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## 2025 Richmond County Dental Society Installation



 ${\it RCDS President Dr. Bryan Pieroni delivers his acceptance speech}$ 

Another year begins for Richmond County Dental Society (RCDS). The RCDS annual Installation of Officers and Dinner Dance was held on Saturday evening, January 25, at the

Richmond County Country Club on Staten Island. And once again, the gathering turned out to be one heck of an affair. Planning guru Dr. Michael Costa put together a disco-themed night of

#### **Upcoming Events**

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APR 25 Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn, NY, 9 A.M.—12 P.M.

Continuing Education Course #2025—07

"Periodontal Surgical Procedures to Enhance Restorative Outcomes" by Constantine G. Pavlakos, D.D.S.

Visit sddsny.org for registration and meeting information.

MAY MAY 05

SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn, NY, 7 P.M.

SDDS Board of Trustees Meeting

Max's Es-Ca, Staten Island, 7 P.M.

FRIDAY MAY 16 SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn, 9:30 A.M.—3 P.M.

Continuing Education Course #2025–08

"CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office" by Michael Kaliroff
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MAY 20

RCDS General Membership Meeting
"Increasing Your Net Income by Gaining Control" by Joseph DeRario, D.M.D.
Visit sddsny.org for registration and meeting information.

entertainment that attracted close to 120 guests and Master of Ceremonies Dr. Michael D'Anna kept the lively program moving.

It started with a proclamation presentation from Staten Island

Borough President Vito Fossella, declaring January 25, 2025 as Dr. Craig Ratner Day. Dr. Ratner, who is past president of Second District Dental Society (SDDS), RCDS and the New York State

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Dental Association, was the recipient of RCDS' highest honor, the Lifetime Achievement Award. He later accepted the formal award from newly sworn-in RCDS President Dr. Bryan Pieroni. Dr. Ratner gave a heartwarming speech thanking those who helped his career along the way, with special acknowledgement to his wife, Amy, his son, Ben, and his daughter, Lindsay.

Prior to Dr. Ratner's acceptance words, RCDS Immediate Past President Dr. Christen Carute addressed the gathering. She mentioned the Society's 2024 accomplishments, including the infusion of new Board members and officers, and thanked the membership for their ongoing support and enthusiasm. Her address was followed by the presentation and installation of the new RCDS officers for 2025: Dr. Bryan Pieroni (president), Dr. Brian Perrone (president-elect), Dr. Joseph Albanese (vice president), Dr. Mark Goodenough (treasurer) and Dr. Eliana Sarit (secretary). The installing officer



RCDS 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Dr. Craig Ratner (right) with RCDS President Dr.

was SDDS President Dr. Paul Teplitsky. Dr. Pieroni thanked the attendees for their kind and good wishes, noting that RCDS has and will continue to support its membership and the community of Staten Island. He made special mention of the importance of supporting organized dentistry at every level—local, state and national.

A night of great food and dancing continued for the supercharged crowd, highlighted by the entertaining dancers and their multiple costume changes during the evening's festivities. Special thanks went to SDDS staff member Ms. Christine Terrio for her support and to Dr. Michael D'Anna for his efforts as master of ceremonies.



Five of the six 2025 RCDS Officers. From left to right: President-Elect Dr. Brian Perrone, Immediate Past President Dr. Christen Carute, RCDS President Dr. Bryan Pieroni, Secretary Dr. Eliana Sarit and Vice President Dr. Joseph Albanese, Not pictured is RCDS Treasurer Dr. Mark Goodenough



RCDS past presidents at the RCDS Installation of Officers Dinner Dance on Jan. 25. Standing, from left to right: Dr. Joseph Merola ('23), Dr. Michael D'Anna ('99), Dr. Craig Ratner ('01), Dr. Michael Costa ('18), Dr. Charles Mistretta ('20), Dr. Louis DeSantis ('07), Dr. Edward Jastremski ("15), SDDS Executive Director Mr. Bernard Hackett, Dr. Marc Meiselman ('14) and Dr. Raymond Flagiello ('12). Seated, from left to right: Dr. Michael Donato, Jr. ('10), Dr. Sandra Scibetta ('22), Dr. Phyllis Merlino ('02), Dr. Valerie Venterina ('19), Dr. Christen Carute ('24) and Dr. Paul Albicocco ('04)

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#### **SPOTLIGHT:**

### Dr. Bryan Pieroni, 2025 RCDS President

My journey into dentistry began at a young age. My friend's dad was a dentist and someone that I admired and looked up to. All my interactions as a child with my own dentists were always positive and I really enjoyed going to the dentist.

As I got older and entered high school, my interests began to sway toward becoming a physician. After many discussions through the years with my guidance counselor, we decided to look for colleges with three criteria: 1) strong in the sciences, 2) out of state and 3) Catholic university.

At the beginning of my junior year, a representative of Creighton University, a private Jesuit university in Omaha, Nebraska, visited my high school and my guidance counselor connected us. After a long discussion about what I was looking for and what Creighton could provide, I decided to apply. A month or so later, I received my acceptance letter and a scholarship offer. I never applied to or looked at another school.

My journey at Creighton was rocky at first. It was a huge culture shock for this kid from New York City trying to fit in in the middle of the country. After a rough first semester, I rushed and joined Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. It was at this point that my future was set. Unbeknownst to me, local Phi Kappa Psi alumni were local dentists and the assistant dean of the Creighton University School of Dentistry. So, after meeting with and becoming friendly with two alumni in particular, I knew the next three years would be working toward getting into dental school at Creighton University.

