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Meeting Schedule 2016-2017 Arranged by the Education Committee

October 18, 2016 Dr. Dan Pompa "The Top 10 List For Essential Drugs In The Emergency Kit"

November 15, 2016
Dr. Jeffrey Mannheimer
"Overlooked Causative And Perpetuating
Factors Relative To Headache, Orofacial
And Temporomandibular Pain/Dysfunction
Syndromes With Therapeutic Implications"

January 17, 2017

Officers Night And Life Member Presentations

February 21, 2017

Sy Symanski Memorial Lecture

Dr. Steven Singer
"CBCT: Basics, Diagnosis And Treatment
Planning"

March 21, 2017

Dr. Jon Suzuki "Periimplantitis: Etiologies And Potential Therapies"

April 18, 2017

Dr. Sam Kratchman "Complications In Endodontics"

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President's Message ... Devang Modi



"Life member"- a title reserved for a dentist in good standing who is 65 or older and has been a member of organized dentistry for 30 consecutive years or a total of 40 years. This milestone achievement is only possible by individuals who are passionate about our profession and believe there is value in membership. On January 17, 2017, MCDS and NJDA are

pleased to honor Dr.'s Michael Dodd, Ira Feldman, Stephan Fanous and Joseph Perlmutter as life members at our annual "Officer's Night." Please join me in congratulating them and celebrating their accomplishment.

Over the years, I have learned "value" can mean different things to different people. To some it can be monetary (dollars and cents) while to others it can be an emotional connection. A simple smile or a gesture of

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GENERAL MEETING – Tuesday, January 17, 2017

THE PINES Route 27 • Edison, NJ

Registration	6:00
Business Meeting and hors d'oeuvres	
Life Member and NIDA Officers Presentations	7:00

Congratulations to our newest Life Members!

NJDA Officers Meeting and New Life Membership Presentations

Come hear the stories behind the legislative and legal battles won on your behalf by NJDA this year from the dedicated officers. This annual event is an opportunity to meet the NJDA Directors and General Counsel and to witness first hand their dedication to our members. You will never ask the question, "What is organized dentistry doing for me?" after this evening. It will provide you with the opportunity to learn how to use NJDA's vast resources to get the most of your membership.

In addition, a special presentation to our deserving New Life Members will be featured. Life Members have been members for 30 consecutive years, or 40 years total. Tonight we honor our members who have reached this milestone in their careers, and acknowledge their contributions.

MCDS Board of Trustees Report

11/8/16

Attendance: Drs. Devang Modi, Robert Silverstein, Daniel Krantz, Sanjeev Satwah,, Alyssa Bernstein, Nima Mir-Madjlessi, Richard Kahn, Sandy Goldstein, Mitchell Weiner, Ira Rosen, Deborah Brown, Nainesh Desai, Mario Fiorentini, Antoinette Tauk and Stephanie Dowling.

Acceptance of 10/11/16 Minutes-vote unanimous

President's Report – Dr. Devang Modi

The President will take on the protocol of welcoming new members to our society.

Treasurer's Report – Dr. Sanjeev Satwah

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Educational Coordinator's Report – Dr. Amit Vora

Dr. Jeffrey Mannheimer is our speaker at the general meeting on 11/15/16. He is a physical therapist with a Ph.D in Health Science. He will be presenting "Overlooked Causative and Perpetuating Factors Relative to Headache, Orofacial and Temporomandibular Pain/Dysfunction Syndromes with Therapeutic Implications."

NJDA Trustee's Report - Dr. Peter DeSciscio

There will be a House of Delegates and Board of Trustees meeting on 11/16/16 at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ.

ADA Delegate's Report – Dr. Daniel Krantz

Dr. Gary Roberts (Louisiana) is our new ADA President. Dr. Joseph Crowley (Ohio) is our new ADA President Elect.

