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## 2025 SDDS President's Message

Dear Colleagues:

It is an incredible honor to serve as your president of the Second District Dental Society (SDDS) for 2025. I want to begin by thanking each of you for the trust and confidence you have placed in me. As we embark on this new year together, I reflect on the path that has brought me here and look forward with optimism and dedication to the work ahead.

I did not become an active participant in organized dentistry until relatively recently. My journey in our profession includes 34 years of involvement in hospital dentistry, administration and leadership. For 27 of those years, I had the privilege of participating in resident education, an experience that was both personally and professionally rewarding. Watching new dentists grow, develop their skills and find their place in our profession has solidified my belief in the importance of mentorship, community service and continuing education.

My immersion in organized dentistry began about a decade ago. From my service on various SDDS committees to my time



2025 SDDS President Dr. Paul Teplitsky

on the SDDS board of trustees, I have seen firsthand the dedication and hard work of so many individuals who devote their time and energy supporting our organization and our profession.

I am proud to have represented SDDS while serving on the Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM) Organization Committee and to continue to volunteer with the GNYDM. This meeting, which is co-sponsored by SDDS and New York County Dental Society, has historically been the largest and most successful dental meeting in the country. Special thanks to the GNYDM Immediate Past General Chair Dr. Rich-

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**MAR  
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ard Oshrain, current GNYDM General Chair Dr. John Young, Jr. and GNYDM General Manager Dr. Tom Loughran, all of whom have helped us navigate through the challenging post-pandemic environment.

I served for five years as Second District's representative on the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) Council on Ethics and am now in my second year as chair of that council. I have also been a delegate on numerous

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occasions to both the NYSDA House of Delegates and the ADA House of Delegates. These roles have reinforced for me the critical role of advocacy, leadership and collaboration in advancing our profession. They have also given me the opportunity to learn so much more about dentistry, visit new places, meet new colleagues and make new friends.

As I take on the role of SDDS president, I believe it is important to acknowledge the challenges we at Second District will face in the coming years. Transitions in leadership, declining membership, the evolving financial landscape and what I perceive as a “dental generation gap” all require our attention. My vision is to address these issues in a collaborative fashion. I remain confident that together we can accomplish our goals with insight, strategy and innovation. My priority is to ensure that SDDS remains positioned to not only overcome these challenges but to continue to thrive as a cornerstone of dental excellence and service.

Our Society has a proud tradition of leadership and success. Individuals such as former NYSDA President Dr. Craig Ratner, former NYSDA Speaker of the House Dr. Steven Gounardes, former NYSDA trustee Dr. Mitchell Mindlin, current NYSDA trustee Dr. John Demas, current ADA Council representative Dr. Alyson Buchalter and former GNYDM General Chairs Dr. Ian Lerner and Dr. Lauro Medrano-Saldaña are just some of the examples of Second District members

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who have excelled in their roles and gone above and beyond. Programs such as the SDDS Loan Forgiveness Program, our sponsorship of the Greater New York Dental Meeting, Children’s Dental Health Month activities and our extensive continuing education offerings are just a few examples of how we provide value to our membership. The annual four general membership meetings, which are offered free to all members, reflect our continued commitment to professional growth and connection.

Looking forward, I envision a Second District Dental Society that builds upon these successes while working and innovating to meet the changing environment and the needs of our members. Of course, none of this would be possible without the invaluable guidance, advice and help of our Executive Director Mr. Bernard Hackett and our dedicated administrative staff members Ms. Christine Terrio, Ms. Stephanie Carter and Ms. Shayo Farinre.

By managing the transitions in leadership and finances, strengthening outreach to younger dentists by addressing their needs and attitudes, and encouraging

and fostering greater participation across all levels of membership, we can ensure that SDDS remains a vibrant and relevant resource for all. I am committed to working alongside our talented board of trustees, staff and membership to keep SDDS strong, engaged and forward focused.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to the many leaders and volunteers who have given their time and talents to this organization. It is because of their dedication that SDDS has earned its reputation for excellence. As we move forward into 2025, I encourage all members to take an active role in our society—to share your ideas, lend your voices and join us in this ongoing journey.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve as your president. Together, we can honor the traditions that make SDDS great while embracing the challenges and opportunities of the future. I look forward to working with and for each of you in the year ahead.

Regards,

Paul W. Teplitsky, D.M.D.

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# SDDS 2025 Installation of Officers and Awards Luncheon

by Alyson K. Buchalter, D.M.D., SDDS Bulletin Editor



2025 SDDS President Dr. Paul Teplitsky delivers his acceptance speech

On Sunday, Jan. 5, close to 200 people—Second District Dental Society (SDDS) members, invited dignitaries, friends and family—gathered at The University Club in Manhattan to celebrate the installation of our newest president, Dr. Paul Teplitsky, and the SDDS 2025 line officers. To say it was a fun afternoon is an understatement.

Dr. Teplitsky has a lot to be proud of. After receiving his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Stony Brook University, he received his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. He then received his specialty certificate in prosthodontics from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC). While in his third year at MSKCC, he was the recipient of a Holzman Fellowship in Maxillofacial Prosthetics and served as chief resident of the dental service. From 1989 through 2001, he was the GPR program director at Long Island College Hospital and ultimately became the chair of their department of dentistry.

Dr. Teplitsky has a private prosthodontics practice in Fort Greene, Brooklyn.

Dr. Teplitsky joined the SDDS board of trustees in 2017 and has played a very active role in our Society. He served on multiple SDDS committees and as a delegate to both the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) and the American Dental Association (ADA) House of Delegates. For two terms he has been SDDS's representative to the NYSDA Council on Ethics. He was recently elected and currently serves as that council's chairman. From 2019 through 2023, Dr. Teplitsky was SDDS's appointee to the Greater New York Dental Meeting's (GNYDM) Organization Committee and continues to volunteer as a troubleshooter for the Meeting. SDDS is honored to have such a dedicated individual leading us this year.