I was accepted to and attended Creighton University School of Dentistry from 1988 to 1992. I



2025 RCDS President Dr. Bryan Pieroni

feel that Creighton prepared me so well for my next endeavor, which was to become a resident at the then Staten Island University Hospital. It was here that I began to be molded into the dentist that I am today. It was here that I was blessed with some of the greatest mentors a young dentist could have. I really enjoyed and excelled at hospital residency and after my first year, I was asked to be co-chief resident for my second year. My second year was filled with new non-clinical responsibilities that I thought I would never master. I was about halfway through my first year that one of my attendings introduced me to Dr. Joshua H. Kanner, whose practice I would join in 1993, start full-time with in 1994 and become a partner in 1996.

As I complete my 33rd year as a dentist, I find myself reflecting on my family—my wife, Jolie, and our three children, Tyler, Matthew and Kierstyn. This profession, which I have devoted so much to and deeply cherish, has, in turn, given so much back to me and my family. As our family continues to grow with Tyler's wife, Stephanie, Kierstyn's husband, Dylan, and the arrival of our granddaughter, Rylee Parker, in December 2024, we

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#### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!**

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

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(General Practice; Columbia University, 2022)

#### DR. TZVI MENACHEM KRUPKA

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#### DR. KATARZYNA GILEWICZ

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506 6th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215
Transferred from Ninth District Dental Society

#### DR. PAUL CHIN-FAN LI

(Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; Columbia University, 2006) 3019 Brighton 1st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11235 Transferred from Central Dental Society

#### DR. ELIZABETH MAAS

(Pediatric Dentistry; New York University, 2019)
Transferred from Passaic County Dental Society

#### **DR. MICHELE NGUYEN**

(Endodontics; Louisiana State University, 2015) 185 Montague Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 Transferred from New York County Dental Society

#### **DR. KYLE SEVEL**

(Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics; Columbia University, 2021) Transferred from Bronx County Dental Society

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(General Practice; Columbia University, 2014)
Transferred from New York County Dental Society

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DR. ALEXA BLACKHURST

(General Practice; University of Pennsylvania, 2019)

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#### **DR. OLIVIA TARDIF**

(General Practice; New York University, 2002) NYU Langone

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enter the final chapter of my career and begin planning for the next phase. But as I ponder the possibilities, I think of all my patients that I have become friends with and some who are like family and I wrestle with the thought of hanging up the drill.

Through it all, one constant that has been there for the last 33 years of my professional life has been Richmond County Dental Society (RCDS) and the friends that I have made through organized dentistry. Organized dentistry provides us with a network of colleagues that we can lean on for advice, support and assistance when we need it. It also provides us with easy access to continuing education and, maybe most importantly, it provides us with advocacy. It gives us a voice to make changes in our profession where we see fit to benefit our patients and ourselves.

I want to thank you for allowing me to represent the members of

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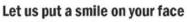
1) strong in the sciences, 2) out of state and 3) Catholic university.

RCDS this year. I look forward to a great year of learning, friendship and fun. If there is one thing that I accomplish this year, it's getting our younger dentists involved and by looking at the officers coming up after me, I am excited about the future of our organization.

I will see you all at Max's Es-Ca for our 2025 RCDS dinner meetings. Please bring a colleague if you can. We always have room for new members.



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## IN MEMORIAM: DR. STEPHEN QUARCOO



The Second District Dental Society (SDDS) has lost someone very dear to us. Dr. Stephen Quarcoo, the husband of SDDS Past President Dr. Reneida Reyes, passed away on February 23, 2025. Dr. Quarcoo, a past president of Queens County Dental Society, a longtime associate member and great friend of Second District, was known to many of us. He was a highly respected oral and maxillofacial surgeon, educator and administrator. But he will be remembered with everlasting love as husband, father and grandfather.

## **Editor's Take: Regulations**

Hello, Second District Dental Society (SDDS). In this issue, we are focusing on a few regulations that affect all our practices. We, as dentists, are bombarded with laws and regulations we must adhere to. At the SDDS we have the good fortune to have many SDDS and New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) endorsed programs that help us navigate these requirements, as well as the ADA watching for new federal mandates.

New York City has dozens of Certified Radiation Equipment Safety Officers (CRESO). The SDDS endorsed CRESO, Mr. Martin Schnee, has updated us on two of New York City's many radiation equipment requirements. SDDS is lucky to have Mr. Schnee as our endorsed CRESO.

He makes sure we are aware of all the rules we must follow to keep our X-ray equipment compliant. When he inspects equipment, he goes out of his way to educate staff on radiation safety. If he finds something deficient with our equipment, he makes sure we know how to correct it, as well as how and when to submit the appropriate paper work. He makes it easier for us to know how to follow the complex rules.