Dr. George Shepley (Maryland) is our 4th District Trustee Designate, to be installed once Dr. Jeff Cole (Delaware) completes his term next November. Dr. Jeff Cole announced his candidacy for ADA President Elect. The election is scheduled for the ADA House of Delegates in Atlanta next year. Significant resolutions are as follows: There will be an ADA dues increase of \$10. The Code of Ethics was modified to allow specialists to practice General Dentistry and to allow any licensed doctor, who has advanced training, to announce he/ she is a specialist, providing their jurisdiction (state) allows it. This resolution was passed because the FTC is looking to challenge restrictions on specialty announcements. There is a 3 year initiative to increase and stimulate utilization of dental services. The cost is 6 million dollars (taken from available reserves). The future cost might require a dues increase or assessment. I am personally against this resolution since we, in a large metropolitan area, with the costs of media (TV, radio, billboards, etc.) being so high, will not derive the same benefit that a small town community will achieve. Plus the fact that our state is serviced by two very expensive media markets (NY and Philadelphia). There were other resolutions of not much consequence to us pertaining to ADA governance, underserved populations, and recommended exams for high school athletes.

Executive Secretary Report – Stephanie Dowling

The state board has approved the MCDS Hygiene Study Club courses for continuing education units. Badges and certificates will be available for our new members at the upcoming meeting on 11/15/16.

NJDA Council Reports:

Dental Benefits – Dr. Devang Modi, Dr. Antoinette Tauk

There will be a Council of Dental Benefits meeting on 11/9/16.

New Dentists – Dr. Sanjeev Satwah

There will be a happy hour networking event this Thursday at the Saddle

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good will. A friendship or a relationship. No matter what it is, it has to be important and meaningful to you. For our 4 life members and so many of us, value in membership to organized dentistry is no different. It can be comroidary with colleagues, legal council, dental benefits concerns, sharing knowledge and experiences to grow the profession or simply enhancing ones education and learning. No matter what the intent. MCDS and NJDA are here to guide you and serve as a valuable resource every step of the way.

During the course of my Presidency and in 2017, I request all of you to serve as ambassadors to our great profession and organization. There are many not just within our component but around the state and in other components who don't believe in belonging to a dental organization yet reek the rewards of our hard work, efforts and dedication. I urge you to educate them, guide them and invite them to our board meeting or lectures as guests. Ask them as I always ask you, "what can I do for you as to make your experience at MCDS valuable?"

Finally, I want to wish you and your family a very happy holiday season and a wonderful new year. Hope 2017 is filled with lots of love, happiness, good health, success and most of all peace. Thank you to all the awesome MCDS board members and to all of you great dentist of Middlesex County.



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Detailed Treasurer's Report As of October 31, 2016

Dr. Sanjeev Satwah

8/31/16	10/31/16	10/31/15
	Checking (TD)	
\$41,625.35	\$0.00	\$37,904.89
	Checking (Provident)	
\$71,250.62	\$126,852.72	\$0.00
	Savings (TD)	
\$24,376.57	\$0.00	\$24,361.97
	Savings (Provident)	
\$20,010.75	\$20,014.47	\$0.00
	Paypal	
\$7,540.57	\$7,540.57	\$45,445.96
	Total	
\$164,803.86	\$154,407.76	\$107,712.82

9/1/2016 through 10/31/2016 P & L Statement Checking Account

INCOME

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OVERALL TOTAL

CORP SPON-mtngs	7,600.00	
INTEREST	3.52	
MENTOR COMM-INC	860.00	
TRANSFER	66,020.30	
TOTAL INCOME	74,483.75	
EXPENSES		
ACCOUNTANT FEES	450.00	
DINNERMEETINGS	6,105.37	
LECTURE FEES	3,000.00	
TOTAL DINNERMEETINGS	9,105.37	
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	2,156.00	
MCDS study club-exp	227.91	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	229.90	
TELEPHONE	290.26	
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,459.44	
OVERALL TOTAL	62,024.31	
D & I Statement Servings		

P & L Statement Savings INCOME

INTEREST	3.38
TOTAL INCOME	3.38
OVERALL TOTAL	3.38
P & L Statement PayPal	
INCOME	0.00
EXPENSES	0.00

Vote taken outside the **Board Meeting**

The Board voted to participate in the new NJDA EBA (Endorsed Business Associates) component sponsorship program at our January 2017 General Meeting as requested by NJDA.

