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our wish is for...

Peace on Earth,



Good Health and a

Prosperous New Year!



*Happy
Holidays*



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Presidential Pondering

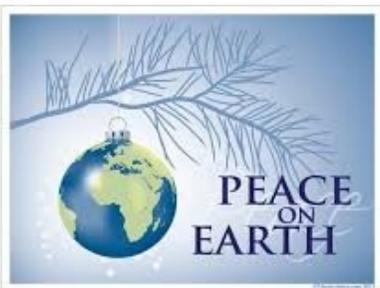
Dr. Victor Pak, SDS President

2020 has been the most unusual year of my life. The civil and professional upheaval that has happened has changed the way we live, and the way we think about our lives. One thing that has brought me comfort in these difficult times is in the people that I have had the privilege to serve with in the SDS board. Everyone and especially Robin, thank you for your commitment and leadership to your profession and bringing some sense to these strange times.

As of November 2020, the ADA national survey shows that only 40% of dentists are back to being fully open. Only 20% of dentists are reporting their monthly production levels are back to previous levels. I feel our communities have not been as severely affected. I hope everyone is doing well and if you have questions or need, help please reach out to us. My time on the board has passed and now I leave you in the good hands of Dr. Hamza, the incoming president.

Respectfully,

Victor Pak



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Welcome to SDS's Newest Board Member, Dr. Alexandra



I graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 2014 and the University of the Pacific (UOP) Dugoni School of Dentistry in 2017. While at UOP, I participated in leadership roles both locally and nationally, including Student Commissioner for the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), President of Delta Sigma Delta Dental Fraternity, Vice President of Professionalism and Ethics Association, and Vice President of the American Association of Women Dentists. Because of my dedication to academic and clinical excellence, and leadership experience I was honored with induction into Tau Kappa Omega (TKO) and Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU) dental honors societies. After graduation from dental school, I pursued a General Practice Residency at King's County Hospital, a Level 1 trauma center in Brooklyn, New York, to continue my education in surgical procedures, trauma care, complex restorative cases, implant placement, and cosmetic reconstruction.



I am most proud of my continued commitment to service both locally and abroad through organizations such as CDA Cares here in California, Indian Health Services in Barrow, Alaska, Great Shapes! in Jamaica, and even patients of my father who connected us to townships and an orphanage in South Africa. While the location and people varied greatly, the same basic dental needs were too often the same, even in our own backyard. All these experiences and more have continued to fuel my passion for widening access to dental care and have led to my interests in health care policy and advocacy. I look forward to more opportunities that will allow me to contribute to our profession and expand its reach.

For almost two years, I have had the pleasure and honor of joining my father, Glen Hebert at his family practice in Modesto. It is a true family practice, with my mom, dad, and I all in the office most days, and staff who have become family after watching me grow up before welcoming me as a new dentist! Despite the ups and downs this year has brought, I consider myself fortunate to be able to learn and grow with family and friends in my hometown.



When not working, I am mostly at home with my boyfriend, Enrique, and our two dogs, Kobe and Flora. Together we enjoy trips to Pinecrest Lake, any beach I can find, and wine tasting! I have explored so many beautiful countries outside of the US, but it only made me appreciate the beauty of California and the home I know here.

The objective of the Stanislaus Dental Society shall be:

“To encourage the improvement of the oral health of the public, to promote the art and science of dentistry, to encourage the maintenance of high standards of professional competence and practice, and to represent the interests of the members of the dental profession and the public which it serves.”



What is your favorite type of occlusal guard/night guard?

by Charles C. Kim DDS, SDS Editor

We are already nearing the end of the epic year 2020. Since everything out there says COVID-19 this or that, we are both getting pandemics fatigued and stressed out all at the same time. I thought; why not talk about occlusal guard/night guard? It is so simple, a beneficial thing to all our patients but boring enough that I would never get a chance to write anything about it in our usual APEX editions.

