Gounardes Receives the SDDS Distinguished Service Award

On Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024, former NYSDA Speaker and Second District Dental Society (SDDS) Past President Dr. Steven Gounardes was awarded the SDDS Distinguished Service Award at the annual SDDS Installation of Officers luncheon. The SDDS Distinguished Service Award is the most prestigious recognition bestowed by the Society and is awarded to individuals with an extraordinary history of commitment and dedication to their profession and to the betterment of organized dentistry. Dr. Gounardes is the 16th recipient of this award in the Society's 156-year history.

A graduate of New York University College of Dentistry, Dr. Gounardes completed both a general practice residency and fellowship at Woodhull Medical Center in Brooklyn (now NYC Health+Hospitals/Woodhull). He serves as assistant director of the Department of Dentistry/Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Woodhull, as well as director of the general practice residency program. He also maintained a private general practice for 35 years in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. He is a fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy, where he received the Distinguished Service Award in 2007.

Dr. Gounardes has spent a significant portion of his professional career serving organized dentistry. As his children often say, for over 30 years their shared family outings and vacations often revolved around attending and participating in dental society events and conventions. Dr. Gounardes began his service to SDDS in 1993 and was elected to every position in the organization's leadership, culminating in his term as president in 2002. He served as a member of the New York State

Dental Association's (NYSDA) board of governors from 1999 through 2004 and in 2007, he was elected president of the state association. From 2005 through 2010, and again from 2015 through 2019, he served as a delegate to the American Dental Association (ADA). Dr. Gounardes served a four-year term as trustee for the ADA from 2010 to 2014, where he served on many committees including as chair of Finance and Budget and chair of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion. He most recently served as the NYSDA Speaker of the House from 2016 to 2023.

Not since 2002 has there been an officer or delegate here at SDDS who hasn't received the "Gounardes Tutorial" on how to run an effective meeting, be it as a committee chair, a state delegate, officer, trustee or SDDS president. It has made us a more prepared and effective dental society. Dr. Gounardes has been a mentor for scores of hospital residents who continue to participate in SDDS activities after graduation and he has demonstrated to all what the words "commitment to the profession" truly means.

Dr. Gounardes' commitment to service does not just extend to molars, incisors and every level of dental association involvement possible. He has spent a nearly parallel lifetime in service to his community and church. He served on the parish council of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Bay Ridge for thirty years, including nine as president of the community. Since 1997, Dr. Gounardes has also served on the board for Saint Basil Academy, a residence for orphaned or at-risk children in Garrison, New York, including 20 years as president. He is a professional registered parliamentarian recognized by the National Association of Parliamentarians and is a

certified parliamentarian teacher by the American Institute of Parliamentarians.

Dr. Gounardes and his wife Dianne have been married for 45 years and raised a family of three children—Andrew, Patricia and Gregory—in their Bay Ridge home. Andrew is a New York state senator and is no stranger to the Society, having spoken before its members on numerous occasions in his official capacity. He lives in Bay Ridge with his wife Melanie and their two sons, Evan and James. Patricia is a senior manager at NBC Universal, where she is responsible for sponsorship and licensing rights for NBC's Olympics coverage. She lives in

Norwood, Massachusetts with her husband, Alex, and their son, John. Gregory is an administrative assistant in the office of the chancellor for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. In this capacity, he assists in all matters related to the clergy and parishes through the United States and is responsible for the various scholarships offered by the Archdiocese. Gregory is engaged to Andrea Giavroutas and they are planning to be wed next summer in Greece. Now that their children have grown and moved out, Dr. Gounardes and Dianne spend their days thinking of new ways to dote on their three grandchildren, which gives them the greatest joy of all.



SDDS President Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille presents Dr. Steven Gounardes with the SDDS Distinguished Service Award



SDDS Distinguished Service Award Recipient Dr. Steven Gounardes (center) and his family. From left to right: Dr. Gounardes' son, New York State Senator Andrew Gounardes and his wife, Melanie, with their children, James and Evan; Dr. Gounardes' wife, Dianne; Dr. Gounardes' grandson, John, and daughter, Patricia; Dr. Gounardes' daughter-in-law to-be, Andrea Giavroutas, and his son, Gregory

Sepsis is Serious—Recognize the Signs

by Stuart L. Segelnick, D.D.S., M.S., C.D.E., SDDS Bulletin Editor

A call comes in from an emergency patient soon after you remove a hopelessly infected tooth. Her major concern is having a fever, chills and feeling downright terrible. She has no difficulty breathing or swallowing, though her mouth still feels swollen. Grace is a middle-aged woman who suffers from diabetes and recently finished chemotherapy for breast cancer. She doesn't smoke or drink alcohol. Also, she relates getting home too late to pick up the antibiotics that were prescribed. What should she do?