General Membership Meeting Business

The 2017 Proposed Budget was unanimously approved by the General Membership.

MCDS Board of Trustees Report

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Brook Marriott from 6-9pm. This event is free for NJDA new dentists. Peer Review – Dr. Sandy Goldstein

No new cases assigned nor mediated last month.

NJPAC - Dr. Mark Vitale

There is a documented epidemic of opioid and heroin abuse in New Jersey. The NJDA has joined with the Partnership for a Drug Free NJ to advocate for the responsible use and disposal of prescription opiates. The NJDA is committed to informing our members of the latest research. We want to keep you abreast of the latest findings on the efficacy of analgesics and responsible dosing. We share a special rapport with our patients. We are in an excellent position to educate them about the addictive potential of prescribed opiates. According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), "More people died from drug overdoses in 2014 than in any year on record. The majority of drug overdose deaths (more than six out of ten) involve an opioid. And since 1999, the number of overdose deaths involving opioids (including prescription opioid pain relievers and heroin) nearly quadrupled. From 2000 to 2014 nearly half a million people died from drug overdoses. Seventy eight Americans die every day from an opioid overdose." In New Jersey, the numbers are as sobering. While many dentists may believe their patients are not likely to be abusers, the fact is that drug abuse and overdose are on the rise across all demographic groups, regardless of income, ethnicity and age. Abuse among 18 to 25 year olds in the US has jumped dramatically – by 109% -- in the past ten years. Among new heroin users, approximately three out of four report abusing prescription opioids prior to using heroin. Over the past 6 months, members of the Opioid Committee of the Council on Governmental and Public Affairs developed protocols and guidelines for dentists addressing the efficacy of opioids and non-opiate alternatives in the treatment of acute pain. We respect our members' judgment when prescribing and making health decisions with their patients and offer this information only as guidance. It is with this in mind that NJDA urges its membership to review the data. In addition, as part of the guidelines NJDA has also developed an informed consent document that provides an opportunity for dialogue between the dentist and patient or the patient's parent or caregiver about the potential for dependency, misuse and side effects, and the need to properly secure these medicines and dispose of them properly. This effort is the first comprehensive statewide initiative of its kind, and perhaps in the nation, to address acute dental pain. Go to NJDA.org and click on NJ Prescribing Guidelines.

Committee Reports:

Budget and Finance – Dr. Ira Rosen

The budget committee completed the proposed MCDS budget for calendar year 2017. It was distributed to the MCDS Executive Board in October via our Google Group and unanimously approved. Then it was presented to the membership for review and discussion at the October General Membership meeting. It will be presented live to the MCDS Executive Board at the November meeting for discussion and final approval. A copy of the budget was published in the November newsletter and it will be voted on at our November General Membership meeting.

Corporate Sponsorship – Dr. Ira Rosen

All four of our gold sponsors will be in attendance at the November General Membership meeting-Zimmer Biomet, Dentsply International, Provident Bank and Techspedient. In addition, one of our bronze sponsors will be joining us for the first time this year—Kuwata Pan Dent. One new sponsor may also be pres-

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ent. Please join me in welcoming our sponsors and be certain to visit them and view their products Dental Shadowing – Stephanie Dowling

An updated list of dentists participating will be made and it is to include their hours of operation. This should assist in placement.

Hygiene Study Club – Dr. Alyssa Bernstein

The Central New Jersey Dental Hygiene [CNJDH] Study Club met on 9/14/16 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Edison. The speaker was Jodie Heimbach, R.D.H, B.S. Two CEU credits were awarded to the 24 hygienists that attended this meeting. The following CNJDH meeting will be on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Edison. The speaker will be Dr. Nilesh Patel, and he will be lecturing on "Sleep Apnea." Two CEU credits will be awarded for this seminar. The CNJDH study club is available to our hygienists as member benefit of MCDS. Please contact Stephanie Dowling, our Executive Secretary for MCDS, at 732-764-MCDS(6237) for additional information and registration in advance for the program.