I believe this is the year we can subtitle as the year of cracked tooth/bruxism as dentists. And the occlusal guard is one of the simplest things we can let our patients have and use to prevent a lot of the consequences of cracked tooth/bruxism. Of course, they have to be on top of their brushing/flossing game before even putting on the guard in the first place.



My favorite night guard is Lab fabricated - Maxillary Hard/Soft Combo Night Guard. I always tell my patients, "Hard on the outside, soft on the inside – best of both worlds!" I did have a little bit of confusion when ADA further expanded occlusal guard CDT code to:

D9944 occlusal guard – hard appliance, full arch. Removable dental appliance designed to minimize the effects of bruxism or other occlusal factors. Not to be reported for any type of sleep apnea, snoring or TMD appliances.

D9945 occlusal guard – soft appliance, full arch. Removable dental appliance designed to minimize the effects of bruxism or other occlusal factors. Not to be reported for any type of sleep apnea, snoring or TMD appliances.

I learned quickly that I just have to use D9944 for my hard/soft combo occlusal guard because the only thing that matters is the type of material that contacts opposing dentition. If that is hard it is a hard appliance even if the intaglio surface is soft.

Over my short 10 year career in dentistry, my overall score on occlusal guard comes down to this (Albeit take it with a grain of salt because I never recorded these as firm data to publish for research or anything). Every 10 occlusal guards I make for my patients, 3-4 of them say it is a God-send. They simply love it. Another 3 of them say they don't love it or hate it, they simply tell me they wear it because I told them it helps to reduce wear and tear of the oral cavity. The last 3 do not know where it even is because they don't use it. Over the years, I've been telling patients that as beneficial as an occlusal guard is, oral hygiene before putting them on has to be impeccable clean. And I don't want to make an occlusal guard that the owner will not use.

I will continue to strive on recommending occlusal guard to extend the life span of teeth!

What is your favorite occlusal guard?

Stay Safe every one of you, Merry Christmas!

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Robin's Relevant Remarks

SDS Executive Director

We're getting there!

Fortunately, the light at the end of the tunnel is not a freight train heading in our direction but a beacon of light coming from the hope that vaccinations will bring. Patience is a virtue that has sorely tested our reserves but we must try as we wait for our turn. Though dentistry is in Phase 1a, at this time we are in Tier 3 within that phase. Those considered most compromised, front line workers, and nursing/care home residents and their attendants, are considered priorities at this time. Though it seems obvious to us that dentistry should be included in that group, this decision was made by the CDC and is enforced by states and individual counties.

At this time, it is currently projected that it may not be until mid January before it is your turn, but this is dependent on the timeliness and effectiveness of distribution which has already been problematic. With the second approved vaccine being released, this may resolve some of those issues.

CDA has been in contact with individual counties to press the urgency and I have been in contact with Stanislaus County to do the same. Preparations are already being made in the SDS office to provide the county with potential logistic opportunities and, with information provided by CDA, the number of vaccines needed.

And what can you do? I'm glad you asked! You can continue to remain as members proving that the work and resources available to you from the tripartite on your behalf is recognized as being worthy of our time and diligence. Remember, if you do not renew in a timely manner, guess who gets to spend **hours** contacting you all Individually to remind you? Wouldn't it be better to spent my time and attention on trying to keep you updated on the constant, evolving changes and working to secure your timely place in line to receive vaccinations? I am but one!

Please know your physical presence is missed and we look forward to seeing you in person sometime in the new year. In the meantime, you can sign up for one of the virtual CE courses or General Membership meeting and it will be almost like being there. Almost.

And in 2021, may you continue to be...

(subliminal message)



...SDS members (and team) preserving the dental health of the earth's population, one patient at a time!