All those accomplishments pale in comparison to the happiness and pride Dr. Teplitsky has in his amazing family. He has been married to his wife, Joanne Teplitsky, for 40 years and is the

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proud father of four highly accomplished adult children: Laura, Thomas, Sara and David. But it may be said that he is proudest of the most recent additions to the family—his granddaughters Ella and Riley!

At the installation luncheon, Dr. Teplitsky was escorted to the podium by Joanne, where he was sworn in as the 2025 SDDS president by installing officer, SDDS's NYSDA Board of Trustees member, Dr. John Demas.

Dr. Teplitsky delivered a moving yet fun acceptance speech in which he highlighted his path to the SDDS presidency. He thanked the many colleagues whom he credited (blamed??) for bringing him to this moment. Most importantly, he thanked Joanne for encouraging and supporting him in his journey to this day. He also highlighted the importance of our transition to the next generation of leaders. He reminded us how fortunate SDDS

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is, and has always been, to have a deep pool of members willing to stand up for our profession. He emphasized that with all our help, SDDS's future is bright!!

Also installed by Dr. Demas were our all-star line officers who will help lead us in 2025: President-Elect Dr. Valerie Venterina, who was escorted to the podium by Dr. Alyson Buchalter; Vice President Dr. Phyllis Merlino, who was escorted by Dr. Constantine Pavlakos; Secretary Dr. Cherry Libramonte, who was escorted by Dr. Mitchell Mindlin; and Treasurer Dr. Joseph Merola.

As always, SDDS remembered to honor members who have completed their terms of voluntary service for our organization. Their efforts on behalf of SDDS are truly appreciated. Recognized at the luncheon were Dr. Nathalie Mohadjeri for her four years of service on the GNYDM's Organization Committee, as well as Dr. Marc Gainor from our partner society, New York County Dental Society. SDDS also thanked Dr. Man-Sing Cheung for his hard work on the NYSDA Council on Peer Review and Quality Assurance, as well as Dr. Kirstin Wolfe

for her time and efforts on the NYSDA Council on Professional Liability Insurance. Drs. Mitchell Mindlin, Raymond Flagello, Ronald Turchak, and Stuart Segelnick were thanked for their tireless work on the SDDS board of trustees and, of course, Dr. Stuart Segelnick for his 10 years as editor of the SDDS Bulletin. Dr. Teplitsky pointed out that these members have donated their time and energy to make our Society as great as it is.

Also honored were those members of the SDDS who attained life membership status: Drs. Yakov Eisenberger, Michelle Giumenta, Keith Landsman, Bruce Lish, Marina Magid, Phyllis Merlino, Constantine Pavlakos, Stuart Segelnick, Paul Teplitsky, Alfred Witko and Leonard Zhukovsky. Life membership status in the ADA means that the individual has been a member for 30 consecutive years (or 40 total years) and is a member in good standing. They were resoundingly congratulated by all who were present.

Following a moving invocation delivered by Richmond County Dental Society Past President Dr. Charles Mistretta, we thanked



Three of the four 2025 SDDS line officers. From left to right: Dr. Valerie Venterina (president-elect), Dr. Phyllis Merlino (vice president) and Dr. Cherry Libramonte (secretary). SDDS Treasurer Dr. John Merola was not present at the event

and honored Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille for her remarkable tenure as 2024 SDDS president. Her welcoming remarks were delivered with the help of her son, Kendrick, who joined her at the podium. She thanked all who made her year as president successful. It is very true that her term was marked by great leadership navigating us through a complicated year. It cannot be said enough: THANK YOU, Tricia, from all of us!

The 2025 Installation and Awards Luncheon was memorable on so many levels. To say it was a fun afternoon is an understatement. Between the beautiful ornate venue, the wonderful camaraderie of our peers and, of course, great food and drink, we are not likely to forget this year's event. We can't wait to see what SDDS President-Elect, Dr. Valerie Venterina, has planned for next year. SEE YOU THERE!!



SDDS President Dr. Paul Teplitsky is escorted to the podium by his wife, Joanne

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# Photo Highlights from the SDDS 2025 Installation of Officers Luncheon



*SDDS Immediate Past President Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaill delivers her farewell address assisted by her son Kelvin*



*SDDS President Dr. Paul Teplitsky and his wife, Joanne (second from left), with their children. From left to right: Dr. Teplitsky's son, Thomas Teplitsky, and daughters Laura Gil and Sara Teplitsky*



*NYSDA President Dr. Prabha Krishnan addresses the audience*



*Long Island College Hospital alumni celebrate with SDDS President Dr. Paul Teplitsky (fourth from right) and his wife, Joanne (fifth from right). Pictured from left to right: Drs. Kenneth Hochman, Alyson Buchalter, Sol Haber, Joanne DeLeonibus, John Demas, Lorna Flamer-Caldera, Eric Last and Constantine Pavlakos*



*Guests at the SDDS Installation of Officers Luncheon mingling with their colleagues during the cocktail hour*



*SDDS life members pose with their certificates. From left to right: Drs. Michelle Giumenta, Phyllis Merlino, Constantine Pavlakos, Stuart Segelnick, Leonard Zhukovsky and SDDS President Dr. Paul Teplitsky*





SDDS President Dr. Paul Teplitsky (right) presents a certificate of recognition to Dr. Marc Gainer who completed his second term as a member of the GNYDM Organization Committee



SDDS President Dr. Paul Teplitsky (right) presents Dr. Stuart Segelnick with a certificate of recognition for his 10 years of service as editor of the SDDS Bulletin



From left to right: RCDS President-Elect Dr. Brian Perrone, SDDS Past President Dr. Paul Albicocco and RCDS Past President Dr. Michael Costa



Four of the five newly installed 2025 SDDS officers. From left to right: Dr. Cherry Libramonte (secretary), Dr. Phyllis Merlino (vice president), Dr. Valerie Venterina (president-elect) and Dr. Paul Teplitsky (president). SDDS Treasurer Dr. Joseph Merola, could not attend the event