MCDS Study Club - Dr. Nima Mir-Madilessi, Dr. Genevieve Fernandes

On October 26, 2016 we had the second meeting of the MCDS Study Club. Our own Dr. Nainesh Desai gave a presentation entitled "Demystifying Immediate Full-Arch Implant Therapy Content and Social Media Marketing for Dentists." This was an excellent presentation which was well received and appreciated by all of those who attended. We had about 17 members who attended the meeting. A reminder to all of our members-please take advantage of this opportunity and invite a friend or colleague who is not a member of NJDA/MCDS to see one of the many benefits of membership. Our next meeting will be held on November 30, 2017. This is going to be a roundtable discussion with member dentists of differing experiences. It will be a judgement free, open and casual environment where members can discuss any concerns that they may facing. It could be clinical, practice management, or stress management. I hope that I see a lot of attendees at this meeting. If this concept is well received we can have another one in 2017.

New Business

A motion was made by Dr. Mitchell Weiner to approve the 2017 Budget and seconded by Dr. Richard Kahn. The Board unanimously approved the budget.

Respectfully Submitted, Dr. Antoinette Tauk Secretary

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ACDS Induction of New Life Members

The following MCDS members are being honored for life membership this year: Michael Dodd, Stephan Fanous, Ira Feldman and Joseph Perlmutter. They have shown a steadfast dedication to their profession and organized dentistry over their careers. They will be formally inducted as life members at this month's dinner meeting. Each new life member was asked to submit their biographical information and photos, and those who chose to do so are recognized below.

Michael Dodd

Michael H. Dodd, DMD, was born and raised in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and graduated from the University of Puerto Rico School of Dentistry. Afterward, he completed a General Practice Residency at the Erie County Medical Center in Buffalo, New York. His commitment to lifelong education ensures the highest level of care, both today and tomorrow.

Dr. Dodd is a member of the American Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, and Colegio de Cirujanos Dentistas de Puerto Rico. He enjoys outdoor competitive sports and has been happily married for over 30 years to his wife, Yolanda.

Stephan Fanous

Stephan Fanous D.D.S. has been practicing dentistry for over six decades. He fell in love with the idea of becoming a dentist at the age of 12 after going with his mother to the dentist's office and watching her receive a filling. Dr. Fanous graduated Cairo University in Egypt in 1968 with a Bachelor of Dental Surgery. From there, he opened his first office in Cairo and worked there for over 12 years before emigrating to the United States in 1980. When he arrived, he attended Columbia University in New York City for 24 months, and graduated in 1983 with a D.D.S. degree. He spent the next four decades practicing dentistry in his offices in East Brunswick and Jersey City. Dr. Stephan Fanous has been very happy to serve his patients over the years, and is honored to receive recognition by the ADA for his work.



Joseph Perlmutter

Joseph N. Perlmutter received his B.S. in Economics at the City College of New York, his Dental Degree and Certificate in Periodontics at New York University College of Dentistry. Upon graduating in 1980, he opened a practice limited to periodontics in North Brunswick, which later became named Brunswick Periodontal Associates, when Dr. Mark Schambra joined the practice.

Dr. Perlmutter held teaching positions at New York University's Department of Periodontics and at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. He is a Past President of the Middlesex County Dental Society. Dr. Perlmutter currently works part-time for Delta Dental of New Jersey as a periodontal consultant. He splits his time living in East Brunswick and New York with his wife Fay, a retired School Psychologist. They have a married son, Michael, a lawyer practicing in New York, who with his lovely wife Carrie and their two children, Graham and Isabel, live in Chatham, NJ. Their daughter, Leigh, who is engaged to be married, lives and practices periodontics in San Diego.





SAVE THE DATES

2017 Garden State Dental Conference & Expo May 5 & 6 at the Newark International Airport Marriott Featured Speaker: DR. STEVEN CHU Presenting two half day courses:

AM Session: Managing Esthetic Failures on Anterior Implants PM Session: Immediate Implants in the Aesthetic Zone

Stephen J. Chu maintains an academic appointment as an adjunct clinical professor in the Ashman Department of Periodontology and Implant Dentistry and the Department of Prosthodontics at NYU College of Dentistry. He also has a private practice in fixed prosthodontics, aesthetic, and implant dentistry in New York City

Dr. Chu has published over 40 articles in the dental literature and has given lectures nationally and internationally on the subjects of esthetic, restorative, and implant dentistry. Dr. Chu is on the editorial review board of several peer-reviewed dental journals. He is the recipient of the Peter Scharer distinguished lecturer award from the European Academy of Esthetic Dentistry and the Lloyd L. Miller distinguished lecturer award from the Society for Color and Appearance in Dentistry.