Grace was fortunate to have gone directly to the hospital emergency room and had a CT scan, which didn't show anything unusual. However, sepsis was suspected and IV antibiotics were administered. Feeling much better after a night of observation, Grace went home the very next day with a prescription for oral antibiotics.

Untreated or poorly managed periodontal disease, caries and endodontic and dental alveolar lesions can lead to sepsis. Case reports have been published in dental literature highlighting the morbidity and mortality of dental disease complications. Although rarely reported, post tooth extractions have also been linked to sepsis¹. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)² and the Mayo Clinic³, bacterial infections are the leading cause of sepsis (viral and fungal infections have also been implicated). When these microbes overwhelm your immune system, your body fights back causing overt damage to your organs, which may progress to septic shock with the accompanying free fall in blood pressure, organ dysfunction and ultimate death.

The World Health Organization (WHO) realizes the severity of sepsis and reported that in

2017, sepsis accounted for 20% of all deaths globally. In America, the CDC reports that almost two million adults develop sepsis and 350,000 “die during their hospitalization or are discharged to hospice.” A third of the people who died at the hospital had sepsis during their stay. What is even more frightening is that “among adult sepsis survivors, one in three died within a year and one in six experienced significant, long-term morbidity.”⁴

Higher risks of acquiring sepsis are found in older people (over 65 years) and children who are under a year old, as well as those inflicted with chronic medical problems, immunocompromised individuals, sepsis survivors and people recently hospitalized and with severe sickness. Some of the signs of sepsis include fever, chills, shivering, sweating, severe pain, fast heart rate, fatigue, hypotension, confusion and altered mental state.

Tests that your patient's physician or the hospital will perform if they are suspected of having sepsis include a physical exam, blood cultures, full blood work-up, X-rays, CT scans and ultrasounds to aid in making a sepsis diagnosis.⁵ High temperature, elevated heart and respiratory rate, and high white blood cell counts are red flags for sepsis.

Sepsis is considered a medical emergency and the most important thing you can do is recognize and treat it quickly. Treatment usually includes broad spectrum IV antibiotics, IV fluids and vasopressors. Monitoring serial lactate measurements is also important. Hospitals must report cases of sepsis to the federal and state government.

According to Mannan et al., “Early antimicrobial intervention is associated with surviving severe sepsis, making it critical for dentists to under-

stand local factors leading to the crisis and the signs and symptoms of the sepsis-septic shock continuum.”⁶ In a paper by Sato et al., the authors stated that “When an oral infection is suspected in an elderly patient, antibiotics should be quickly administered, the patient's local and systemic state should be confirmed...If no improvement is observed, medical attention should be quickly sought.”⁷

Organizations such as END SEPSIS, the Legacy of Rory Staunton (endsepsis.org) and the Sepsis Alliance (sepsis.org) have accomplished amazing work in bringing awareness to the seriousness of sepsis. END SEPSIS has been very successful in advocating for guidelines, regulations and increasing awareness of sepsis.⁸ A recent *New York Times* article by Emily Baumgaertner⁹ tells how the CDC has developed new guidelines in helping recognize and reduce sepsis in hospitals. The article also highlights that, “In 2013, New York became the first state to mandate that all hospitals adopt sepsis protocols, known as “Rory's regulations.” Rory Staunton was only 12 years old when he died from undiagnosed sepsis and his parents started a foundation and the END SEPSIS organization. With these wonderful organizations helping to eradicate sepsis, the future looks promising, so much so that even AIs are now being used to detect sepsis!¹⁰

A month after my own gall bladder removal surgery, I had already returned to my office on a lighter schedule when I started feeling very fatigued and had pain in my right back flank. After three days of decline and pushing myself through the day, I noticed that my hands had started shaking at the end of a patient examination. At that point I knew I couldn't continue and had my

receptionist cancel the rest of my appointments. Almost falling asleep at the wheel, I barely managed to drive home. Once home I made my way to bed and fell right to sleep. At 1 a.m. I awoke bathed in sweat, simultaneously yet uncontrollably shivering and feeling downright awful. I knew something was dangerously wrong. I woke my wife up and we headed to the hospital ER, where they immediately took my vitals. My blood pressure was extremely low, my heart rate was racing out of control and my temperature was burning up at 103.3 F. The diagnosis was sepsis! After a CT scan of the abdomen and blood work, I was placed on IV antibiotics. I won't go into the horrible details of eight miserable days in the hospital and four weeks of IV antibiotics, which were delivered through a picc line (Figure 1) inserted into my arm. I thank G-d every day that I'm alive and able to go back to caring for my family, friends, staff, colleagues and patients and cherishing every moment I'm still in this beautiful world. It makes me wonder if I, as a healthcare practitioner, couldn't make a timely diagnose