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Some Good News! (For a Change)



Modesto Sunrise Rotary, USA and the Rotary Club of Arusha, Tanzania, Africa – Pink Bike Project – 2019-2021 Dr. Elizabeth Demichelis

Dr. Demichelis, a Past President of the Modesto Sunrise Rotary, learned through a sorority sister who is now a missionary in Tanzania that girls attending a secondary school there were contending with a serious issue. The distance to their school was long and typically only the boys had the benefit of bikes to help with the journey. The walk was long and tedious and having to make it twice a day along with other chores, the girls would often ask their male friends who had the benefit of bicycles for rides to make the journey easier. The girls often found that what they thought was a gesture of friendship was instead met with the expectation of sexual favors by their male friends as they reached puberty in return for the bike rides. When a female student became pregnant her education ceased and she was never allowed to return to school. Thus, the concept of "pink bikes" was born. Bikes for the girls to use to get to school and pink so the boys would not want to ride them. Also, they would stand out so they would be difficult to steal or be used for unintended use.

After a buy-in from the village elders, a random connection at a UOP Basketball game (Go Tigers!) with a fellow Rotarian, a Rotary Club in Arusha that was made up of avid cyclists who loved the idea and were willing to help, the Modesto Sunrise Rotary seeded the project and on December 3, 53 girls who had to travel the farthest received the gift of a bike.

In addition to bike distribution, the opportunity was taken to discuss and encourage moral integrity among all the students. The girls, along with the boys, were instructed on basic bike maintenance and discussion was open about the need to respect each other and the importance of education for all – male and female – a concept that is currently at the forefront in Tanzania. In addition to the heartwarming experience of seeing the photos of the girls on their new bikes, it was also heartwarming hearing that the boys were asking how they could start an Interact Club at their school so they could help to make a difference for others too! And it was inspired by Dr. Elizabeth Demichelis!



Congratulations, Baby Girl Lily Bridgette Barber, born October 6th, 2020 to Dr. Jacob and Katie Barber!



Allison Benton—Dental Team member of Dr. Michael Ratto

Crossroads Community Pantry Helping Meet Neighbor Needs



≡ Riverbank News

If you are driving in the neighborhood by Silva Park, specifically on Chancellor Way there may be a canopy with shelves filled with goods and a pink sign that says Crossroads Community Pantry. Riverbank residents Mikey Benton and wife Allison started the pantry on April 11 hoping to help others in the community during these unprecedented times.

As the pink sign states, "Please take what you need. Please leave what you can. We're in this together" posted in the grass in front of the outdoor pantry, that is truly what the family has intended.

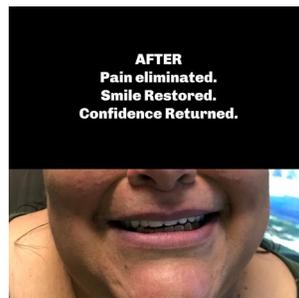
The idea began when Mikey saw a community pantry in another state on the news. As people are trying to figure out how to adjust and live during the COVID-19 pandemic the Bentons felt a need to help the people in their community. Allison works for a dental office that closed due to the pandemic so she has been unemployed and has made the pantry part of her daily duties, along with enlisting the help of their two boys, Aydin and Ryder.

Andrew "Fletch" Fletcher, DDS

Earlier this year, I was approached by Dr. Jeremy West to help him with an interesting dental case. Dr. West had a patient referred to his office by the Stanislaus County District Attorney's office. The patient was a survivor of domestic violence. She found help/protection from the legal system, but she continued to live with a painful reminder of the abuse she had undergone. The majority of her maxillary teeth were broken and infected. This caused both physical pain and emotional pain with her smile destroyed.

As an orthodontist, Dr. West recognized that this patient required general dental care and asked if I would partner with him to provide pro bono care for this patient. I promised to look at the patient, offer my advice and then provide whatever services in my skill set. After hearing her story, my office staff was all in - which meant I was all in! There was no way we were not going to help this woman. We began treatment on the front end of the initial COVID-19 shutdown and when we reopened we were able to provide full maxillary extractions and deliver an immediate denture. To see photos and read the original story go here: <https://www.facebook.com/fletcherdentistry/posts/10160242959307306>

In the midst of a crazy year where so much of our normalcy in practice was stripped away, this was a great opportunity to use the gifts we've been given to serve and bless others. It was one of the many highlights of my practice this year. It changed the life of this patient and it was another opportunity to remind myself and my staff why we do what we do.