An important message about opiod abuse in NJ

There is a documented epidemic of opioid and heroin abuse in New Jersey. The NJDA has joined with the Partnership for a Drug Free NJ to advocate for the responsible use and disposal of prescription opiates. The NJDA is committed to informing our members of the latest research. We want to keep you abreast of the latest findings on the efficacy of analgesics and responsible dosing. We share a special rapport with our patients. We are in an excellent position to educate them about the addictive potential of prescribed opiates.

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In New Jersey, the numbers are as sobering. While many dentists may believe their patients are not likely to be abusers, the fact is that drug abuse and overdose are on the rise across all demographic groups, regardless of income, ethnicity and age. Abuse among 18 to 25 year olds in the US has jumped dramatically – by 109% -- in the past ten years. Among new heroin users, approximately three out of four report abusing prescription opioids prior to using heroin.1

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This effort is the first comprehensive statewide initiative of its kind, and perhaps in the nation, to address acute dental pain. Go to NJDA.org and click on NJ Prescribing Guidelines.

In Memoriam

Jerome Engel

Dr. Engel practiced oral surgery in New Brunswick for 42 years, and was a past-President of the Middlesex County Dental Society.

In Memoriam

Robert Mallin

Dr. Mallin practiced dentistry in Metuchen for over 40 years. He was a past-President of the NJ Academy of General Dentistry, and a past-President of the Middlesex County Dental Society.

In Memoriam

Allen Savage

Dr. Savage practiced dentistry in North Brunswick for over 50 years.

Highlights from the November 2016 Meeting



MCDS President Dr. Devang Modi with November Featured Speaker Dr. Jeffrey Mannheimer.

NJDA would like to recognize the doctors below who have achieved the listed milestone number of years as members of MCDS