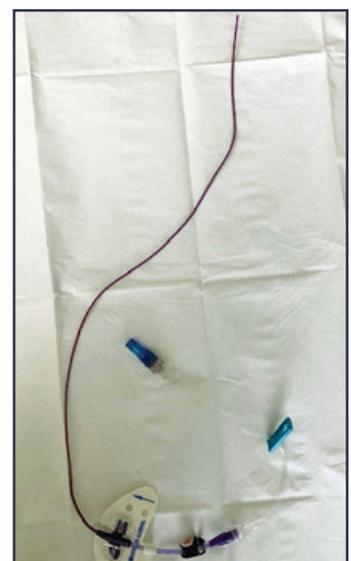


Figure 1: PICC line removed after four weeks, which went from the inner arm through the brachial vein towards the heart for delivery of IV antibiotics

of my own sepsis setting in, how could the average person? Sepsis is a major life-threatening event that dentists must be aware of. Be prepared to advise your patients when sepsis is suspected to head to the hospital ER, because that timely response just might save their lives.

(Editor's note: My family and I wish everyone a happy and healthy 2024!)

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Photo Highlights from the SDDS 2024 Installation of Officers Luncheon



SDDS President Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille (in white) with her family. From left to right: Dr. Quartey-Sagaille's parents, Samuel and Beatrice; her husband, Noel; and her brothers, Lambert and Michael



The 2024 SDDS life members who attended the SDDS installation luncheon. From left to right: Drs. Paul Albicocco, Ralph Costagliola, Jean Fayette, Craig Ratner, Steven Schwartz and Ronald Mizrahi



SDDS President Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille presents a certificate of recognition to Immediate Past President Dr. Raymond Flagiello, who is pictured with his wife, Meredith



NYSDA President Dr. Anthony Cuomo addresses the audience



Guests dine and mingle during the packed pre-Installation cocktail hour



The GNYDM Returns for its 99th Year!

Thank You for Attending the GNYDM

by Jayme Spicciatie, GNYDM Program Manager

The Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM) thanks you for making the GNYDM the largest face-to-face dental event in the United States. At its 99th annual session, which took place from Friday, November 24, 2023 through Wednesday, December 29, 2023, the GNYDM registered **36,081** (7% increase), including **13,302** dentists (9% increase), **2,793** dental students and residents, **2,027** dental assistants and **2,320** dental hygienists from **139** countries. The GNYDM remains the largest dental convention and event in the United States.

The GNYDM hopes that you took the opportunity to make new friends, renew old acquaintances and make new contacts

with decision-makers and partners for your continued success.

The GNYDM exhibit floor offers special discounts and giveaways. Professionals visited over **1,020 exhibit booths**. It was a great week of business, learning and networking.

The GNYDM education included over **265** seminars and hands-on workshops with Spanish, Portuguese, Russian and Chinese programs. In addition, over **200** scientific posters displayed new research in the dental field.

The GNYDM continues to include meetings for specialists: World Implant EXPO, Global Orthodontic Conference, Pediatric Dentistry Summit, Sleep

Apnea Symposium, 3D Printing and Digital Dentistry Conference, Public Health Symposium, Oral Cancer Symposium, Special Care Dentistry Forum, Women Dentists Leadership Conference and the GNYDM Lab Symposium.

The specialty meetings continue to increase attendance and revenue for the GNYDM as they welcome world-renowned clinicians to New York City.

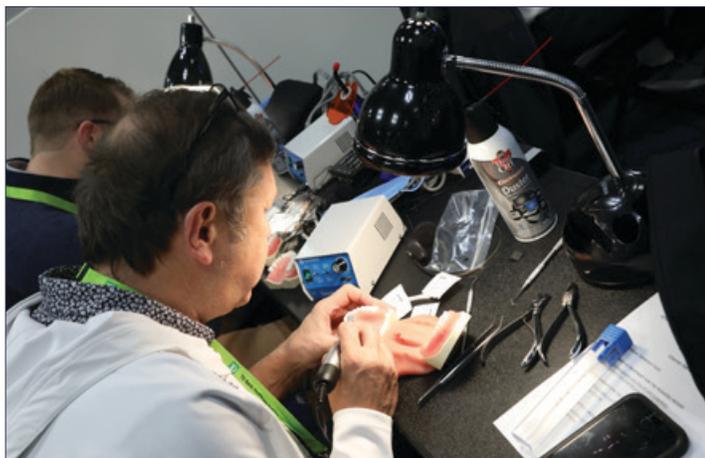
The Nurse's Program continued; it is a collaborative effort to train nurses about proper oral health and the importance of referring patients to dentists for yearly checkups and overall healthcare. Added to the Nurse's Program included volunteer

efforts and RAM (Remote Area Medical). The GNYDM will work closely with additional organizers to grow this program in 2024.