CDA Cares denture patients receive follow-up care at small clinic in Long Beach

After a two-month delay resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, 11 individuals had their smiles restored safely at a small, volunteer-run event held Sept. 26 at the Children's Dental Health Clinic in Long Beach. All the patients had been fully or partially edentulous for almost exactly a year, but at the small clinic last Saturday, eight patients received full dentures and three received upper dentures. SDS member, Dr. Peter Soderstrom was a lead.

The event was dedicated to Dr. Andy Soderstrom, who was the 'father' of the CDA Cares clinics. Special CDA Cares shirts were made in Dr. Soderstrom's honor that had his initials on the left sleeve.



A Busy Month for ED, Robin and members of the Modesto 500 Lions Club!

The Modesto 500 Lions ringing the bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle. What a good day!



ED Robin helped prepare 150 bags of fresh produce for the Healthy Aging Association to be distributed to community organizations for the aged.

The Modesto 500 were fortunate to be able to help provide Christmas for four different families with 14 children with gifts, warm clothing and food just in time for the holidays.



Regulatory Compliance

1. Do you have the required controlled substances prescription forms for 2021?
2. Have you updated your COVID-19 addendum to the Injury and Illness Prevention Plan?
3. Do you have adequate PPE for a minimum of 14 business days?

Dental Benefits

4. Have you prepared for 2021 CDT code changes and updated your professional practice fees accordingly?
5. Have you reached out to patients to encourage scheduling procedures before the end of the year?

Employment

6. Does your exempt employee's salary meet the minimum required by state law?
7. Are your wage statements accurate and compliant with CA law?
8. Are you scheduling working interviews as part of your hiring process?

Practice Management

9. Have you adapted your schedule to consider the impact of COVID-19 (production goals, capacity and staffing)?
10. Do all patients receiving treatment in your practice sign a financial agreement and understand their financial obligation?

Details: <https://www.cda.org/Home/Practice/Practice-Support/Practice-Management/Practice-Health-Check/Archive>

Q1 2021 Practice Health Check: Preparing for Jan. 1

Are your exempt employees' wages meeting California minimum salary thresholds?

In addition to meeting exempt duties qualifications, exempt employees must earn a salary of no less than two times the state minimum wage for full-time employment. The minimum annual salary is based on the current state minimum wage, calculated as follows: minimum wage x 2 x 2080 hours. As of Jan. 1, 2021 the minimum weekly salary for an exempt employee is \$1040 for employers of 25 or less and \$1120 for employers of 26 or more employees. [Employee Exemption Checklist](#) and/or [City and State Minimum Wage and Paid Sick Leave Ordinances](#).

Which holidays will your practice observe in 2021?

It is good business practice to provide employees or post a list of days the office will be closed for holidays and whether the employees will be paid during those closures. Check out our [Holiday Pay FAQ](#) for more information on related policies.

Are your employees following your meal and rest break policies?

As a best practice, employers should audit employee time records to ensure employees are able to take and are following meal and rest break policies. Meet with employees at least annually to discuss timing, compliance and any barriers to taking required rest and meal breaks. [Sample meal and rest break policy](#).

Details: <https://www.cda.org/Home/Practice/Practice-Support/Practice-Management/Practice-Health-Check>

A big Thank You to SDS Leaders who step up to volunteer and serve our members and the field of dentistry. We have room for you too!



SDS member and Past President, Dr. Elizabeth Demichelis with every piece of technology she owns open while serving as delegate to the ADA House of Delegates.

Virtual CDA House of Delegates



ED, Robin

Delegate, Dr. Matt Swatman



SDS Installation-Thank you, President Dr. Victor Pak for your service on the Board of Directors and welcome Dr. Samer Hamza as our new President for 2021!