Currently, there are several dental professional liability programs available in New York State. NYSDA's relationship with MLMIC dates back to the 1990s. That was not always so. Back then the dental liability insurance market was in turmoil with virtually all carriers leaving the market. With encouragement

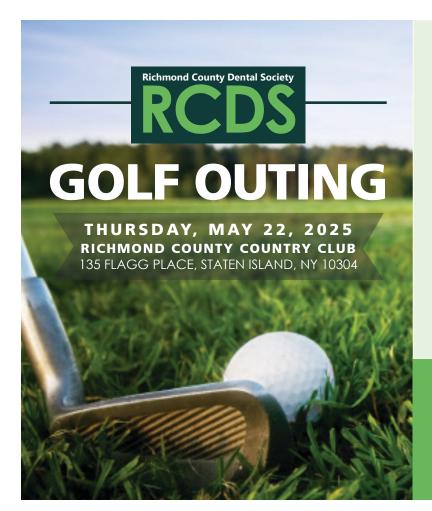
from NYSDA, MLMIC (then known as Medical Liability Mutual Insurance Company) stepped up to fill the void. They have been a stable company working hard to protect and defend us from liability claims. They are currently owned and backed by the resources of Berkshire Hathaway. As NYSDA's endorsed carrier, members receive a 5% discount on top of any other discounts for which you may qualify. In this issue of the SDDS Bulletin, they remind us of the best way to dispose of old paper records and physical radiographs (see page 7).

At SDDS, we are lucky to have four yearly "Shredfests" as a free member benefit. At each event, SDDS offers HIPAA-compliant shredding of up to ten boxes of unwanted protected information. You receive a Certificate of Destruction after each shredding service. Keep your eyes peeled for the dates of the next SDDS Shredfest.

Finally, REMEMBER—your input is wanted! Any topics you care about or original articles you hope to have published, SEND TO ME at editorsddsny.org. I want to know what you are curious about! This is YOUR Bulletin!

Warmest regards, Alyson Buchalter, D.M.D. Editor, SDDS Bulletin editorsddsny.org

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Please join Richmond County Dental Society for a great day of golf, food and festivities! Not a golfer? Join us for a fun-filled evening including the reception and awards dinner! Staff, family and friends are invited to attend!

#### **SCHEDULE**

**11 A.M.**Golfer Registration

11:30 A.M. Lunch

**1 P.M.** Shotgun start

6 P.M.
Reception and Awards Dinner

For full details and registration information, please visit: www.sddsny.org/rcdsevents

\*Golf registration is limited.

Be the first to sign up to secure your spot.

**SIGN UP BY MAY 2ND!** 

## SDDS Short Topics, Small Talk, Good and Welfare



#### Tricia Quartey-Sagaille

Congratulations to Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille on being featured in an ADA Morning Huddle article on connections in an increasingly digital world. If you missed the article, you can now see it on the ADA Website at adanews.ada.org/ada-news/2024/december/creating-community-online-and-off.



Dr. Steven Gounardes and his wife, Diane Gounardes, with their son, Reverend Deacon Gregory Gounardes

#### **Steven Gounardes**

Past SDDS President Dr. Steven Gounardes is "very proud of his son, Gregory," who was ordained to the holy priesthood on March 1, 2025 at the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Brooklyn. Congratulations, Reverend Deacon Gregory Gounardes!

### Emma Guzman and Mitchell Mindlin

The SDDS board of trustees welcomes Drs. Emma Guzman and Mitchell Mindlin to fill open seats on our board.



Dr. Cherry Libramonte highlighted by NYSDA

#### **Cherry Libramonte**

We are proud to see our secretary, Dr. Cherry Libramonte, highlighted by the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) in a statewide notice reminding all of us to renew our ADA/NYSDA/SDDS membership. The tripartite works best with all our support.



SDDS Board Member Dr. Sejndi Rusi

#### Dr. Sejndi Rusi

Congratulations to Bay Ridge periodontist and member of the SDDS board of trustees, Dr. Sejndi (Sandy) Rusi, and her family on the birth of her son, Nikolas Leonardos. Mom and son are doing great!

### Lorna Flamer-Caldera

Congratulations to Dr. Lorna Flamer-Caldera on becoming the chair of the New York Section of the American College of Dentists.

To see your good news in the Bulletin, email it and any high quality photos to go with it to editor@sddsny.org.

#### **CRESO Corner 2025**

by Martin Schnee, CRESO

There are two topics that I would like to bring to your attention to avoid any confusion and possible citation from inspectors.

The first is a reminder of the rules in section 175.49 (a)2, which requires all dental facilities to have documented initial training and then continuous annual evaluations of all X-ray operators. The regulations require a minimum of six topics to be addressed. The city will not be asking to see how you train, but it does require some proof that the training and evaluations were performed.

There is an additional requirement in this section that most offices miss—a requirement to have policies pertaining to general regulations regarding X-rays and radiation. Examples would be a policy for pregnant X-ray workers, pregnant patients, ALARA and holding patients. These are topics that I cover during my CRESO inspections, which tend to last three to four hours. I don't

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## DENTAL RADIOGRAPHS MAY BE TAKEN BEYOND THIS POINT



just inspect; I educate and give out many instructive and useful forms.

The second topic is to advise those dentists who are retiring that the X-ray equipment in your possession is your responsibility and the permit does NOT CANCEL if it expires. You must inform the NYC Office of Radiological Health when you wish your permit to be canceled. In

addition, you must indicate to the city the disposition of your equipment. New York City has a form called a disposition form, which is an official way to declare the above actions. This form is also used when you are replacing an old or broken X-ray unit. It is your responsibility to disassemble, sell or donate your old units and inform the city who has done this for you or to whom you have transferred the unit(s).

New X-ray units are the responsibility of the installer. They must submit a copy of an FDA 2579 form to the FDA, NYC and the dentist when a new or used X-ray machine is put into an office.