The GNYDM Organization Committee works tirelessly to ensure the Meeting's success throughout the year. With the leadership of 2023 General Chairman Dr. Richard Oshrain, 2023 General Chairman-Elect, Dr. John Young, Jr. and the Second District Dental Society (SDDS) chairs on the 2023 GNYDM Organization Committee, Dr. Ian Lerner, Nathalie Mohadjeri, Charles Mistretta and Saad Butt, the Meeting continued its success in 2023. Of course, additional thanks for allowing the Meeting



A view of the 2023 GNYDM exhibit floor



An attendee at work during one of the many hands-on workshops at the 2023 GNYDM



A packed audience at a GNYDM CE seminar

to run smoothly and effortlessly must go to the countless SDDS member volunteers who were a part of the many sub-committees.

While the Meeting is a remarkable achievement, the GNYDM is acutely aware that close friends such as you make the Meeting's accomplishment unique. The warmth and collegiality shared by the GNYDM family create an atmosphere often not evident at other venues. The GNYDM's achievements always translate to financial

accomplishments for the SDDS; through the GNYDM, the SDDS has continued its long tradition of low-cost, high-quality continuing education and member services. The GNYDM's current forecast has the Meeting **increasing profits 23%** in 2024.

The GNYDM is always looking for innovative programs and events. Please reach out to us if you would like to host a specialty dental event for your school, organization, dental group or alumni.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2024 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!

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AND THE WINNERS WERE...

The annual Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM) Volunteer Recognition meeting and dinner traditionally takes place the Monday evening before Thanksgiving at the New York Marriott Marquis. It is there where our volunteers receive their orientation and subcommittee assignments for the GNYDM, which begins the Friday after Thanksgiving. The 2023 dinner was no different. It was a great evening where scores of Second District Dental Society (SDDS) and New York County Dental Society members were able to get together for an enjoyable evening and set the tone for the annual GNYDM. It is a great tradition, one that serves as a focal point and personal connection with our GNYDM. Following the orientation, a cocktail hour and celebratory dinner were held to honor the volunteers. The attendees were all eligible for raffle prizes that were contributed by the two parent organizations and awarded that evening. This year, the five SDDS-donated prizes and winners are as follows:

**\$200 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO PETER
LUGER STEAK HOUSE:**
Dr. Amey Patil

**\$200 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO LIMANI
RESTAURANT:**
Dr. Anita Agarwal

**\$200 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO CATCH
RESTAURANT:**
Dr. Francis Eng

**\$200 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO POSITANO
RESTAURANT:**
Dr. Joseph Salim

**\$200 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO STONE
PARK CAFE:**
Dr. Paul Albicocco

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2024-02

Advance Registration Required—Register online at sddsny.org

Friday, February 23, 2024 ♦ Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island ♦ 9 A.M.—4 P.M. ♦

MCEU—6 HOURS



The Dr. Meryl J. Efron Memorial Lecture Prosthodontics—A 40-Year Retrospective: Where We Have Come from and Where We are Headed

Featured Clinician: **LOUIS F. DESANTIS, D.D.S.**

Former Northeast Regional Director, American College of Prosthodontists; Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor, Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics, New York University College of Dentistry

Revolution or evolution? The last 40 years have witnessed tremendous growth and change in how we approach our treatment protocols. From advances in adhesive dentistry, implant dentistry, digital dentistry and evidence-based dentistry, the last 40 years have seen the greatest growth in both didactic and treatment workflows. With rapidly emerging technologies, how are we to focus on the future of our profession: utilizing AI to enhance our treatments or a return to the fundamentals?

Prosthodontics (restorative dentistry) underwent a revolution in 1983 and again in 1998 with the publication of three seminal research articles:

- **Osseointegration and its experimental background.** Brånemark, P.I. *J Prosthet Dent.* 1983 Sep;50(3):399-410. doi: 10.1016/s0022-3913(83)80101-2.
- **Etched porcelain facial veneers: a new treatment modality based on scientific and clinical evidence.** Calamia, J.R. *J Dent.* 1983 Sep-Oct;53(6):255-9.

In 1989 and 1999, digital impression and computerized CAD-CAM technologies were the second revolution.

