



ORAL HEALTH COALITION VIRTUAL SUMMIT

Health & Safety Aren't Optional, Neither is the Bottom Line

March 22, 2023 | 9:00AM - 1:00PM



CEUs: 4 | \$75

Location: Virtual

Audience: Dentists, New Dentists, Hygienists, Dental Assistants, Office Staff, Dental Residents & Dental Students

Course Description: As we emerge from the public health emergency, the challenges of the healthcare system and variations in the healthcare experience of Americans have become increasingly apparent. This awareness is resulting in changes in the healthcare culture and clinical practice. Changes in business models are also increasing and impacting the profession and patient experience. Understanding the drivers influencing health experiences and outcomes and the shifts in business models is valuable to us as health care professionals and to our communities. The Summit will share how the changing oral healthcare systems and models of care impact dentistry and increase your understanding of safety protocols and scope of considerations for whole person health and improved health outcomes.

Learning Objectives:

- * Identify the social determinants of health that have an impact on oral health outcomes
- * Be able to describe a culture of safety
- * Identify opportunities for the dental workforce to reduce oral health disparities
- * Identify benefits of incorporating oral health into overall patient care
- * Evaluate the reasons for growth of DSOs over the last decade



Dr. Charles Czerepak



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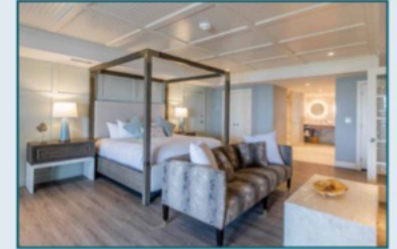


Dr. Allen Finkelstein,
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Dr. Thomas Viola



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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- 8:30am - 9:00am - Check-in / Continental Breakfast
- 9:00am - 10:00am - "Oh, The Pain of It All" Dr. Thomas Viola
- 10:00am - 10:15am - Morning Break
- 10:15am - 12:15pm - "Controlling Infectious Disease" Dr. Richard Szumita
- 12:15pm - 1:00pm - Casual Lunch or Lunch & Learn Product Intros
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm - "Pharmacology and Internal Medicine" Dr. Hillel Ephros
- 4:00pm - 4:15pm - Afternoon Break
- 4:15pm - 5:00pm - "An Introduction to Ethics and Professionalism" Dr. Gregory LaMorte
- 6:00pm - 9:00pm - OPTIONAL Dinner Event at Hotel LBI \$95.00 dinner fee

LUNCH OPTIONS

- Casual Lunch**
Networking Lunch- pre-registration due to public restaurant seating. No CEUs awarded. \$36/person.
- Lunch & Learn Product Intros**
A product education Lunch & Learn- limited seating. 1 BONUS CEU and product prizes awarded. \$36/person.

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NJDA Member Dentist- \$199
Non-Member Dentist- \$499

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! JOIN US FOR OUR DESTINATION EDUCATION



Pathways to Leadership

Dr. Maria Maranga

Immediate Past Vice President, American Dental Association

Thank you so much to Dr. Maria Maranga, first Vice President of American Dental Association for a very informative presentation on "Pathways to Leadership" for the members of Mercer Dental Society on 1/17/23.



Tuesday, 3/14/23

Time: 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

**Location: Crowne Plaza Princeton
900 Scudders Mill Road Plainsboro, NJ 08536**

2 CEs

Systemic Factors Influencing The Experience Of Pain



**Dr. David Thomas
Director of the Orofacial Pain
Residency Program
Rutgers Dental School**

- **To have an overview of how systemic factors affect pain**
- **To understand systemic conditions that may predispose the patient to increased pain**
- **How to do a case work-up of a patient with a possible systemic condition that affects his/her pain experience**
- **To learn to investigate the reasons for unexplained chronic pain including TMD and orofacial pain**
- **How to maximize the efficiency of systems review and catch the red flags for chronic pain early**

**To register scan the QR code or visit
www.mercerdentalsociety.com**



Members: All meetings and Dinners are Complimentary
Non Members: First meeting is Complimentary after that \$65

Council on Dental Benefits Dr. Sid Whitman

On 1/11/23, Dr. Keith Libou, Chief Clinical Officer reported on updates within Delta Dental. As of January 2023, specialists have the option of participating in Delta Premiere, and/or PPO each having their own separate fee schedules. Individual members have their own provider directory which has been updated with the in-network dentists as well as the dental providers accepting new patients. In the beginning of 2022 Delta Dental implemented a teledentistry benefit. The guideline is if a patient cannot reach their dentist or does not have a dentist there is someone they can call (via Zoom). The benefit is meant to lower ER visits and assist patients whose dentist may be away or an individual that does not currently have a dentist.



As of January 2023, scaling and root planning (D4341 and D4342) will no longer be limited to 2 quadrants of scaling in one day. All 4 quadrants will be considered for payment with appropriate documentation. This benefit will apply across the Delta Dental network. Effective January 1, 2023 CDT code D4355 gross debridement is now payable in conjunction with D0150, D0160 and D0120 (only payable in conjunction with periodontal exams D0180). Code D4355-gross debridement Delta Dental frequency is 1 time in a lifetime.