Martin Schnee is a NYC CRESO (Big Apple Radiation Safety, Inc.) and a past chief of the Radiation Equipment Division of the NYC Office of Radiological Health. He can be reached by either of the following methods—Office: (718) 373-6348; Cell: (718) 986-4996.

## ELECTIONS FOR THE 2025 SDDS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elections to the 2025 Second District Dental Society (SDDS) Nominating Committee were held at the SDDS General Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2025. The following five members were nominated to serve (in alphabetical order):

Dr. Joann DeLeonibus

Dr. John Demas

**Dr. Cherry Libramonte** 

Dr. Mitchell Mindlin

Dr. Kirstin Wolfe

These members, along with the five immediate past presidents (Drs. Paul Albicocco, Babak Bina, Michael Donato, Jr., Raymond Flagiello and Tricia Quartey-Sagaille), will comprise the 2025 SDDS Nominating Committee.

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## Disposing of Paper Dental Records and Imaging: Best Practices for Dentists

While many dentists have already completely embraced the electronic dental record, some practices still find the need to dispose of paper records and imaging. The following is some general information to consider when destroying paper dental records and imaging.

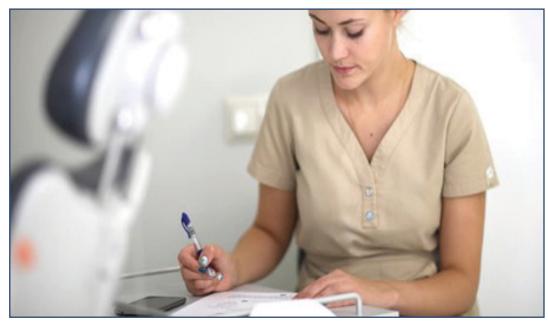
#### Regulatory Requirements for Retaining Dental Record

The New York State Department of Health requires dental professionals retain dental records and imaging ("records") from adult patients for six years. Records for minor patients must be maintained for at least six years and for one year after the minor patient reaches the age of 21, whichever is longer. It is, however, recommended that dental records be retained for 10 years from the date of receipt of the last claim for payment. The longer time period is recommended in light of state and federal statutes and regulations pertaining to malpractice and offenses, such as insurance fraud. For deceased patients, records should be kept for six years after death.

Keep in mind that failure to retain original dental records for the above time periods is considered professional misconduct and can result in fines, monetary penalties and licensure actions for violations.

## HIPAA Requirements for Shredding Dental Records

There are many things to consider when moving dental records out of storage for destruction. Initially, any dental records that are moved out of storage must be documented on a log. HIPAA requires providers to shred all documents that contain social security numbers; names and addresses; birthdates;



medical histories; prescriptions; test results; and vaccination records. As a provider, you must always remain mindful of patients' protected health information.

#### Options for Destroying Dental Records

There are several ways to dispose of dental records once you identify which records can be destroyed. Here are a few suggestions:

In-House Shredding: If you decide to destroy dental records in-house, a HIPAA compliant cross-cut shredder is recommended. It is imperative that the shredder you purchase meets the standards set forth in the HIPAA regulations. HIPAA requires documents be shredded so they are not only unreadable but also cannot be recreated. This option can become expensive due to the purchase of the shredder, as well as the labor costs of manually shredding dental records.

**Burning:** While burning guarantees complete destruction of paper records, it is not an ecofriendly option.

**Off-site Shredding:** When utilizing a professional shredding

service, you will need to execute a Business Associates Agreement. Typically, dental records would be placed in a locked bin and retrieved by a representative of the shredding service. The bin is transported to a facility for processing. The company should provide you with a Certificate of Destruction after each shredding service.

Mobile Document Shredding Service: With this option, you will also need a Business Associates Agreement. A mobile service will come to your office at which time both a representative of your practice, as well as the service, will oversee the process. Once the shredding is complete, a Certification of Destruction should be provided. This appears to be the most common and cost-effective way to appropriately destroy dental records.

All the same HIPAA rules and regulations apply to the disposal of imaging. Imaging can be destroyed by shredding, burning or pulverizing the films so they are unreadable. The most secure way to destroy imaging is to hire a professional service. As with paper records, you will need a HIPAA

Business Associate Agreement and a Certificate of Destruction.

If you are scanning original paper records into an electronic dental record system, MLMIC recommends retaining the paper records for at least 90 days. We recommend thoroughly examining all records before scanning to determine if any of the records are double-sided. If a patient has had an untoward outcome, or a request for records has been received from an attorney or government agency that signals a potential claim, lawsuit or government investigation, the original paper records must not be destroyed and should be locked up and retained until the claim lawsuit or investigation is

For specific questions about shredding paper dental records or destroying images, policyholders can contact the MLMIC Legal Department at (844) 667-5291. You can also submit a specific question by emailing hotline@tmglawny.com.

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## SDDS Marks Children's Dental Health Month

### **Brooklyn CDHM Activities**

by Esther Nelson, D.D.S.

February is known as National Children's Dental Health Month (NCDHM). This year, Second District Dental Society (SDDS) was excited to receive requests for dental presentations catering to multiple schools. The week of February 10-14 proved to be a success as dental residents and staff from NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital (NYPBMH) attended the school health fairs. We were grateful to have members from the SDDS Oral Health Committee serve as mentors alongside the residents to help engage with students who have attention span challenges.