- **Dental CAD/CAM technologies: the optical impression (I).** [Article in English, German]. Pfeiffer, J. PMID: 11351456 was published in 1998 with part II published in 1999.

Where we have evolved over the last 40 years as a profession came from inspirational, seminal research, along with vision. Since these early publications, our knowledge, techniques and work flows have changed dramatically. This presentation will look at the evolution of prosthodontic therapies and discuss, “where we came from and where we are headed.” The future is now. Upon successful completion of this lecture, participants will have an understanding of what truly is “the golden age of dentistry,”: implantology, digital dentistry, aesthetic dentistry and dental mimetics. All these separate areas are interrelated and changing the way we look at dental issues and use best evidence to treat our patients.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2024-03

Advance Registration Required—Register online at sddsny.org

Friday, March 1, 2024 ♦ Live webinar via Zoom ♦ 11 A.M.—12 P.M. ♦ MCEU—1 HOUR



The Social Marketologist: Learn to Master Social Media

Featured Speaker: **MINAL SAMPAT, B.A., R.D.H.**

Marketing Strategist; Bestselling Author, “Why Your Marketing is Killing Your Business”

Are you spending money on social media marketing but not seeing any conversions? Feeling overwhelmed and don't know what to post for engagement? Are you falling behind your competition?

Seventy-four percent of Americans use social media daily. Yet, many dental practices fail to reach the full conversion potential of these platforms. Why? Because we don't know how to leverage the algorithms that dictate which posts get seen and which do not. As a result, even great social media content can fail to reach your target audience and ideal patients. It's time to change that. In this interactive course, you'll develop a successful, evergreen social media marketing plan and content strategy that gets your practice seen and increases ROI. Create a realistic action plan with implementation tools that can be used immediately. Leverage the latest tactics like video and content redistribution to maximize your reach. Connect with ideal patients using the most accessible marketing outlet today—social media.

Upon successful completion of this course, attendees will learn:

- Determine what, when and how to use social media for conversions.
- Gain actionable insights and implementation tools that you can use immediately to improve your social media pages.
- Discover the latest tactics and trends, including video and content redistribution.
- Learn how to create targeted social media ads.

SDDS March Membership Meeting: Hospital Residents and State Officers Night

Advance Registration Required—Register online at sddsny.org

Thursday, March 14, 2024 ♦ Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn, NY ♦ 6:30 P.M. ♦

MCEU—1 HOUR



Update on Selecting and Cementing Ceramic Restorations

Featured Clinician: **ANDREW KOENIGSBERG, D.D.S.**

Co-Founder, Gallery57 Dental

This lecture will review the current materials available for ceramic restorations including zirconia, lithium silicates, glass ceramics and ceramic/glass hybrids. We will review the properties as well as the advantages and disadvantages of the various materials. This will aid the clinician in choosing the correct material for various clinical situations.

An advantage of ceramic restorations is the ability to bond them to tooth structure. This allows for a more conservative tooth preparation. However, cement selection and technique is critical to success and one material and procedure will be presented that can be used with slight variation on all ceramic restorations. Upon successful completion of this lecture, attendees will have an understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of the various ceramic materials currently available. This will aid in selecting the right material for different clinical situations. There will also be a brief review of cementation of ceramic restorations.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2024-04

The Dr. Irving E. Gruber Memorial Lecture

Advance Registration Required—Register online at sddsny.org

Friday, March 15, 2024 ♦ Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn, NY ♦ 9 A.M.—4 P.M. ♦

MCEU—1 HOUR



Implants, Prosthetics, Periodontics: Combining for Synergy

Featured Clinician (Top): **JAMES B. FINE, D.M.D.**

Senior Associate Dean, Columbia University College of Dental Medicine; Chief Dental Director, Columbia University College of Dental Medicine Faculty Practices



Featured Clinician (Bottom): **FRANK VALDINOTO, D.D.S.**

Assistant Clinical Professor of Dental Medicine, Division of Postgraduate Prosthodontics, Columbia University College of Dental Medicine

This course will cover the treatment of both complex and simple cases in restoring function and aesthetics. Cases will also be presented that have had prior rehabilitation and now require modifications to restore back to function. A minimally invasive approach to periodontal and implant therapy will be explored, including the proper use of short and narrow implants. Alternatives to traditional bone grafting will be discussed. Designing proper occlusion and restoring lost landmarks with prosthetics will be reviewed.