Name	Year	Name	Year	Name	Year
Dr Hong-Hoa T Do	1	Dr Regina M Gumucio	10	Dr Philip S Engel	30
Dr Shreya Doshi	1	Dr Sathish Iyer	10	Dr Stephan Fanous	30
Dr. Christopher J Fiorentini	1	Dr Yatin Khanna	10	Dr Glenn D Goldstein	30
Dr Daniel T Franta	1	Dr Tracy J Lipson-Beck	10	Dr Wayne Graber	30
Dr Vanessa Gang	1	Dr Charles A Lynn, Jr	10	Dr Martin J Jablow	30
Dr Hans H Hsu	1	Dr Tina N Panchal	10	Dr Alan S Kaplan	30
Dr Catherine Lagrada	1	Dr Samir M Patel	10	Dr Coloman Kondorossy	30
Dr. Taeyoung Lee	1	Danish Qadri	10	Dr Karen K Rosen	30
Dr Yaejun Lee	1	Dr Jacqueline R Reid	10	Dr Joseph R Shapiro	30
Dr Simona Lekht	1	Dr Sanjeev K Satwah	10	Dr William Trecartin	30
Dr Mehreen Merchant	1	Dr Eric T Segall	10	Dr Steven J Cennamo	35
Dr Majd J Mohsen	1	Dr Damayanthy Sundaresan	10	Dr Michael H Dodd	35
Dr Bhumika S Patel	1	Dr Devon V Berry	15	Dr Alan B Goldberg	35
Dr. Bansi D Patel	1	Dr Suni Bolar	15	Dr David M Hart	35
Dr Prajakta Rangnekar	1	Dr Scott Galkin	15	Dr Martin A Kaminker	35
Dr. Nicole M Rocha	1	Dr Sundeep Johal	15	Dr Robert C Oehlberg	35
Dr. Brinda Shah	1	Dr Madhavi Kadiyala	15	Dr John J Fahsbender	40
Dr Vrajeshkumar V Shah	1	Dr Riki T Kreitman	15	Dr Samuel J Gordon	40
Dr Philip H Shin	1	Dr Dimple S Malavia	15	Dr Paul M Lafkowitz	40
Dr Dana M Spano	1	Dr Mira Peyyeti	15	Dr Bruce M Littman	40
Dr. Minel R Trakhman	1	Dr James M Pietrofesa	15	Dr George C Mc Laughlin	40
Dr. Colleen M Trecartin	1	Dr Jyoti R Shah	15	Dr Stuart A Mozlin	40
Dr. Caroline E Tuttle	1	Dr Maxim Sulla	15	Dr Aaron W Prestup	40
Dr Brian D Wolf	1	Dr Anthony J Vitale	15	Dr Hugh O Habas	45
Dr Vivian M Yeh	1	Dr Cynthia Butcofski	20	Dr Robert L Lapinski	45
Dr. Syed Zaidi	1	Dr Cayetano Farcon	20	Dr Fred Naddelman	45
Dr Mouner Amer	5	Dr Armie B Farcon	20	Dr Gene A Harnick	50
Dr Mallika Bandi	5	Dr Brian E Ferry	20	Dr Vincent C Noonan Jr	50
Dr Pallavi Chellur	5	Dr Albert A Khalil	20	Dr Bernard J Orlowski	50
Dr Allison R Corapi	5	Dr. Susan Krutyansky	20	Dr David G Rabinowitz	50
Dr Muhammadali I Dinani	5	Dr Irina Trakhtman	20	Dr Arnold H Rosenheck	50
Dr Christopher M Fears	5	Dr Peter L DeSciscio	25	Dr Donald W Frantz	55
Dr Aylin B Gezgin	5	Dr David C Frechtman	25	Dr Joel Kaplan	55
Dr Shruti J Gonzales	5	Dr Jennifer J Kim	25	Dr Marvin J Ladov	55
Dr Marjan Habibian	5	Dr Joseph Preziosi	25	Dr Allen Wymisner	55
Dr David J Lepelletier	5	Dr Nancy L Villa	25	Dr William G Flieder	60
Dr Dipti A Modi	5	Dr Mitchell L Weiner	25	Dr Arthur Friedman	60
Dr Samin F Nawaz	5	Dr Araceli E Ziemba	25	Dr Thomas H Paterniti	60
Dr Chirag B Patel	5	Dr James H Anderson	30	Dr Irving H Sinai	60
Dr Nilay H Patel	5	Dr Carmen Y Bonta	30	Dr Ronald J Sowinski	60
Dr Evan J Abrahams	10	Dr Kevin J Dembinski	30	Dr Morton S Weinstein	60
Dr Mariana A Blagoev	10	Dr Vyomesh B Desai	30	Dr Edwin S Sved	65

Middlesex County Dental Society STUDY CLUB REGISTRATION FORM

Registration: 6:30 PM, Program: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

NJDA Building, North Brunswick, NJ

Place:

Course # Speaker Course Title September 21, 2016: Minal Sampat: Content and Social Media Marketing for Dentists 1. 2. October 26, 2016: Dr. Nainesh Desai: Demystifying Immediate Full-Arch Implant Therapy 3. November 30, 2016: *Roundtable Discussion With Various Members of MCDS: Open Discussion Dr. Robert Silverstein: The Evaluation and Treatment of Children In The Mixed Dentition 4. January 25, 2017: February 15, 2017: Dr. Sandy Goldstein: Peer Review: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly 6. March 22, 2017: Dr. Amit Vora: Lasers in Dentistry: A Minimally Invasive Approach Managing Your Practice for Optimum Profitability and Success the April 12, 2017: Dr. Hugh Habas: Power of 50% (or less) Overhead Expense Tuition: This seminar is only available to our members as a member benefit of MCDS Office Name: Name (Dentists & Staff attending) Title (Doctor or Staff) Course Numbers (from above) that you want to attend