SDDS New Dentist Committee Members Drs. Kirstin Wolfe (third from left) and Cherry Libramonte (also SDDS secretary, third from right) pose with some of our SDDS new dentist members and guests. From left to right: Drs. Mariam Vonderheide, Mariah Pawarski, Mr. Benjamin Gross and Dr. Arman Ghafarian



SDDS President Dr. Paul Teplitsky and NYCDS President Dr. Vera Tang



Dr. Paul Teplitsky raises his hand as he is installed as 2025 SDDS president



From left to right: SDDS members Dr. Joel Sokol and Dr. Jacob Sokol, with Ms. Diane Felsen



SDDS President Dr. Paul Teplitsky presents an award to Dr. Kirstin Wolfe for her service as SDDS representative to the NYSDA Council on Insurance



SDDS President Dr. Paul Teplitsky (right) presents awards to Dr. Mitchell Mindlin (left) and Dr. Stuart Segelnick (middle) in recognition of the completion of their terms on the SDDS board of trustees



# Message from the Editor



SDDS Bulletin Editor Dr. Alyson Buchalter

HELLO SDDS! I am Dr. Alyson Buchalter, a general dentist in the Gravesend section of Brooklyn and the new editor of the Second District Dental Society (SDDS) Bulletin. First and foremost, I want to congratulate Dr. Stuart Segelnick on his highly successful tenure as editor of the SDDS Bulletin for the past 10 years and wish him equal success in his next role as editor of the New York State Dental Journal. Stuart, we are very proud of you and the multiple

## I need to know what YOU want to know about.

publication awards and recognition you brought to the SDDS Bulletin.

Now, a little about me. You should know that this is not a position I sought, but boy am I excited. As many of you may be aware, I am not a professional writer, journalist or any sort of newspaper person. I am “just” a wet-fingered dentist like you who deeply cares about the Second District. I am a proud past SDDS president and have served on the SDDS board of trustees for 14 years. I was the chair of the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) Council on Dental Benefit Programs (dental insurance) and currently represent you at the ADA as a member of its Council on Dental Benefit Programs. I have represented you as a delegate to both the NYSDA

and ADA’s House of Delegates and served on the Greater New York Dental Meeting’s Organization Committee. All that while practicing full time. Hopefully, this gives me a deep understanding of many of the issues you, our members, face. I want this publication to address those issues and be a way to offer solutions.

But I cannot and do not want to do this alone. I need your help. I need YOU to increase your involvement. I need to know what YOU want to know about. What have YOU done that your colleagues might like to know about or know how YOU did it or know why YOU did it? Not just dentistry related, but life stuff too!

If you supply the information, you will likely see it in print. I am hoping to have a regular “Good and Welfare” column. We want

to know all the exciting things that are happening in your lives. Did you recently open an office? Has your daughter or son been accepted to a university or dental school? Was there a special event (wedding, birth, bar/bat mitzvah, communion, confirmation, retirement) recently? Did you or your family celebrate a special milestone (promotion, anniversary, new house, etc.)? We want to hear all about it. PLEASE BOAST to your friends, neighbors and colleagues. It can be one or two sentences or several paragraphs. If you send pictures that’s even better. Everyone likes to see themselves in print. Nothing is unimportant if it is important to you.

I also want to introduce a new column aimed at our newer dentists but which I suspect will be of interest to all SDDS members. I am calling it “What Every New and Well-Seasoned Dentist Should Know.” This column will feature short takes on topics not thoroughly covered in dental school. We are not trying to be a substitute for a full CE course but rather talk about issues and hopefully open a conversation. You—your curiosity and your expertise—is what I am seeking. Is there an issue that you have heard about but do not completely understand? Do you find yourself asking WHY on occasion? Let us know what the topic is and we will seek an expert to answer your question. I am starting it off with a discussion of ERISA which you will find on page 9. If you have additional questions, comments or disagreements, PLEASE send them in.

I can be reached at any time at [editor@sddsny.org](mailto:editor@sddsny.org). Please keep your emails or snail mail coming. I promise to read every one of them. This Bulletin can only be relevant to you and your practice if you join me in making it so!

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# What Every New and Well-Seasoned Dentist Should Know: ERISA

by Alyson K. Buchalter, D.M.D., SDDS Bulletin Editor

ERISA stands for the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. It was enacted in 1974 primarily to address concerns over shortcomings in private sector employee benefit plans. At the time, there were significant concerns about mismanagement and misuse of employee pension funds. ERISA was supposed to ensure that workers could rely on their pension and **health benefits**.

So, why should dentists care about an employee retirement law? It is simple and complicated. It has to do with regulation of health care insurance companies (that's dental insurance companies to you and me). The so-called ERISA preemption uses the principle that federal law preempts state laws when they conflict. In general, states set laws that regulate how insurance companies operate in their state. There are many such laws in New York. For example, in New York State, healthcare insurance companies must pay claims within 30 days of receiving the claim. BUT, nationwide, about 46% of all dental insurance plans claim they are exempt from following state laws due to the ERISA law. They claim an "ERISA preemption." Those plans are generally self-insured plans offered by unions or large corporations, who often hire a commercial insurance company like Aetna or Delta Dental to administer their plan so it might look like a commercial plan. But no one pays premiums. The claims are paid with money directly from the union coffers or the pockets of the employer. Essentially, the union or employer bears the cost of any employees' health care claims.

Large unions and corporations (think DC 37 or UFT and

Microsoft or Walmart) like this arrangement as they do not have to pay other entities a per person premium to insure their members or employees. They often set reimbursement levels that are very different from the commercial network levels and have completely different provider networks. The CIGNA PPO vs UFT administered by CIGNA is a very clear example of this. This also allows control of the timing of the outflow of dollars. If they are short this month then they will wait until next month to pay you. Instead of taking 30 days to be paid, you might wait three to four months. If, like me, you file claims with self-funded plans, you have experienced that. They claim they do not have to adhere to our 30-day state insurance law due to the ERISA preemption.