Upon successful completion of this course, attendees will:

- Learn sequencing and combining implant, prosthetic and periodontal therapy to reestablish function and aesthetics
- Learn how to create a risk assessment for long-term case outcomes
- Understand a biologic approach to implant therapy

RCDS Membership Meeting

Advance Registration Required—Register online at sddsny.org

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 ♦ Max's Es-Ca, Staten Island, NY ♦ 6:30 P.M. ♦ MCEU—1 HOUR

Overview of Practice Sale and Purchase Transactions

Essayist: **ROBERT A. BLASS, D.D.S., J.D.**

Member, Law Firm of Beattie Padovano, LLC

This lecture will describe generally initial considerations in buying, selling or merging a dental practice, as affected by individual circumstances, practice features and market factors. Dental Support Organizations (DSOs) will also be discussed. Transaction elements will be described and explained, including:

- A. Selecting an appropriate transaction model: sale of “stock” vs “assets”
- B. Basic transaction terms including purchase price, office lease, post-closing transition services and seller employment, non-competition and other restrictive covenants
- C. Q & A—time permitting

Upon successful completion of this lecture, attendees will become familiar with basic strategies, legal aspects and processes in buying, selling or merging a dental practice, including employment considerations and the impact of DSOs on the transaction marketplace.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2024-05
Advance Registration Required—Register online at sddsny.org
 Friday, March 29, 2024 ♦ Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island, NY ♦ 9 A.M.–2:30 P.M. ♦
 MCEU—4.5 HOURS

CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office

Instructor: **MICHAEL KALIROFF**

Certified Instructor, American Heart Association

This course provides dentists and their staffs 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 operator 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. Completion of this course will also satisfy the New York State Education Department's requirement for licensed dentists.*

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Dr. Charles Kiley – New York University, 1980
Dr. David G. Olsen – University of Pennsylvania, 1964

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SDDS Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 2, 2023 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING (ZOOM)

President Raymond Flagiello called meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

PRESENT: Drs. Flagiello, Shalan, Buchalter, Mistretta, Libramonte, Carute, De Leonibus, Demas, Wolfe, Meiselman, Mindlin, Albicocco, Teplitsky, Merlino, Scibetta, Sager, Venterina and Segelnick; Mr. Hackett

EXCUSED: Drs. Richard, Donato, Jr., Turchak, Segelnick and Quartey-Sagaille

GUESTS: Drs. Oshrain, Gounardes, Pavlakos, Sconzo, Young, Ratner and Flamer-Caldera; recipients of loan forgiveness awards

MOTION APPROVED: That the minutes of September 11, 2023 be accepted

MEMBERSHIP:

DECEASED MEMBERS:

- Dr. Eugene Schlagel - New York University, 1961

NEW MEMBERS:

- Dr. Hugo Acosta-Garcia - New York University, 2004
- Dr. Erik Stump - New York University, 2022

REINSTATEMENTS: (None)

TRANSFERS:

- Dr. Mikhail Babayan - Roseman University of Health Sciences, 2020 (Transferred from Hartford Dental Society)
- Dr. Sejndi Rusi - New York University, 2020 (Transferred from New York County Dental Society)
- Dr. Kirran Tiwari - The State University of New York, Stony Brook University, 2021 (Transferred from Bronx County Dental Society)

- Dr. Ethan McLeod - University of Florida, 2022 (Transferred from Central Florida District Dental Association)

- Dr. Jaden Danos - Louisiana State University, 2022 (Transferred from San Antonio District Dental Society)

- Dr. Betzalel Krasnow - Touro College of Dental Medicine at NYMC, 2022 (Transferred from Queens County Dental Society)

RESIDENTS: See November/December 2023 SDDS Bulletin.

MOTION PASSED: New members & transfers were accepted as SDDS members

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

See “Upcoming Events” calendar.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Card received September 2023 from Dr. Howard Lieb acknowledging receipt of food basket marking the demise of Dr. Lieb's brother, Eugene, on August 19

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:

President—Dr. Raymond Flagiello:

- Fishing trip co-sponsored by SDDS and New York County Dental Society was enjoyed by all who attended
- Luncheon with NYS Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado

Treasurer—Mr. Bernard Hackett

- Reported on the Chase and reserve balances

Executive Director—Dr. Phyllis Merlino

- GNYDM will be assessed a franchise fee from NYC
- Water main issues again at SDDS office. Office forced to close for two days
- Dr. Buccigrossi has sent NYSDA substance abuse report

Motion Passed: SDDS will donate \$1,000 to Sullivan Fund

NYSDA REPORTS:

NYSDA Trustee Report—Dr. John Demas

- Reported on the latest developments regarding California's possible plan to remove requirement for membership in ADA (national)

NYSDA report from Dr. Philip Buccigrossi, Jr. re: Substance Abuse: previously emailed