The students were energetic, attentive and asked many questions. To our surprise, we found that a lot of the students had a good foundation in dental information and knowledge. The dinosaur dental puppet, which volunteers use to demonstrate when and how to brush the teeth during oral health outreach visits, is always the star of the show. Interested students were invited to come up and display to the volunteers what they learned. Many gifts were distributed as well as dental basics (toothbrush and toothpaste), which brought smiles to these kids' faces. We look forward to the future and upcoming collaborations with the participating schools.

Dr. Esther Nelson is the chair of the SDDS Oral Health Committee.



techniques and asking students questions during an SDDS outreach event at P771K@225



Left to right: Dr. Sandy Wu, Ochen Facey (7th grade student at P771K@14), Dr. Esther Nelson, Dr. Angela De Bartolo and Dr. Daniela Benzaquen



SDDS Oral Health Committee (OHC) members and residents from NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital engage students in a Q & A session. From left to right: Dr. Angela De Bartolo, SDDS OHC Chair Dr. Esther Nelson, Dr. Sandy Wu and Dr. Daniela Benzaquen



... A health fair at P771K@14 which included U.S. Armed Forces, FDNY, NYPD, SDDS dentists and many more professionals

## SDDS Marks Children's Dental Health Month

#### **Staten Island CDHM Activities**

On Feb. 25, SDDS Vice President Dr. Phyllis Merlino paid a visit to preschool students at the Joan and Alan Bernikow Jewish Community Center on Staten Island as part of her Children's Dental Health Month community outreach. A pediatric dentist in Staten Island, Dr. Merlino is also a member of the Second District Dental Society (SDDS) Oral Health Committee and has been in her private practice for 25 years. She is dedicated to spreading the word about good oral health, especially during Children's Dental Health Month (CDHM). Her goal as always been to be part dentist and part teacher.

By visiting schools, Dr. Merlino helps educate kids on the importance of brushing, flossing and making healthy choices for strong teeth. Through fun demonstrations, interactive activities and engaging

discussions, she encourages children to develop lifelong oral hygiene habits. Her school visits not only teach kids how to care for their teeth but also make dental health exciting and accessible. With her guidance, children learn that a bright smile starts with good daily habits!

"Visiting schools for Children's Dental Health Month and all throughout the school year is an easy and fantastic way to teach kids about the importance of oral hygiene," Dr. Merlino says. Every year, she reaches out to schools and offers to come and visit the kids. This school year has been quite busy, with visits to over 20 schools throughout Staten Island thus far. Dr. Merlino said, "Teachers tell their friends and patients ask me all the time to come and visit their classes. I just love it! It's a great way to meet people and get involved with community service, all while

spreading the message about good oral hygiene and care."

Dr. Merlino makes the visit engaging by incorporating fun activities like:

- Interactive demonstrations on proper brushing and flossing techniques
- Storytelling to explain how cavities form and how to prevent them
- Hands-on activities like teaching the kids how to use dental floss
- Q&A sessions where students can ask questions about their teeth
- Goodie bags with toothbrushes, floss, coloring books and stickers to encourage healthy habits



Dr. Merlino spends a morning at the Joan & Alan Bernikow Jewish Community Center's preschool on Manor Road in Staten Island, visiting with three- and four-year-old students there



Dr. Merlino spends time sharing brushing and flossing techniques with the students that she visits



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## SDDS Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

#### NOVEMBER 4, 2024 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

President, Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille, to call the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**PRESENT**: Drs. Quartey-Sagaille, Merlino, Libramonte, Buchalter, Demas, Eliscar-Hewett, Sager, Segelnick, Turchak, Albicocco, Mindlin, Teplitsky, Butt, DeLeonibus, Wolfe, Meiselman and Richard; Ms. Terrio

**EXCUSED**: Drs. Scibetta, Venterina, Shalan, Flagiello, Pieroni, Sconzo, Santana, Mistretta, Merola, Lieb and Donato, Jr.; Mr. Hackett

**GUESTS**: Drs. Flamer-Caldera, Oshrain and Young, Jr.

**MOTION PASSED**: To accept the revised drafted minutes of the October 7, 2024 board of trustees meeting

**DECEASED MEMBERS**: (none)

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS—

NEW MEMBERS: (none)

#### **REINSTATEMENTS**:

• Dr. Drilona Sheti - NYU, 2008

#### TRANSFERS:

 Dr. William James Pepe – NYU, 2019 (from Eastern District Dental Society, Georgia)

RESIDENTS: (none)

**MOTION PASSED**: To accept the new members as presented and listed above

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

• See "Upcoming Events" calendar

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**:

 Letter of thanks read aloud from the NYS Dental Foundation thanking Mr. Hackett and SDDS for their \$1,500 donation to the Dr. Thomas H. Sullivan Substance Abuse Grant Program

#### REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF— President – Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille:

Attended the ADA HOD in New Orleans.
 SDDS was well represented

- Neither of our NYSDA-based candidates won their respective elections
- Recent hands-on laser course at SDDS headquarters was a success
- Saturday was the SDDS Family Fun Day. Five families attended. A good time was had
- Please volunteer for GNYDM presiding spots are open

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

- Attended the ADA HOD. All went well, we were represented well
- SDDS installation will take place on Sunday, Jan. 5