More groups are moving perio maintenance D4910 from basic to preventative coverage. In addition, groups within Delta Dental have raised the individual maximum to \$2000/year.

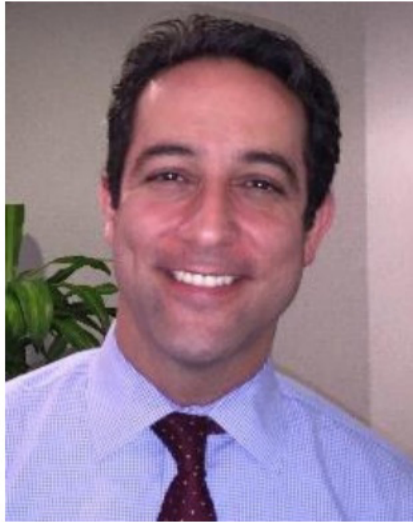
Delta Dental CBCT benefit/cone beam (avg. of 800,000 claims in 12 months) covered at basic 80% and frequency once/year.

Drs. Scott Trapp, Deputy to the Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Dentistry and Krishna Aravamudham, Senior Vice President, Practice Institute presented updated reports on the Enhanced CDT codes. The project is in the early development stage. The NJDA, CODB has extreme reservations regarding this enhancement. It entails more work for dentists, modified software etc. Who will benefit?

The CODB Bylaws were approved unanimously by the CODB and will be brought to the BOT.

A Committee on Medicaid meeting took place on 11/30/23. A topic of concern involved staffing issues. This is a problem that has a greater effect on offices that see an abundance of NJFC patients. This has to do with the ability of providers to pay when the reimbursement is considerably less than commercial fees. Dental costs have significantly increased as it relates to both salaries and supplies. The reimbursement rates need to reflect the same.

Dr. Michael Scalia: Treasurer MDS Sponsorship Update



Our sponsorship support continues to be excellent this year. That said, to maintain this we do ask that all of our members visit our sponsor tables at MDS member meetings. This engagement will be a win-win-win for all. You may find our about a product or service which might be beneficial for you and your practice/patients, sponsors will meet more potential clients and MDS benefits from the financial support of sponsors which helps it to provide quality programming and services for it's membership.

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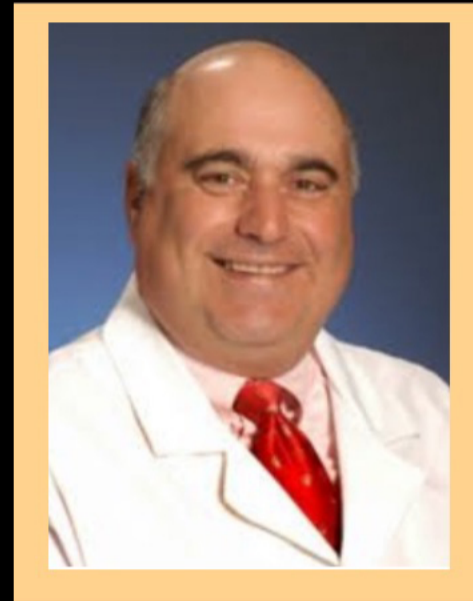
Alan Nathan Levine, 69, of Langhorne, PA passed away Monday, December 19, 2022. Born in Trenton, Dr. Levine was a Trenton area resident all his life. He was a graduate of The University of Pittsburgh and The University of North Carolina School of Dentistry. He practiced dentistry in Mercer County for over 40 years; first at Eastern Dental of Ewing and then as longtime director of Eastern Dental of Hamilton. He was a proud Circle of Giving member at Shir Ami Synagogue in Newtown, PA. Dr. Levine was a member and active volunteer of the Jewish Community Center and other civic organizations.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions be offered to Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Mercer County (www.jfcsonline.org/donate/).

For condolences please visit Alan's obituary page at OrlandsMemorialChapel.com Orland's Ewing Memorial Chapel 1534 Pennington Rd. Ewing Township, NJ 08618 (609) 883-1400

The following link is the touching obituary published by the "The Times, Trenton"
<https://obits.nj.com/us/obituaries/trenton/name/alan-levine-obituary?id=38426412>

Rest in Peace



Michael R. Cortese, D.M.D 1953 - 2023

Michael R. Cortese, D.M.D., 69, of Princeton passed away on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton.

Michael was a proud graduate of the University of Notre Dame. Michael pursued his Doctor of Medical Dentistry from the Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Dentistry. After he earned his doctorate, the family moved to Texas. During their time in Texas, Dr. Cortese received his Certificate in Maxillofacial Prosthetics and Dental Oncology from the University of Texas Health Science Center M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute. The family moved to Princeton in 1987 where he established the facility which would later become Princeton Prosthodontics.

Dr. Cortese was a member of the prestigious American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics. He was one of only 360 accredited Maxillofacial Prosthodontists worldwide. He was a member of the American College of Prosthodontics, American Dental Association, Society of Clinical Oncology, New Jersey Dental Association, Osseointegration Society, and Academy of Osseointegration.