The American Dental Association (ADA), New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) and Second District Dental Society (SDDS) believe this is very wrong. State laws are designed to protect patients and providers. They should NOT be preempted by ERISA. Since ERISA is a federal law, the ADA is our leading advocate for ERISA reform. They are closely following the ramifications of a recent Supreme Court ruling: *Rutledge vs. Pharmaceutical Care Management Association (PCMA)*. In 2020, Arkansas Attorney General Sarah Rutledge brought a lawsuit against a pharmacy benefits manager, which made its way all the way to the United States Supreme Court. When deciding *Rutledge vs. PCMA*, the Supreme Court made it clear that ERISA does not preempt cost regulations—regulations regarding what a provider charges or a plan pays to providers.



There is significant disagreement about the scope of the *Rutledge* case and its effect on the ERISA preemption. Because of that, many states are still reluctant to enforce their insurance laws on self-funded health care plans. The ADA believes that this is wrong. For example, the ADA believes that state laws regulating whether plans can or cannot limit what providers charge for non-covered services should not trigger an ERISA preemption. Such laws should apply to all plans regardless of whether a plan is self-funded. The ADA is currently lobbying congress for this in the DOC Access Act, the Dental and Optometric Care Access Act (S.1424 / H.R. 1385), which would prohibit dental and vision plans from setting the fees network doctors may charge for services not covered by the plan. If passed it would not affect plans regulated by our state law, only those claiming an ERISA exemption. However, NYSDA is currently fighting in Albany for a Non-Covered Services law in New York state, which would cover all **commercial** dental insurance plans in New York. NYSDA's bill is again moving through the state

legislature and hopefully, Governor Kathy Hochul will sign it this time. (Governor Hochul vetoed the 2024 bill and Governor Andrew Cuomo vetoed a similar bill in 2017.)

Recently, the ADA filed an amicus (friend of the court) brief in the United States Supreme Court asking it to accept a review of a decision from the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit concerning the so-called ERISA preemption of state statutes. The brief argues that the Supreme Court should take up the case because the Tenth Circuit decision is directly at odds with the Supreme Court's holding in *Rutledge vs. PCMA*. The ADA agrees that the *Rutledge* decision appropriately limits the reach of the federal ERISA statute's preemption of state law.

As you can see, the ADA is working very hard on several fronts to protect us from the onerous results of allowing the so-called ERISA preemption of state insurance laws to continue. If you have questions about ERISA or anything else, please send them to me at [editor@sddsny.org](mailto:editor@sddsny.org) and I will get you your answers!

# SDDS Short Topics, Small Talk, Good and Welfare



Your representatives at the 2024 ADA HOD meeting. From left to right: Drs. Paul Teplitsky, John Demas, Valerie Venterina, Alyson Buchalter, Tricia Quartey-Sagaille and Kirstin Wolfe

## SDDS at the ADA HOD

On Saturday, October 19, the American Dental Association (ADA) began its annual House of Delegates meeting. As usual, it was an event like no other. Members of our tripartite from across our nation gathered to discuss, debate and decide the direction in which the ADA will move on issues that affect all our members. Top of mind were workforce issues and ways the ADA, New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) and Second District Dental Society (SDDS) can help us with our staffing issues. During the four days of meetings, discussions and debates, votes were taken on the ADA's policies regarding dental loss ratio, CODA, license portability, veterans' dental care, dental plan yearly maximums and so much more. Having clear policies aids the ADA as it advocates for legislation to help all of us in our day to day practices. SDDS would like to express its sincere gratitude to the delegates and alternate delegates to the who were part of the ADA's second trustee district's caucus (that's NYSDA to you and me). Thank you, Drs. John Demas, Paul Teplitsky, Alyson Buchalter, Trisha Quartey-Sagaille, Valerie Venterina and Kirstin Wolfe for so freely giving your time, energy and most importantly, your extraordinary passion to help our members.

## SDDS Family Fun Day

On Saturday, November 2, Second District Dental Society (SDDS) held a fabulous "Family Fun Day," where members, their spouses and children gathered for a special happening at Urban Air Trampoline and Adventure Park in Brooklyn! This special event was designed to bring together our members and their families for a day filled with excitement, laughter and bonding. Families reported that they enjoyed the variety of fun activities and thrilling attractions that catered to all ages. It was a perfect opportunity to network with fellow members while creating time and space for their loved ones to meet and connect. Keep your eyes peeled so you do not miss out on our next day of fun and camaraderie.



Dr. Emma Guzman, who presented at the 2024 ADA SmileCon

## Emma Guzman

Congratulations to our own Dr. Emma Guzman, who was brilliant as a speaker at SmileCon—the ADA's annual meeting—which was held at the same venue as the ADA HOD meeting. Dr. Guzman's presentation, "Thriving Together: Creating Empowering Connections," showed attendees how to foster meaningful connections inspiring those around them.

## Paul Teplitsky

CONGRATULATIONS to 2025 SDDS President Dr. Paul Teplitsky and his wife, Joanne, on welcoming their latest granddaughter to the family. SDDS is thrilled for both of you!

## Stuart Segelnick

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Segelnick on his induction as 2025 president of the Northeastern Society of Periodontists.



## SDDS Student Loan Forgiveness Program

Last year, the SDDS board of trustees approved twenty \$10,000 grants for the 2024 SDDS Dental Student Loan Forgiveness Program. For these lucky but well-deserving recipients, the grant was delivered directly to their loan administrators. Congratulations to Drs. Chloe Andrews, Benjamin Babaev, Claire Droumbakis, Ezekiel Dwek, Arman Ghafarian, Mark Goodenough, Margo Harary, Thema Hepburn, Magda Jeznach, Karen Lee, Alan Meskin, Kasey Muchnicki, Maxine Navi, Gabriella Niyazov, Youstina Robil, Sejndi Rusi, Vahid Saeidi, Stephanie Sager, Aia Shalan and Mariam Vonderheide. These newest SDDS members have already shown interest in being active members of organized dentistry. We have already seen many of them joining SDDS committees, NYSDA councils and participating at the NYSDA HOD. SDDS is proud to be able to help reduce the heavy burden so many young dentists face due to their student loan debt.