#### Secretary - Dr. Phyllis Merlino:

• Progress

#### Treasurer - Dr. Cherry Libramonte:

 Account balances as of Nov. 1, 2024 were read aloud

#### Executive Director - Mr. Bernard Hackett:

- Reported by Ms. Christine Terrio in Mr. Hackett's absence
- Busy month as we head into 2025: diode laser CE, Family Fun Day, New Dentist Event, GNYDM, volunteer pre-con dinner on Nov. 25, as well as others
- The SDDS activities guide will be out in December
- Jan. 5: SDDS Installation
- Jan. 25: RCDS Installation
- Everyone must sign up for NYSDA CE Navigator. It's the new home for your CE. Information is available on our website
- Still working out kinks on the new ADA/ tripartite software; still doing manual registrations
- NYSDA Portal will show all CE before September 2024 and CE Navigator for all courses taken after September 2024
- SDDS membership registration for the GNYDM registrants is low. Need to think of how to get more people to register

#### ADA REPORTS - ADA HOUSE:

Committee C – Dental Education and Related Matters – Dr. Kirstin Wolfe (previously emailed):

 Many of the resolutions under consideration were to address the workforce shortage being felt across the country

Committee A – Business, Membership and Admin – Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille:

- No dues increase this year
- Many resolutions were referred back to council

Committee B – Dental Benefits, Practice, Heath – Dr. John Demas (previously emailed):

- We were presented with 24 resolutions that came from ADA Councils, the ADA board of trustees and from several constituent trustee districts
- Eleven of these 24 dealt with amending or rescinding ADA policy

Committee D – Legislative and Governance – Dr. Paul Teplitsky:

• Twenty-one resolutions were discussed

ADA Council on Communications – Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille (previously emailed):

- · Discussed at last Board meeting
- Social media data was reviewed engagement, followers, etc.

#### **NYSDA REPORTS:**

Minutes - NYSDA Board of Trustees – Dr. John Demas (prev. emailed):

- Board meeting was on Sept. 27. Detailed report was emailed
- Mr. Plunkett gave an update on the EPA fluoride's US court decision. Some municipalities may suspend water fluoridation. NYSDA needs to seek clarity from appropriate federal agencies on their position in this regard
- Zoom meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 7 is coming up. Will be checking in on parliamentarian procedures and how they are followed

## SDDS Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Minutes – Council on Dental Education and Licensure – Dr. Steven Gounardes (prev. emailed)

Minutes – Council on Health Planning and Hospital – Dr. Alfred Joseph (prev. emailed)

#### SDDS REPORTS:

Greater New York Dental Meeting – Dr. John Young, Jr. (reports prev. emailed):

- Room nights at Marriott are up
- SDDS Members registration is at 233
- Booth sales are up to 964
- Need to "plug" to volunteer and register for the GNYDM to the membership any chance we get
- Full for volunteers but still need presiding chair-people

Richmond County Dental Society – Dr. Bryan Pieroni:

> November's membership meeting is past presidents' night

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** (none)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**—

Resolution (Referred): To form a standing committee of the Second District Dental Society titled the Dental Residents Outreach Committee. The committee will be tasked with:

- Organizing program visits
- Refining and standardizing presentations
- Exploring and designing additional outreach programs to engage dental residents

Needs to be sent to the Constitution and Bylaws committee to get it considered and written up.

We can get it prepared and vote on it at the March 2025 general membership meeting. Resolution was referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee

#### **GOOD & WELFARE:**

- Dr. Quartey-Sagaille congratulated Dr. Cherry Libramonte on her completion of the New York City marathon yesterday
- Dr. Oshrain congratulated Dr. Paul Teplitsky on the birth of his granddaughter on Oct. 30
- Dr. Mindlin attended the laser hands-on course at SDDS headquarters and said it was a comfortable venue and looks forward to more. There are three scheduled for the new year

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2025-04**

\*Advance Registration Required—Register online at sddsny.org\*

\*Thursday, April 17, 2025 ◆ Live webinar via Zoom ◆ 7 P.M. –9 P.M. ◆ MCEU–2 HOURS



## Detecting Diabetes in CBCT Images: Is It Possible?

Featured Clinician: DALE A. MILES, D.D.S., M.S.

Adjunct Professor, Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine

\*This event was originally scheduled to take place on Thursday, March 20, 2025.

Patients with diabetes are commonly seen in dental offices. Many patients know their status, many do not. There are millions of undiagnosed and pre-diabetic patients in the population who have no idea that they may have Type II diabetes mellitus (TZDM) and dentists probably see them every week. According to D0411 and D0412 of the ADA Quick Guide, Version 2¹, "Dentists are not expected to diagnose diabetes but in-office monitoring of patient blood glucose levels on an ongoing basis or immediately prior to treatment are appropriate activities. Findings from monitoring the patient's glycemic control may prompt a dentist to amend the patient's oral care treatment planning." Radiographic signs for T2DM are frequently present and easily identifiable on both CBCT images. Early detection of disease helps the patient's early diagnosis and helps dentists avoid treatment problems. This presentation will review some of the key radiographic features of calcifications seen in CBCT images of patients with unknown or uncontrolled diabetes. Upon successful completion of this course, attendees will:

- Learn to recognize radiographic signs of undiagnosed/uncontrolled T2DM on CBCT images
- · Learn to correlate clinical and radiographic features of these problems
- Learn how certain CBCT imaging tools can improve the disease features of diabetes
- 1. D0411 and D0412 ADA quick guide to in-office monitoring and documenting patient blood glucose and HbA1c level. (n.d.). D0411 and D0412 ADA Quick Guide Version 2 December 15, 2022. https://www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/ada-org/files/publications/cdt/v2d0411and0412adaguideto inofficemonitoringanddocumentingpatientbloodglucoseandhba1clevel2023jan. pdf?rev=ced4c08f020e40c5b60fb386f6e441ee&chash=8F6563C6145FED54C4A8772EB3AFA2A4.