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Give Kids A Smile day is Friday, February 3, 2017. To register, visit www.njda.org and click on the GKAS slide. CPR for the Professional Rescuer - Now offered monthly! Presented by Tri-State Safety Solutions. To register visit www. njda.org and click on the CPR slide on the home page. Note: Beginning in 2017, NJDA will offer CPR certification and OSHA CE monthly at members-only pricing. Dates to be announced via email and on the NJDA website. (10/17) NJ Prescription Monitoring Program (NJPMP) System Upgrade - Beginning November 16, NJPMP software will be upgraded to a new platform, AWARxE. Emails were recently sent to registered prescribers. Other changes to take effect include allowing delegated employees to access the database on the dentist's behalf. However, each individual must have a unique email address for log in. Additional information can be found at www.njda.org. Click on the Member Center tab and then on Resources. (10/24)

Amalgam Separator Registration - The NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires dental offices to register amalgam separators annually between October 1 and December 31. NJDEP does not issue a reminder. For information, visit www.njda.org. Click on the Government Affairs and Advocacy tab and then on Amalgam Waste Resource Center. (10/24)

Emergency Protocol & Supply Kit for Dental Offices - In response to the new NJ State Board of Dentistry regulation requiring offices to have an emergency protocol in place, NJDA has developed a sample document that can be used to satisfy the requirement. The protocol, which includes staff assignments can be printed from www.njda.org. Click on the Member Center tab and then Resources. (9/26) Additionally, the protocol includes a requirement to have an office emergency kit, including an ambu-bag. Other emergency supplies are not defined in the regulation at this time. NJDA urges dentists to consult their insurance contracts for additional stipulations. For example, a contract may require portable oxygen. (10/10)

Virtual Credit Card (VCC) Payments from Aetna - If you accept a first payment via VCC you have agreed to get all future payments this way. If you accepted initial payment in error, you can stop VCC by calling Aetna's POS Card service department at 1-855-723-3475. Additionally, you can request to receive EOBs via fax rather than electronically by contacting Aetna, www.aetnadental.com to access the EOB tool. (10/31)

ADA Launches New "Manage my Debt" Web Portal - The ADA recently launched a new web portal that provides "money savings resources and tools to help dentists achieve financial stability." According to Dr. Chris Hasty, ADA New Dentist Committee chair, www.ADA.org/mydebt is a "one stop shop for dentists seeking information on debt and finance management." (10/3)

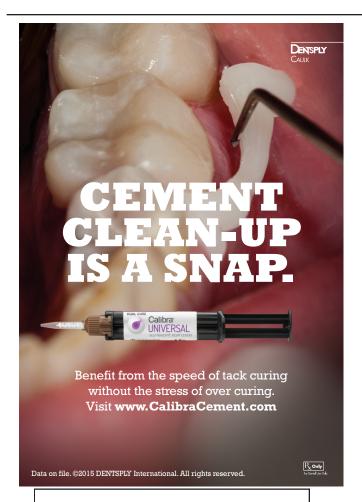
Spore Testing - The CDC recommends at least weekly biological monitoring by following the manufacturer's instructions. If you have a positive result for spores, immediately retest using the same cycle that produced the positive result. If you get a second positive result, remove the sterilizer from service and re-sterilize items dating back to the last negative result. Best practices suggest keeping a log of test results. Always consult your insurance carriers for additional stipulations. All CDC recommendations are available at

www.njda.org in the Member Center tab under Resources. (10/10)

Bureau of Labor Statistics - The US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, has begun sending surveys to dental offices to compile employment information. The survey is sent every three years. This letter is legitimate and data collected is used to compile unemployment insurance data and other information in accordance with labor law. The letter states the recipient should respond within 14 days. (10/17)

Coding Decoded - CDT 2017 Explained - The new CDT code book came out in early October and contains 11 new codes, 5 revisions and 1 deletion. New Code D4346 Explained - This new code was added to help describe generalized inflammation with no loss of attachment. All CDT revisions are explained on the NJDA website, www.njda.org in the Member Center tab under Resources. Note: CDT 2017 goes into effect on January 1, 2017. (10/17)

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