Congratulations to the recipients of the 2024 SDDS Dental Student Loan Forgiveness Program awards! Pictured from left to right with 2024 SDDS President Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille (center, in tan blazer): Drs. Magda Jeznach, Stephanie Sager, Mark Goodenough, Maxine Navi, Mariam Vonderheide, Arman Ghafarian, Benjamin Babaev and Sejndi Rusi

## Drs. Sokol

Dr. Jacob Sokol has officially joined his father, Dr. Joel Sokol, in his Bay Ridge practice. It was a proud moment for Joel and his wife, Diane, when the practice name was officially changed to “Sokol Dentistry.” The new family practice was celebrated last October with a grand opening party. CONGRATULATIONS Jacob, Joel and the entire Sokol family.



Dr. Joel Sokol (left) and his son, Dr. Jacob Sokol, at their Bay Ridge practice

## Richard Oshrain

SDDS Past President Dr. Richard Oshrain is still running! CONGRATULATIONS on medaling in your age class at the City of Long Beach 10K Turkey Trot, which took place on Sunday, November 17 in Long Beach, NY. It was a beautiful run along the Long Beach Boardwalk.



Dr. Richard Oshrain sporting his medal after completing the City of Long Beach 10K Turkey Trot

## Cherry Libramonte

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2025 SDDS secretary, Dr. Cherry Libramonte, on completing her first New York City Marathon. 26.2 miles—WOW!! Amazingly, she was still upright while enjoying hugs from her boys!



Dr. Cherry Libramonte celebrating her 2024 NYC marathon run with her sons Morgan, Breslin and Jagger

To see your good news in the Bulletin, email it and any high quality photos to go with it to [editor@sddsnny.org](mailto:editor@sddsnny.org).

# GNYDM 2024 Centennial Celebration: A Record-Breaking Success

by Jayme S. Spicciatie, GNYDM Program Manager

The Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM) concluded its 100th year with a resounding triumph, cementing its position as the largest face-to-face dental event in the United States. This milestone edition attracted a record-breaking 37,631 attendees, including 13,470 dentists, 2,803 dental students and residents, 2,200 dental assistants and 2,226 dental hygienists from 148 countries.

## A Vibrant Celebration of Dentistry

GNYDM 2024 was a vibrant celebration of dentistry, filled with electrifying energy and innovative programming. The event featured a captivating mix of educational sessions, networking opportunities and festive entertainment, including a Broadway-style matinee and lively street performances.

## State-of-the-Art Education and Networking

The GNYDM exhibit floor buzzed with activity as attendees explored over 1,000 booths, discovering the latest dental technologies and products. The

educational program offered a diverse range of over 245 seminars, hands-on workshops and scientific poster sessions, focusing on cutting-edge topics and practical clinical applications. New for 2024, the Main Stage provided a platform for world-renowned speakers to deliver engaging presentations on various dental subjects.

Colgate was the premier sponsor of the 100th GNYDM, providing significant support across multiple platforms, including banner advertisements, signage, educational initiatives and the innovative Main Stage. Attendees were introduced to Colgate's exciting new product line, which is slated for launch in 2025.

## A Hub for Dental Specialties

GNYDM 2024 also catered to the specific needs of dental specialists, hosting a series of dedicated meetings including the World Implant EXPO, Global Orthodontic Conference, Pediatric Dentistry Summit and more. These specialized events attracted top clinicians from around the

globe, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange.

## A Collaborative Effort

The success of GNYDM 2024 resulted from a collaborative effort between Second District Dental Society (SDDS) and its dedicated volunteers. Under the leadership of GNYDM General Chair Dr. John Young, Jr., and GNYDM Advisory Chair Dr. Richard Oshrain, the GNYDM team worked tirelessly to create an unforgettable experience for all attendees. Thanks to SDDS chairs on the GNYDM Organization Committee: Drs. Saad Butt, Steven Gounardes, Charles Mistretta and Nathalie

Mohadjeri, as well as incoming committee member Dr. Lawrence Flaum, the Meeting continued its success.

## A Bright Future

As the GNYDM looks to the future, it remains committed to providing innovative and high-quality educational opportunities for dental professionals. The organization welcomes partnerships with dental schools, organizations and groups to develop new and exciting programs. By continuing to push the boundaries of dental education and networking, the GNYDM will remain the premiere event for the dental community for years to come.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2025 Greater New York Dental Meeting  
Friday, November 28 – Wednesday, December 3

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A view of the expansive 2024 GNYDM exhibit floor



Attendees participate in one of the numerous hands-on workshops at the 2024 GNYDM



# SDDS Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

## **OCTOBER 7, 2024 ZOOM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

President, Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille to call the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Drs. Quartey-Sagaille, Venterina, Merlino, Libramonte, Buchalter, Demas, Eliscar-Hewett, Sager, Segelnick, Shalan, Turchak, Albicocco, Mindlin, Flagiello, Pieroni, Sconzo, Santana, Teplitsky, Mistretta, Young, Butt, DeLeonibus, Wolfe, Meiselman, Merola, Lieb, Donato, Jr. and Richard; Mr. Hackett and Ms. Terrio

**EXCUSED:** Dr. Scibetta

**GUESTS:** Drs. Flamer-Caldera, Oshrain, Halikias, Ratner, Pasquale, Reyes, Sconzo, Santana, Young and Lieb; Mr. Tom Loughran

**Motion passed:** To accept the amended minutes of the September 9, 2024 board of trustees meeting

## **DECEASED MEMBERS:**

Dr. Jay Balber – New York University, 1961

## **ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

### **RESIDENTS:**

See November–December 2024 Bulletin.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

See “Upcoming Events” calendar.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Letter dated 9/24 from NYS Dental Foundation requesting a donation to the Foundation in support of the Dr. Thomas Sullivan Fund
- Card received 9/23 from Dr. and Mrs. Steven Gounardes acknowledging condolences from the SDDS Board on the loss of Mr. Elias Gounardes
- Email dated 9/30/24 from Dr. Man Sing Cheung to Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille announcing his resignation as chair of the SDDS Peer Review Committee