2020 Holiday Office Closures

The Stanislaus Foundation claims office will be closed December 21st—December 25th, and December 31st—January 1st. Be sure and plan ahead to get necessary benefits and eligibility. The best way to reach the claims office is via email at fmc@stanislausmedicalsociety.com. Please have a safe holiday.
Stanislaus Foundation Staff

The American Dental Association, CDA, The Dentists Insurance Company, CDA Foundation and the Stanislaus Dental Association will be closed December 24 thru January 3.

Your friendly Executive Director won't be going far though (who is?!) so if you have a burning question, send an email, sdsdent@thevision.net and the SDS fairy will probably answer. I'll still be on the lookout for changes and updates to policies that affect our members so don't be surprise to receive emails from me!



HPI poll: Dentists see increase in patients' stress-related oral health conditions

More than half of dentists would consider raising fees if patient volume remains at current levels

September 28, 2020

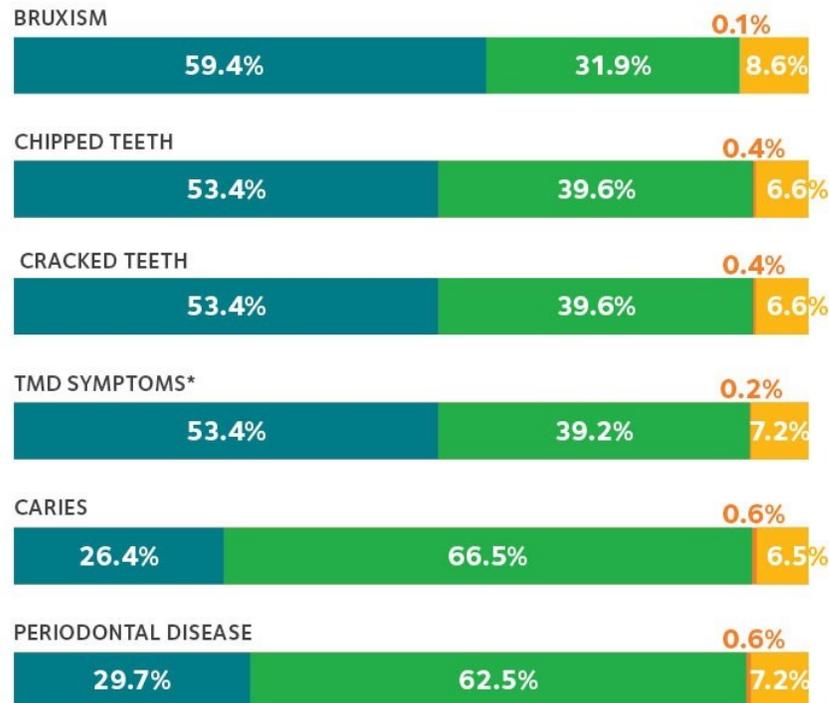
A majority of participating dentists have seen a rise in stress-related oral health conditions in their patients since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to data from the ADA Health Policy Institute's COVID-19 impact poll for the week of Sept. 21.

More than half of the polled dentists reported increases in the prevalence of bruxism (59.4%), chipped and cracked teeth (53.4%), and temporomandibular disorder symptoms (53.4%) among their patients, and more than a quarter saw a rise in other conditions, including 26.4% who reported an increase in caries and 29.7% who reported an increase in periodontal disease.

COMPARED TO BEFORE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, how has the prevalence of the following conditions changed among patients in your dental practice?



● INCREASED ● STAYED ABOUT THE SAME ● DECREASED ● NOT SURE



*Including headaches and jaw pain

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As of the week of Sept. 21, more than 99% of dental offices in the U.S. were open, and patient volume was leveling off at just over 80% of pre-COVID-19 levels. Staffing was at 95% of pre-COVID-19 levels. These values have been roughly unchanged over the past two months and suggest practices are reaching a "steady state" of economic activity.