#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2025-07**

\*Advance Registration Required—Register online at sddsny.org\*
Friday, April 25, 2025 ◆ Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn, NY ◆ 9 A.M.—12 P.M. ◆
MCEU—3 HOURS



## Periodontal Surgical Procedures to Enhance Restorative Outcomes

Featured Clinician: CONSTANTINE G. PAVLAKOS, D.D.S.

Faculty, NYU-Lutheran Medical Center

Esthetic dentistry is a major driving force in our current environment. Individuals are enamored by the aesthetics of popular social figures and wish to emulate them in their appearance, including their smiles and teeth. The gingival unit is an important component in creating aesthetic harmony. Achieving and maintaining optimal aesthetics requires detailed treatment planning and, many times, a multidisciplinary approach. This course will provide attendees with an understanding of esthetic evaluation in relation to restorative treatment. It will focus on how periodontal surgical procedures such as subepithelial connective tissue grafts, aesthetic crown lengthening, ridge augmentation and immediate implants can enhance aesthetic restoration.

The presentation is clinically based with detailed instructions as to how to evaluate and complete these procedures. This will give attendees the information they need to achieve the most favorable outcomes. Upon successful completion of this course, attendees will:

- 1. Understand the concepts of gingival harmony and the ability to visualize discrepancies
- 2. Be able to diagnose, treatment plan and execute aesthetic basic periodontal surgical procedures
- 3. Learn to identify fundamental restorative and surgical principles.
- Recognize potential pitfalls by not addressing the periodontium prior to restorative treatment
- 5. Gain the ability to discuss treatment options and expected results with the patient

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2025-08

\*Advance Registration Required—Register online at sddsny.org\*

Friday, May 16, 2025 ◆ SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn, NY ◆ 9:30 A.M.—3 P.M. ◆ MCEU—4.5 HOURS

## CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office

Featured Clinician: 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 operatory will be discussed. This program utilizes hands-on practice sessions for all participants. Topics to be covered will include heart attacks and strokes (signs and symptoms), sudden cardiac arrest/ defibrillation, airway obstruction (choking), respiratory emergencies, anaphylactic reactions, emergency drug kits and more.

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will gain the knowledge and hands-on experience needed to administer CPR safely and effectively. Completion of this course will also satisfy the New York State Education Department's requirement for licensed dentists.\*

\*This course may not fulfill the CPR certification requirements for stafffaculty of some hospitals/ universities. CHECK WITH YOUR EMPLOYER BEFORE TAKING THIS COURSE.\*

#### **RCDS Membership Meeting**

\*Advance Registration Required—Register online at sddsny.org\*
Tuesday, May 20, 2025 Max's Es-Ca Restaurant, Staten Island, NY 7P.M. \* \*CEU—1 HOUR

#### **Increasing Your Net Income by Gaining Control**

Essayist: JOSEPH DERARIO, D.M.D.

CEO, National Dental Consulting

In today's competitive healthcare landscape, maximizing efficiency and profitability while providing exceptional patient care is crucial. This seminar is designed for healthcare professionals, particularly dentists who want to improve their practice's financial performance and operational effectiveness without compromising the quality of care. Participants will learn how to balance time economics, fees and overhead, understanding how each factor plays a pivotal role in sustaining a profitable practice. The session will explore practical techniques to assess and optimize how time is spent within the practice, ensuring that non-productive time can be converted into profitable, valuable activities.

Communication is key in healthcare and this seminar will also focus on enhancing communication skills to foster stronger patient relationships and increase immediate case acceptance. By mastering how to effectively discuss treatment plans and patient needs, attendees will be better equipped to gain patient trust and achieve higher success in case acceptance. Lastly, we will cover how to market a healthcare practice without solicitation, focusing on building a strong, ethical brand that attracts patients through trust and reputation. Attendees will walk away with actionable strategies to drive growth through authentic, non-aggressive marketing techniques. Upon successful completion of this lecture, attendees will be equipped with the essential tools and strategies to not only enhance their practice's financial health but also improve patient satisfaction and long-term success. Participants will also:

- Understand the relationship between time economics, fees and overhead and how to
  optimize each for maximum profitability
- · Learn strategies for transforming non-productive time into profitable time
- Gain practical tools to improve communication skills, leading to increased immediate case acceptance and better patient relationships
- Discover effective methods to market a practice without solicitation, focusing on ethical and impactful marketing strategies

\*This lecture will not provide CE credit towards dental relicensure.

#### ADA C·E·R·P® | Continuing Education Recognition Program

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Unless otherwise stated, all featured speakers have disclosed that they do not have any relevant financial arrangements or affiliations with any corporate organizations that would constitute a conflict of interest concerning the continuing education activities stated herein.

Advance registration required for all listed events. Register online at sddsny.org (excluding SDDS Hospital Resident members, SDDS Associate members and SDDS Life members).

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#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		

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

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

\$52.50
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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
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Sonia Kohli, D.D.S.