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF**

### **President – Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille:**

- Thank you for the support with recent NYSDA-related actions

- Attended the GNYDM strategy meeting on September 19
- Please remember to volunteer for the GNYDM
- Attended the NYSDA membership meeting on September 20

### **President-Elect – Dr. Paul Teplitsky:**

- Progress

### **Vice President – Dr. Valerie Venterina:**

- Progress

### **Secretary – Dr. Phyllis Merlino:**

- Progress

### **Treasurer – Dr. Cherry Libramonte:**

- Bank account balances as of October 6 read aloud

### **Executive Director – Mr. Bernard Hackett:**

- Moved funds from managed loan forgiveness account to money market account for the Loan Forgiveness Program
- Membership meeting is October 10. Registration required
- It will be state officers’ night. NYSDA President-Elect Dr. Maurice Edwards will be our guest
- November board meeting to be in person but may be via zoom if need be
- October 25 will be the last shredding day of the year

### **NYSDA REPORTS:**

*NYSDA Trustee Report – Dr. John Demas (prev. emailed materials):*

- New hotline for members to call 24/7 for counselling is going to start through a company AllOne Health/Encompass. NYSDA signed a one-year contract at this time
- There will be an expanded Advocacy Day this year to focus on specific issues with smaller groups meeting with legislators
- There is a parliamentarian review underway
- The New NYSDA PAC will be formed now that the EDPAC relationship is terminated. The NYSDA BOT will be the first board members of the new NYSDA PAC

- Questions ensued about the dissolution of EDPAC and the new NYSDA PAC that is coming
- Any monies that EDPAC has is theirs to do with what they wish

*NYSDA Council on Ethics – Dr. Paul Teplitsky (prev. emailed minutes):*

- September 18 meeting via Zoom
- Ethical dilemma videos available for our viewing pleasure

*NYSDA Council on Dental Education and Licensure – Dr. Steven Gounardes (agenda previously emailed)*

*NYSDA Council on Dental Practice – Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille (prev. emailed minutes):*

- NYS desire to have a PGY-1 as a requirement for licensure could be a problem when trying to join some of these compacts with other states for cross-licensure
- Need to further evaluate these compacts and see if it is going to affect how many dentists we will be licensing in NYS
- There are still parts of NYS that are in need of dentists and this could help that problem
- This council will confer with other councils (Hospital Dentistry and CDEL), as there may be a big impact on hospital programs if PGY-1 is no longer mandatory for licensure

*NYSDA Council on Peer Review and Quality Assurance – Dr. Man Sing Cheung (prev. emailed minutes)*

*NYSDA Committee on Medicaid – Dr. Steven Backer (prev. emailed minutes)*

### **SDDS REPORTS:**

*Greater New York Dental Meeting – Dr. John Young, Jr. and Mr. Tom Loughran (reports prev. emailed):*

### **Dr. John Young, Jr.:**

- So far, we are doing well with increases in registrants, booth sales and course registration

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# SDDS Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

## Mr. Tom Loughran:

- **Budget Report:** Only one change – the Smile Program will receive funding from the Foundation, thus reducing the overall expense to the Meeting
- Appropriate 3–5% increases were made in the budget
- Forecast is for an increase to components
- Volunteers are up and right now there are no open spots for any more regular volunteers. The Meeting still needs “presidings,” a role which requires a more seasoned volunteer. Please encourage people to volunteer

## Richmond County Dental Society – Dr. Bryan Pieroni:

- RCDS Installation on January 25, 2025

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (none)

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion made and passed to donate \$1,500 to the NYSDA Foundation for the Dr. Thomas Sullivan Fund


## GOOD & WELFARE:

- A member called Dr. Albicocco asking about issues related to attempting to drop

an insurance plan. Dr. Buchalter advised to contact someone at the state level

- Drs. Demas and Flagiello: Congratulated Dr. Gounardes on his youngest son, Gregory, being ordained to the priesthood
- Dr. Gounardes was awarded New York University College of Dentistry’s Public Service Award at an event on September 28

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



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*Please forward your comments, photos and any other submissions to the Editor at*

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**Thank you!**



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## 2025 SDDS DENTAL STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

### Don't miss out on this opportunity!

Are you:

- A newly licensed dentist who has had your license for **five years or less** and has completed your residency program or specialty training program?
- **Licensed in New York** and in second year of postgraduate training (if you have converted to full Active membership)?
- An **Active tripartite member** of Second District Dental Society?
- Burdened with over **\$50,000** in verified dental school loan debt?
- Practicing the majority of the time in **Brooklyn** and/or **Staten Island**?

If so, now is your opportunity to apply for the SDDS Dental School Loan Forgiveness Program. You could be one of several new dentists selected to receive an award of up to \$10,000 to decrease your dental student loan debt.

Visit [www.sddsny.org](http://www.sddsny.org) for complete program eligibility details.

**Apply by March 31** and you could be one of several new dentists selected to receive an **award up to \$10,000** to help decrease your student loan debt.

View eligibility requirements to see if you qualify.

**Application opens on January 1, 2025**  
**Application closes on March 31, 2025**



## CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2025-03 |

### The Dr. Irving E. Gruber Memorial Lecture

\*Advance Registration Required—Register online at [sddsny.org](https://sddsny.org)\*

Friday, March 7, 2025 ♦ Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn, NY ♦ 9 A.M.—4 P.M. ♦ MCEU—6 HOURS



### Achieving Optimal Results with Predictability and Efficiency

Featured Clinician: **GRAZIANO D. GIGLIO, D.D.S.**

*Director of Fixed Prosthodontics, Jonathan and Maxine Ferencz Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics, New York University College of Dentistry*

The presentation will focus on preparing a restorative practice for addressing the daily challenges faced with efficient and predictable solutions. In an age of instant gratification, patients often demand simple and effective approaches to their dental needs. Patients want treatment modalities that result in beautiful, natural-appearing teeth with minimal discomfort and chair time. The ability to provide procedures to replace or restore teeth in a short period of time can significantly improve daily practice by streamlining workflow and increasing productivity.