HPI's poll findings on patient volumes match a preliminary report released Sept. 23 by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on service use among Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program beneficiaries aged 18 and younger during the pandemic. The report shows the number of dental services for children declined through April and started to rise in May but were still substantially lower than prior years' rates. Dental services declined by 69% between March and May, compared to the same period in 2019, a more significant drop than the decreases seen in vaccinations, overall health screenings and mental health services.

Many dentists have needed to take measures to maintain the financial stability of their practices since reopening during the pandemic. The poll for the week of Sept. 21 found 44.6% have borrowed from a bank; 29.6% have raised fees; roughly 20% have reduced their dental team hours, downsized their dental team or changed their supplier or lab; and 8.3% have disenrolled from dental benefits plans.

The poll also asked dentists what additional measures they would seriously consider implementing to maintain financial sustainability if patient volume remains what it is through the end of the year. More than half would consider raising fees, about one-third would reduce their dental team hours, about a quarter would consider changing their supplier or lab or disenrolling from dental benefits plans, and about 8% would consider joining a dental service organization or large group practice.

HPI has posted complete [results](#) comparing data for the 14 waves over the previous six months, including results broken down by dental service organization affiliation, practice size and state.

Help is one call away.
The CDA Well-Being Program
If someone you know or love may have an alcohol or chemical dependency problem, contact a support person near you for 24-hour confidential assistance.

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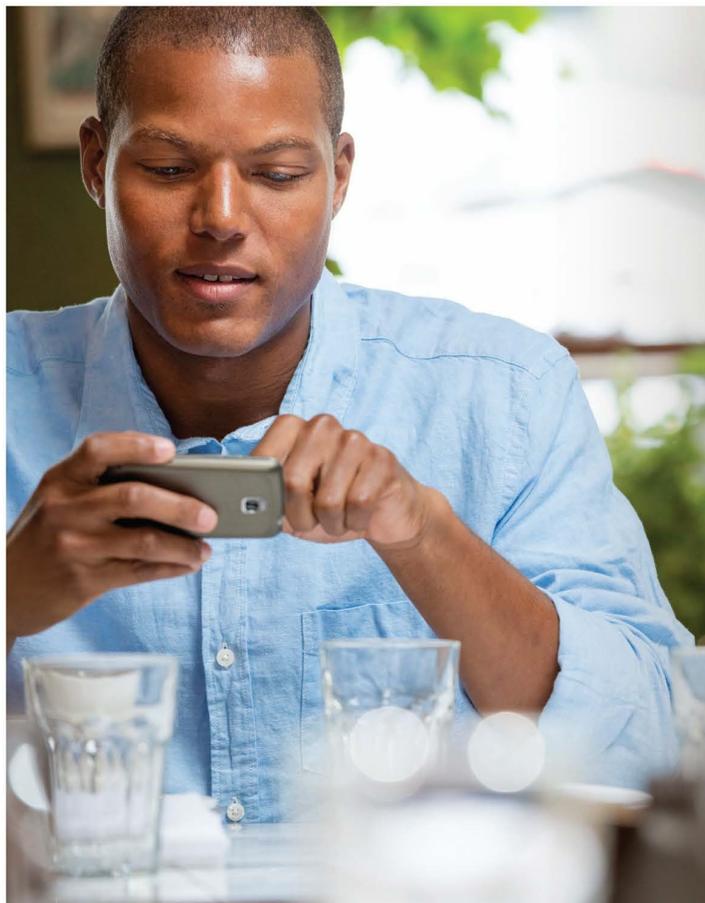


Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advocacy

The ADA is lobbying Congress and the administration to protect dental patients and staff who are providing urgent and emergency care during the COVID-19 pandemic. The ADA is also lobbying to help dental practices stay viable during (and following) prolonged periods of reduced hours or closure.