Council on Dental Education & Licensure—Dr. Deborah Pasquale

- Discussed licensure delays, dental workforce and DANB exam for CDA certification

SDDS REPORTS:

GNYDM Report—Dr. Richard Oshrain:

- Reported on GNYDM progress: all numbers are up, i.e., booth sales, sponsorships, registrations, visa applications, education enrollments and exhibitors
- All are invited to GNYDM cocktail party and celebrity luncheon
- Dr. John Young, Jr. to be next year's GNYDM general chairman

Richmond County Dental Society—Dr. Carute:

- Reported on RCDS scheduled meetings and installation, which is scheduled for Jan. 27, 2024 and will be “a magical, mystical evening”

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS: (None)

GOOD & WELFARE:

- Dr. Segelnick invited members of the ADA delegation to stop by the meeting of the AADEJ meeting while in Orlando

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

SDDS Job Board

POSITIONS WANTED

GENERAL DENTIST AVAILABLE PART-TIME: Experienced General Dentist available 1–2 days/ week and alternate Saturdays. Bay Ridge area, Park Slope, North Brooklyn and Staten Island. **Contact:** (917) 301-4436

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

ASSOCIATE DENTIST WANTED: Modern private practice in Brooklyn (Kings Highway) is seeking an associate dentist proficient in performing all phases of dentistry. There are both part-time and full-time opportunities. If you are looking for a career opportunity with unlimited professional growth potential or a partnership track, please contact us or email your resume. **Contact:** Dr. Safonova | (718) 376-1090 | taladentalinfo@gmail.com

ENDODONTIST IN TODT HILL: Seeking Endodontist for busy Staten Island endodontic practice (Todt Hill area). PPO/ Fee for service. Hours Flexible. High Pay (2k+ per day). **Contact:** Dr. Brad Levine | Blevinem@aol.com

PERIODONTIST WITH PREMIER PRACTICE: Looking for a Periodontist with high quality practice to join/merge into my well established, restorative/cosmetic practice in Staten Island, NY. My practice is high end and focused on fee for service. The office is conveniently located near mass transportation and easily accessible. We have a professional and capable staff. For further details, please contact Steven G. **Contact:** 917-428-8848 | steven.g@btqconsult.com

ASSOCIATE GENERAL DENTIST—STATEN ISLAND, NY: State of the art practice in South Shore looking for a part-time associate general dentist 1–2 days per week. We have iTero, Medit, Panoramic, CBCT, Digital Crown/Bridge Impressions, Zimmer implants, Composites only (no amalgam, no PFM). **Call/text:** Dr. Balaes to discuss opportunity. **Contact:** 646-830-1223

DENTIST WITH NUCLEUS PRACTICE: Looking for dentist with high quality practice to join/merge into my well established, restorative/cosmetic practice in Park Slope, NY. Potential for future buy out. My practice is high-end and focused on fee for service. The office is located conveniently by train lines; with a professional and capable staff. For further details, please contact Dr. Leonard Brenner. **Contact:** 516-840-6153 | BRNRDNTL@AOL.COM

GENERAL DENTIST: Large dental practice on Staten Island looking for General Dentist. Flexible hours. **Contact:** Jill | (718) 494-0100 | jilldon310@gmail.com

ORTHODONTIST: Full or part-time position, for a busy Staten Island general and multi-specialist practice. **Contact:** Jill | Jilldon310@gmail.com

ENDODONTIST AND PERIODONTIST (STATEN ISLAND): Multi-specialty practice is looking for an endodontist and periodontist to join our team. Flexible hours. **Contact:** hwdentalcare@gmail.com

PEDIATRIC DENTIST—BROOKLYN HOSPITAL: Board certified/Board eligible pediatric dentist wanted for an attending position in a Brooklyn hospital, supervising pediatric dental residents. NYS license required. Please email your resume to Rena Kravitz. **Contact:** Rena Kravitz | rkravitz@maimonidesmed.org

ORAL SURGEON—ONE BROOKLYN HEALTH SYSTEM: Part-time: 2 day/week at Brookdale Hospital Medical Center. Responsibilities: supervision/teaching residents. **Contact:** Dr. David J. Miller | 718-613-4707 | dmiller@interfaithmedical.org

PEDIATRIC DENTISTS—ONE BROOKLYN HEALTH SYSTEM: Full Time position, Monday—Friday at Brookdale Medical Center (full benefits package and loan forgiveness eligibility), Wednesdays at Interfaith Medical Center. Responsibilities: supervision/teaching residents. **Contact:** Dr. David J. Miller | 718-613-4707 | dmiller@interfaithmedical.org