This interactive course will review multiple techniques that improve a patient's smile immediately. Whether a patient requires a single unit or a complete arch prosthesis, the restorative dentist will need to deliver esthetically pleasing and functional teeth in a few dental visits. The latest dental materials will be evaluated and criteria developed to assist in selecting the appropriate restoration for a given situation will be shared. The initial focus must be on fabricating a fixed provisional solution for the patient that allows them to return to their daily activities as soon as possible with confidence and function. Uncovering many of these pearls is the key to success in improving our restorative practices. Current game changers to enhance patient care will be reviewed in detail, including products, techniques, instrumentation and technologies.

Topics to be discussed include:

- Evaluating the patient's esthetic, functional and time requirements
- Determining the patient's periodontal, surgical and restorative needs
- Presenting multiple treatment options
- Realistic expectations with the patient
- Treatment planning, sequencing and execution using both conventional and digital workflows

Examples of patient treatment that will be presented:

- Natural teeth: partial coverage, laminate veneer and crown restorations
- Implants: single unit, multiple units and complete arch restorations
- Tooth-borne and implant-supported restorations in the same arch

Upon successful completion of this course, attendees will be able to:

- Assess the patient's esthetic and functional requirements and time constraints
- Predictably evaluate patient needs
- Plan, sequence and execute treatment using current conventional and digital techniques

## RCDS Membership Meeting

\*Advance Registration Required—Register online at [sddsny.org](https://sddsny.org)\*

Tuesday, March 18, 2024 ♦ Max's Es-Ca, Staten Island, NY ♦ 7 P.M. ♦ MCEU—1 HOUR

### Management of Odontogenic Infections

Essayist: **MARK GOODENOUGH, D.D.S., M.D.**

*Member, American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons*

This lecture will cover the identification, diagnosis and treatment of odontogenic infections. It will cover primary and secondary fascial spaces and will discuss surgical management, including operating room protocol and extra-oral drainage. Antibiotics will also be discussed.

Upon successful completion of this lecture, attendees will:

- Learn how to identify and diagnose dental abscesses and space infections.
- Know when to refer patients to an oral surgeon or send to the emergency room.
- Know how to treat infections with incision and drainage.
- Understand the surgical management of abscesses beyond the vestibule.

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## SDDS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING | HOSPITAL RESIDENTS NIGHT

\*Advance Registration Required—Register online at [sddsny.org](https://sddsny.org)\*

Thursday, March 20, 2025 ♦ Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn, NY ♦ 6:30 P.M. ♦ MCEU—1 HOUR



### Orthodontics to Improve Esthetics

Featured Clinician: **GAIL E. SCHUPAK, D.M.D.**

*Clinical Associate Professor, New York University College of Dentistry*

This lecture will review the following:

1. Goals of orthodontic treatment
2. Improving dental esthetics
3. Improving facial esthetics
4. Improving function
5. Diagnostic evaluation
6. Fixed or removable appliances
7. Clear aligner therapy
8. Fixed appliances
9. Treatment of Class I, II and III malocclusions

### FREE TO ALL SDDS MEMBERS Cocktails and Dinner included

Upon successful completion of this lecture, attendees will be able to discuss the goals of orthodontic treatment and ways to improve dental esthetics. Participants will also have a better understanding of diagnostic evaluation, malocclusion types and the use of clear aligners and fixed orthodontic appliances.

*\*This event was previously scheduled for Thursday, March 6 but will now take place on Thursday, March 20, 2025. All other event details remain unchanged.*

## CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2025-05

\*Advance Registration Required—Register online at [sddsny.org](https://sddsny.org)\*

Friday, March 28, 2025 ♦ Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island, NY ♦ 9 A.M.—4 P.M. ♦ MCEU—6 HOURS



### The Blueprint for Practice Growth and Success

Featured Clinician: **STEVEN M. KATZ, D.M.D., M.A.G.D., F.I.C.D.**

*Founding Partner, Smile Potential Dental Practice Coaching*

Patients who are told they NEED treatment can become resentful. When we connect with our patients on an emotional level, we are able to discuss the benefits of care, which makes them want the care much more. Everything that we do should be focused on creating a higher perceived value. This includes standardizing diagnostic criteria to build patient confidence. In this presentation, we will introduce an improved total patient experience beginning with a more welcoming initial phone call and a more impressive initial exam. Incorporation of appropriate periodontal care is so important to creating the foundation of improved care.

Invoking discussion of the oral-systemic connection also raises the perceived value of dental care. When patients ask questions about proposed treatment, it is essential that the entire team be on the same page with verbal skills to help the patients overcome their objections and say yes to treatment. When this occurs, patients eagerly accept more of the care they need and they refer others to our offices. Upon successful completion of this course, attendees will learn:

- Treatment acceptance is a team success.
- How to make a greater emotional connection with their patients.
- The importance of speaking about the benefits of treatment.
- How to increase the quality of periodontal care in hygiene.
- How discussion of the oral-systemic connection increases the perceived value of dentistry.
- How incorporation of improved photography increases patient understanding of the value of care.
- The verbal skills to predictably present treatment.
- How to overcome patient objections to treatment.
- That there is a predictable path to treatment acceptance.



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#### #2025-03 The Dr. Irving E. Gruber Memorial

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ADA Member's Staff	\$150
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Non-ADA Member's Staff	\$175

Graziano D. Giglio, D.D.S.

Friday, March 7, 2025

Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn

9 A.M.-4 P.M.

MCEU – 6 hours

Breakfast and lunch included

#### #2025-04 "Detecting Diabetes in CBCT

##### Images: Is It Possible?"

SDDS Life Members	\$52.50
SDDS Members	\$75
SDDS Member's Staff	\$50
SDDS Hospital Residents	\$25
ADA Member's	\$100
ADA Member's Staff	\$75
Non-ADA Members/Staff	\$110

Dale A. Miles, D.D.S., M.S.