Priorities include:

- Improving and adequately funding federal small business disaster aid programs.
- Exempting dental practices from onerous regulatory burdens.
- Extending tax relief to impacted dental practices.
- Providing adequate financial stability for displaced office staff.
- Alleviating the burden of student loan payments during the emergency period.
- Obtaining clinical guidelines to safely and effectively treat dental patients during the outbreak.
- Securing clear and consistent risk-based guidelines for reopening dental practices.
- Ensuring personal protective equipment is available when and where it is most needed.
- Expanding COVID-19 point-of-care testing across the country.



Practice Support 

Dental Benefit Plans

I've already submitted this claim three times, why haven't I received payment?

Ah the joys of benefit plans, a frustration point for many a dental office. Thankfully, relief is at hand with help from CDA's Practice Support resources. Analysts who specialize in dental benefits and are at the ready with advice, information and solutions. Plus, CDA has valuable resources to help you evaluate plans, learn how to dispute a claim and ultimately, get paid. CDA Practice Support. It's where smart dentists get smarter.

800.232.7645 or cda.org/practicesupport

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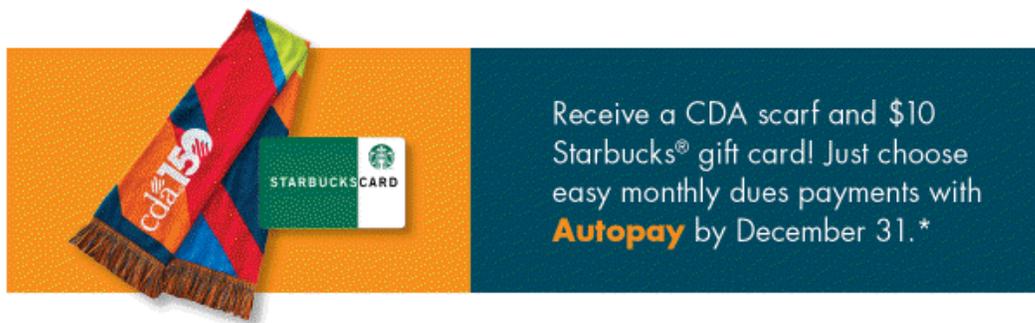
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Renew now



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Dental Safety in the Shadow of COVID-19: Includes OSHA Compliance and Infection Control

with

Nancy Andrews, RDH, B.S.

3 Hours Core CEU's

Thursday, January 14, 2021

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Virtual Zoom Course



Dental Practice Act: Where's the Line?

with

Nancy Andrews, RDH, B.S.

2 Hours Core CEU's

Friday, January 15, 2021

10:00am – 12:00pm

Virtual Zoom Course

Registration information can be found on the SDS website, www.stanislausdental.org under Events



We've got your back — Then. Now. Always.

While 2020 was filled with new challenges, your local, state and national ADA were there every step of the way. Your membership gave you members-only access to practical tools and guidance you can't find anywhere else, including:



Protocols for a positive COVID-19 test on your staff



Step-by-step guide to providing COVID-19 testing for your patients



Ready-to-use patient communication resources

Continue accessing these resources and the new tools and guidance we'll release as science evolves this year.

"As the science evolves, I know that the ADA will continue to advocate on behalf of our profession, our patients, and the public."

– DR. MIA GEISINGER

"You have clearly demonstrated to me that the ADA is an essential organization. ... orthodontists like me need you, dentists need you and the profession needs you! Thank you for your tireless efforts supporting us during this pandemic."

– DR. DAVID E. HARMON

Renew your membership

[ADA.ORG/RENEW2021](https://ada.org/renew2021)





SDS 2021 BLS Renewal Courses

Stanislaus Dental Society Continuing Education Committee is pleased to announce continuation of our BLS Renewal Course Program allowing SDS members and staff the opportunity for recertification conveniently and at a minimal cost.