ORAL SURGEON—NYP BROOKLYN METHODIST HOSPITAL: Seeking part time oral surgeon to help with clinic and on-call coverage. You have the skills and expertise that these new dentists need. Compensation, free precious Park Slope parking, and the satisfaction knowing you have helped the new dentist be the best they can be. If interested please email your CV to Dr. Sconzo. **Contact:** Dr. Sconzo | jjs9014@nyp.org

GENERAL DENTIST—ONE BROOKLYN HEALTH SYSTEM: Part Time (3 days/week), Monday, Thursday and Friday preferred (full benefits package). Responsibilities: supervision/teaching residents. **Contact:** Dr. David J. Miller | 718-613-4707 | dmiller@interfaithmedical.org

ORAL SURGEON—ONE BROOKLYN HEALTH SYSTEM: Part-Time: 1 day/week at Interfaith Medical Center. Responsibilities: supervision/teaching residents. **Contact:** Dr. David J. Miller | 718-613-4707 | dmiller@interfaithmedical.org

FULL-TIME LICENSED DENTIST: Full-Time Licensed Dentist to take over patients as soon as possible. Hours and salary will be discussed upon interview. **Contact:** Dr. Nicholas Mattia or Alyssa | 718-442-8440 | nmattiadds@gmail.com

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The SDDS Job Board is a free member-benefit program for all Second District members who are seeking employment and for all SDDS members who have positions available at their office address in Brooklyn or Staten Island. This member benefit is available only to Second District members in good standing. Please call Christine at (718) 522-3939 or send us an email at info@sddsny.org

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DENTAL OFFICE FOR RENT/SALE: Modern dental practice in a very busy area of Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, 11204 / 1st floor / corner building / approx. 1000 sq. feet (high ceiling). Three fully equipped operatories / custom cabinets / flat screen TVs / computerized / central AC & heat. Nitrous oxide / pulse oximeter. Eagle software system, digital schick X-rays, panoramic machine, waiting room area & nice size reception area plus flat screen TV. Fully equipped laboratory area / kitchen / storage room / basement. Alarm & stereo system / phone system / 24 hrs surveillance camera. Private office (separate entrance). Near public transportation. Long term lease / available immediately. **Please contact us @:** (718) 435-0045.

DENTAL OFFICE FOR SALE WITH REAL ESTATE: Amazing location, on the corner of Ocean Parkway and Church Avenue, fully equipped two operatory dental office for sale. This is a condo unit on the ground floor of a high rise residential building with street access. Dentist is retiring and selling the condo and all the equipment. Rare opportunity to purchase a turn key practice and own real estate at reasonable price!! **Please call:** (862) 485-5535.

FOR RENT OR SALE: Turn key dental office, two ops in Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn. 35-year-old established practice with the original phone number. Patient charts included with purchase or lease. Flexible terms. Private doctors office, lab, storage closet and waiting room. **Available immediately.**

BAY RIDGE, PRIME LOCATION: State-of-the-art, fully equipped, ultra-modern office on first floor in private building. 1,200 square feet, handicap accessible, heavy traffic. One block from train/bus. Two operatories available 1-3 days. Fully computerized, digital Sirona Panorex, Dexis digital X-ray system. TV/computer screens in front/back of treatment rooms, lab, private office, N202. Surround sound stereo system throughout office, 24-hour surveillance cameras and basement storage space. Have your own space without the headaches. Turn key situation. Option for future purchase of long-established private practice is negotiable. Daily rates also available. Unique opportunity. **Contact:** Dr. D. at (917) 658-4954 or docs@amendental.com

STATEN ISLAND GENERAL PRACTICE: Fantastic opportunity. Two-dentist partnership transitioning to retirement. Five operatories (3 dental, 2 hyg), avg. gross \$1.3 mil. 80% PPO & 20% FFS. No Medicaid, no DMOs. **Contact:** Paul Flagg at dentalbuslevel@gmail.com

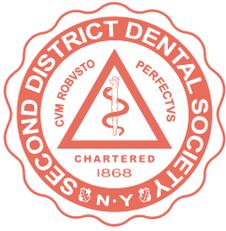
DENTAL PRACTICE FOR SALE: Establish office for over 30 years. Six operatories, staff lounge, doctors office and reception area large building area. It's on a corner location. **Call:** (646) 522-0318.

DENTAL OPERATORY/OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT IN PARK SLOPE: Full or part time available. Modern up-to-date office in great location. **Call:** (718) 788-3290 to discuss.

STATEN ISLAND PRACTICE AND BUILDING FOR SALE: Established Staten Island practice offers perfect opportunity for new dentist starting out or existing practice looking to expand...5 fully equipped ops! **Please contact:** (917) 295-6027 for details.

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