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Live webinar via Zoom\*

7 P.M.-9 P.M.

MCEU – 2 hours

\*Link to join the meeting will be sent to all registrants one week prior to the meeting.

#### #2025-05 "The Blueprint for Practice

##### Growth and Success"

SDDS Life Members	\$94.50
SDDS Members	\$135
SDDS Member's Staff	\$100

SDDS Residents	\$35
ADA Members/Staff	\$175
Non-ADA Members/Staff	\$200

Steven M. Katz, D.M.D.

Friday, March 28, 2025

Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island

9 A.M.-4 P.M.

MCEU – 6 hours

Breakfast and lunch included

#### #2025-07 "Periodontal Surgical Procedures to Enhance Restorative Outcomes"

SDDS Life Members	\$52.50
SDDS Members	\$75
SDDS Member's Staff	\$50
SDDS Hospital Residents	\$25
ADA Member's	\$100
ADA Member's Staff	\$75
Non-ADA Members/Staff	\$110

Constantine G. Pavlakos, D.D.S.

Friday, April 25, 2025

Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn

9 A.M.-12 P.M.

MCEU – 3 hours

Breakfast included

#### #2025-09 "Winning with Invisalign"

SDDS Life Members	\$52.50
SDDS Members	\$75
SDDS Member's Staff	\$50
SDDS Hospital Residents	\$25
ADA Member's	\$100
ADA Member's Staff	\$75
Non-ADA Members/Staff	\$110

Sonia Kohli, D.D.S.

Thursday, July 17, 2025

Live webinar via Zoom\*

7 P.M.-9 P.M.

MCEU – 2 hours

\*Link to join the meeting will be sent to all registrants one week prior to the meeting.

#### #2025-10 HANDS-ON COURSE: "Treatment

##### Guidelines for Immediate Provisional Restoration in the Esthetic Zone"

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Non-SDDS Member's	\$400

Wayne Szara, C.D.T.

Thursday, August 7, 2025

SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn

7:30 P.M.-9:30 P.M.

MCEU – 2 hours

Beverage service only

#### "CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office"

\*excluded from discount offers\*

SDDS Members	\$180
SDDS Member's Staff	\$175
SDDS Residents	\$125
ADA Members/Staff	\$200
Non-ADA Members/Staff	\$295

Michael Kaliroff

MCEU – 4.5 hours

Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island

(9 A.M.-2:30 P.M.)

#2025-06 Friday, April 11, 2024

SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn

(9:30 A.M.-3 P.M.)

#2025-07 Friday, May 16, 2024

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**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—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

**ORAL SURGEON - ONE BROOKLYN HEALTH SYSTEM:** Brookdale Hospital Medical Center. Part-time (1 day/week). Responsibilities: Supervise and teach oral surgery residents. **Contact:** Dr. David J. Miller | (718) 613-4707 | dmiller@interfaithmedical.org

**GENERAL DENTIST—ONE BROOKLYN HEALTH:** Brookdale Hospital Medical Center. Part-time (2 days/week). Responsibilities: Supervise and teach general practice dental residents. **Contact:** Dr. David J. Miller | (718) 613-4707 | dmiller@interfaithmedical.org

**PEDIATRIC DENTISTS—ONE BROOKLYN HEALTH SYSTEM:** Part-time (3 days/week with full benefits package) at Brookdale Hospital Medical Center. Responsibilities: supervise and teach pediatric dental 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

**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

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

**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

## **ADVERTISING IN THE SDDS JOB BOARD**

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



# Classifieds

**MIDWOOD OFFICE:** For rent, or purchase endo equipment, instruments, supplies – OR: Buy Building: dental office, two rental apartments. **Contact:** (516) 526-7235

**GREAT OPPORTUNITY:** With NO start up costs to begin or continue treating patients at a fully equipped and furnished dental office conveniently located one block from Staten Island University Hospital. Several days available for rent. **Call:** (516) 448-7209.

**BAY RIDGE PRACTICE FOR SALE:** Well-established (40+ years) fee for service and limited PPO general practice. Approximately 1200 sq. feet, four modern operatories, CBCT, Dentrrix software, fully computerized. Near bus and train. Plenty of room for growth, favorable lease terms and option to purchase the property (two-family with professional office) in the future. **Please contact:** (917) 613-4098.

**FOR SALE, STATEN ISLAND:** Well-established solo general practice for sale by owner. Family oriented practice grossing over \$500K+ on 4.5-day week. Four rooms; three full operatories. FFS/PPO with Softdent/Visix. Full staff, part-time hygienist, strong recall system. An attractive, free-standing medical building on high visibility road within established residential neighborhood. Present owner will stay on as PT associate for smooth transition. Asking \$300K with offers considered. **Email:** Jack at: jfpjrdds27@gmail.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 dentalbusdevel@gmail.com

**STOP PAYING RENT—OWN:** 4 op dental condo for sale. With or without P/T general practice in Boro Park, Brooklyn. Good for a specialist—very few in area. Great location—very busy area near all. Also good for a dentist starting out—can be busy right away—or as a second office because of the many potential patients in the area. Purchase includes half ownership of entire building with rent paying tenants. Very few properties available in this area. Great for a future investment. Owner is flexible. Can stay on, or not, as needed or desired. **Contact:** dds7723@gmail.com

**GENERAL DENTIST PRACTICE FOR SALE IN THE “HOTTEST” AREA | GREENPOINT, BROOKLYN:** Dreams do come true! The practice you've been waiting for is this thriving long-established family practice in PRIME location. Private pay and better PPO plans. Five operatories with pan/ceph unit. Four intraoral X-ray units with Schick digital software. Practice management system is Dentrrix. Real estate for sale. **Contact:** drDDS100@gmail.com

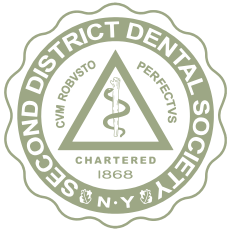
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