Time: 9:00am (SHARP) to 12:00pm

Credits: 3 Hours / Units

Cost: \$45.00 per person - **Must** be paid in advance to reserve your space in the class. Registration by fax and email will only be accepted if paying by c/c.

Location: KCI / EMS 4836 Stratos Way. Unit A, Modesto (*Off Kiernan, off McHenry*)

Changes must be submitted one week prior to your class date. Please do not arrive without an appointment; you will not be allowed to attend. Contact the SDS office if canceling; there is a wait list of attendees wanting your spot!

Registration fees for no-shows are **forfeited** and are not transferable to another class!

Please retain a copy of this notice and mark your calendar as no followup confirmation will be issued. You will be contacted if the course you want is full.



DATE	TIME
<u>Friday, January 8</u>	<u>9:00am – 12:00pm</u>
<u>Friday, February 5</u>	<u>9:00am – 12:00pm</u>
<u>Friday, March 5</u>	<u>9:00am – 12:00pm</u>
<u>Friday, April 2</u>	<u>9:00am – 12:00pm</u>
<u>Friday, May 7</u>	<u>9:00am – 12:00pm</u>
<u>Friday, June 4</u>	<u>9:00am – 12:00pm</u>

!WALK-INS NOT ACCEPTED – YOU MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED!

*The American Heart Association requests that every attendee purchase the Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider Manual prior to the course. The book can be purchased online for \$14.50 at, <https://shopcpr.heart.org/bls-provider-manual> Choose Item #15 -1010. The book is also available for download as an EBook. ***Note:** If you Google the name of the book you can find it at various sites for \$6. Please bring the manual*

SDS Calendar - 2021



January	1	Friday	New Year's Day - (CDA/SDS office closed)
	5	Tuesday	SDS Board meeting
	8	Friday	BLS renewal
	14	Thursday	CE course-OSHA/DPA-Nancy Dewhirst
	15	Friday	CE course-Infection Control-Nancy Dewhirst
	18	Monday	Martin Luther King Day (office closed)
February	5	Friday	BLS renewal
	15	Monday	President's Day (office closed)
	18	Thursday	General Membership Meeting
March	5	Friday	BLS renewal
	9	Tuesday	SDS Board meeting
April	2	Friday	BLS renewal
	15	Thursday	SDS Member Mixer - Shred-it
May	4	Friday	SDS Board Meeting
	7	Tuesday	BLS renewal
	13,14,15	Thurs-Sat	CDA Presents-Anaheim (virtual)
	20	Thursday	SDS General Membership Meeting
	31	Monday	Memorial Day (office closed)
June	4	Friday	BLS renewal
July	5	Monday	Independence Day Observed (office closed)
	6	Tuesday	SDS Board meeting
September	6	Monday	Labor Day - (office closed)
	7	Tuesday	SDS Board meeting
	9,10,11	Thur-Sat	CDA Presents-San Francisco
	16	Thursday	Staff Appreciation
October	21	Thursday	SDS General Membership Meeting
November	9	Tuesday	SDS Board meeting
	11	Thursday	Veteran's Day (office closed)
	12&13	Fri-Sat	HOD - Los Angeles Airport Marriott (office closed)
	25-26	Thurs-Fri	Thanksgiving holiday - (office closed)
December	2	Thursday	SDS Member/Spouse Holiday Mixer
	Dec 24-Jan 2	Wed-Wed	Winter Holiday - (office closed)

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3025 McHenry Ave, Modesto
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Herman Ostrow School of
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John Wanzo, DDS

General Dentist
No Practice Address



SDS Members by the Number

Total: 278

Market Share: 85.3%

(Total # of Dentists in Stanislaus County who are
members of the Tripartite (ADA, CDA, SDS))

Active – 182

(Recent graduate-Reduced dues members)

RD0 – 4 / RD1 – 9 / RD2 – 11 / RD3 - 3 / RD4 – 2

Life Active-20 / Life Retired – 42 / Retired – 2

Permanently disabled – 1

Non-members in county – 48