Thursday, July 17, 2025

Live webinar via Zoom\*

7 P.M.–9 P.M.

MCEU - 2 hours

#2025–10 HANDS-ON COURSE: "Treatment	
Guidelines for Immediate Provisional	
Restoration in the Esthetic Zone"	

"excluaea from alscount offers"	
SDDS Members	\$275
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

## #2025–11 "Un-Break My Heart: Cardiovascular Disease and Dental Considerations" and "Take It On the Run, Baby: Street Drugs, Illicit Drugs and Licit Drugs Used Illicitly"

SDDS Members	\$135
SDDS Member's Staff	\$100
SDDS Residents	\$35
ADA Member's/Staff	\$175
Non-ADA Members/Staff	\$200
Thomas Viola, R.Ph.,	

C.C.P., C.D.E., C.P.M.P.

Friday, September 12, 2025

**Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn** 9 A.M.–4 P.M.

MCEU – 6 hours

Breakfast and lunch included

#### #2025–12 "Detecting Diabetes in CBCT

#### Images: Is It Possible?"

SDDS Life Members	\$52.50
SDDS Members	\$75
SDDS Member's Staff	\$50
SDDS Residents	\$25
ADA Member's/Staff	\$100/\$75
Non-ADA Members/Staff	\$110
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Scott A. Fauvell, D.D.S.

Thursday, September 18, 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.

## #2025–14 HANDS-ON COURSE: "AirwayCentric" Dentistry: An Integrative Approach to Longevity, Health and Wellness"

\$275

\*excluded from discount offers\*

SDDS Members

Non-SDDS Member's

Michael L. Gelb, D.D.S., M.S.

Friday, September 26, 2025

 $SDDS\ Head quarters, Brooklyn$ 

9:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M. MCEU – 3 hours

Breakfast included

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

\$400

#### \*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

#### SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn

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

#2025-08 Friday, May 16, 2025

#### Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island

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

#2025-13 Friday, September 19, 2025

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## SDDS Photos of the Month



Dr. Richard Trushkowsky (center), who was the featured clinician at the annual Dr. Meryl J. Efron Memorial Lecture on Feb. 21, 2025. Also pictured are R & E Chair Dr. Leonard Brenner (left) and Presiding Chair Dr. Paul Albicocco



The audience at the Dr. Meryl J. Efron Memorial Lecture on Feb. 21, 2025



#### NYSDA HAS LAUNCHED A NEW CE ONLINE REGISTRY

- Managing your CE transcript is even easier! Create your free member-only account at www.nysdentalnavigator.com
- Your current NYSDA transcript will not transfer over to CE Navigator, but in the event of an audit or credentialing, contact NYSDA for assistance.
- Your transcript is still available, and your history will not be lost. To access it, log in to the members-only section or request a transcript at nysdental.org/ce.
- Courses completed with SDDS, NYSDA and NYSDF will continue to be added to your CE Navigator account 1-3 weeks post-course. You must create an account for these courses to upload to your account.
- Some course lists from certain professional associations, hospitals, universities, or regional meetings will continue to be added to your CE Navigator account 1-3 weeks post-course.
- You may want to add your physical CE certificate to that record for any courses applied to your account automatically.
- Visit <u>www.nysdentalnavigator.com</u> for a demo video of CE Navigator, covering everything from setting up your account to adding your CE courses and setting reminders. If you have any questions, please reach out to Brenda Turner at <u>CE@nysdental.org</u>.



## Friday, April 25, 2025

Hilton Garden Inn 1100 South Avenue at Lois Lane Staten Island, NY 10314

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY | 10:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

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## 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**

**DENTAL ASSOCIATE—PART TIME— DOWNTOWN BK:** Seeking Dental Associate in Downtown Brooklyn. Once a week, option to buy in. Responsibilities: General Dentist. **Contact:** Dr. Ivan Chaplik | ivanchaplik@gmail.com

**ORAL PATHOLOGIST—ONE BROOKLYN HEALTH:** Location: Interfaith Medical Center. Part time (1 day per week). Responsibilities: provide oral pathology services, supervise and teach dental residents. **Contact:** Dr. David J. Miller, Chairman, Department of Dental Medicine | (718) 613-4707 | dmiller@interfaithmedical.org

ASSOCIATE ENDODONTIST IN DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN Seeking an associate endodontist in downtown Brooklyn. We have microscope, cone beam, latest technology. Pay 2–3K a day, 5–6 days a month. Contact: Dr. Robert Amirian | bkdentist@gmail.com

PART TIME PEDIATRIC DENTIST WANTED: Seeking a part time Pediatric dentist for a busy well established practice in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Contact: Dr. Howard Silver | (718) 486-8900 | hsilverdds@verizon.net

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 PRAC-

TICE: 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

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 SYSTEM:** 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 posi-tion, 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

FOR SALE: Dental office on the corner of Main Street and Jewel Avenue in Kew Garden Hills. Busy corner with two bus stops. Three ops, new CBCT panoramic unit, digital X-rays, wireless scanner for digital impressions, soft tissue laser. Gross 1m. Real estate optional for lease or purchase. Call (516) 220-1406 | Email: jrjr211@gmail.com

#### DENTAL PRACTICE AND CO-OP FOR SALE:

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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 At: (718) 435-0045

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## **DENTAL ASSISTANT**?

The Dental Auxiliary Training Center's (DATC) "Fundamentals of Chairside Dental Assisting" course which started in September 2024 ended in December 2024 and graduates are ready for employment.

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