

Mercer Dental Society

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President's Message

Welcome to Mercer Dental! As we get ready to wind up for the year, this will be our final newsletter till we are back in the fall. It was nice to see a good turn out at the all day lecture by The Madow Brothers, and they were truly educational in an entertaining way! Bill Barrett from Mandelbaum and Salzburg Attorneys at Law was also very informative about employment law and the do's and don't's for practice owners. Those that have not received their CE certificates for any of the courses this year, please contact Kristina Borzio, our secretary and she can email them to you. We have one more very interesting lecture coming up, in May we have an oral surgeon presenting All on 4 implants, a very hot in demand procedure these days. Look out for our Staff Appreciation Night in April, details will be mailed out soon with a new venue and a new theme. This is an exciting time to bond with your teams so hope you all will bring them out for an awesome evening with food, drinks and a lot more. Until I see you soon, have fun practicing dentistry!



Best Regards,
Janhavi Rane

Staff Appreciation Night

COME MINGLE!!!!

Date:

4/19/2013

Location:

**Alstarz Bar & Grill
140 Route 130 South
Bordentown, NJ 08505
Phone: (609) 291-0200**

Time:

6:30pm

Fee:

**\$35 pp includes lots of food,
2 drink tickets, dessert, raffle
prizes, DJ, music and tons of fun!!
\$45pp at door**

Please register by 4/15/13 with:

**Kristina Borzio: 609-529-4952
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**Mercer Dental Society
c/o Dr. John Lu
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Lawrenceville, NJ 08648**

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Department Of environmental Protection for NJ is interested in reducing the exposure of dental patients to radiation. They would like to use F speed film instead of D speed film because F speed film results in less radiation to patients. Ideally they would like practices to use digital radiographs. The DEP intends on visiting 400 offices to evaluate their use of x-ray film. They understand that sometimes a D speed film is needed to obtain a more diagnostic radiograph. But in those offices that use D speed film because it costs less they would like to talk with the doctor about using F speed film instead. They are not trying to be punitive. They just want to disseminate information.

Medical Device Tax – It is not a sales tax but a tax on a manufactured item that must be paid by the manufacturer. The problem with the tax is the confusion on what is considered a medical device. It does not pertain to dentures, partials or crowns ordered from a laboratory. It does include any item listed by the FDA as a material for human use. In other words gutta percha, amalgam, noble metal are considered a medical device. Other examples of medical devices are polishing agents, articulating paper, toothbrushes, sterilizers, dental chairs, dental floss, prophylaxis cups, resin tooth bonding agents, performed crowns, implants, implant abutments, impression materials, pit and fissure sealants, bone grafting materials, porcelain teeth, denture relines, orthodontic headgear, ultrasonic scalers, dental burs, dental cements, cavity varnish, dental hand instruments, orthodontic plastic brackets, snoring devices, and extraoral orthodontic headgear. The manufacturer must pay the 2.3% tax. The question is whether the sellers- Paterson, Benco, Darby, or Henry Schein will pass the cost on to the dentist. The complete list of the devices can be found on the web site 21 cfr part 872. 21 refers to the FDA, CFR means Code Federal Regulation, and part 872 means refers to the part of the regulation that deals with devices related to the industry. Go to Google and type in 21 cfr part 872 for the list.

The ADA recently published a report dealing with mid level providers. The report stated that midlevel providers are not helping to stem the tide of the caries epidemic nor reducing the population needs for these services. The report did state that if more personnel are treating cavities more cavities get treated but that does nothing to reduce the number of people getting cavities. It goes on to state that appropriately trained midlevel providers are capable of providing high quality services including irreversible procedures such as restorative care and dental extractions. What is less clear is if midlevel providers can provide these services in a cost effective manner and if incorporation of these providers into the workforce will result in improved oral health of the population.

NJDA is exploring whether or not to consider backing a change in the dental law to allow for expanded duty dental assistants. At the present time the NJDA has assembled a task force to look into this. I can tell you right now that this is a contentious issue with the Board Of Trustees.

Dr. Fredrick P. Babinowich

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Dr. Michael Scalia has joined the Prosthodontic Practice of Dr. Robert Wolf in Lawrenceville, New Jersey.



Dr. Scalia has extensive training in Prosthodontic and Implant Dentistry and, like Dr. Wolf, is committed to the provision of excellent dental care.

Please Welcome Dr. Scalia To Mercer County

Call the office to schedule a meet and greet with him. Dr. Scalia looks forward to the opportunity of meeting with you so that he may work to obtain your trust and confidence, should any of your patients require the care of a prosthodontist.

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Editor's Note

What does a dentist do on a roller coaster?

He braces himself

Where does the dentist get his gas?

The filling station

On this funny note, I would like to sign off on the last issue for this year of the Mercer County Dental Society Newsletter.

I want to thank everyone that helped by contributing articles and made helpful suggestions that allowed me to improve the newsletter.

Editing the newsletter has been a fun and rewarding experience.

I would also like to encourage all the members to become more active.

I hope all of you and your families have a safe, happy & healthy summer.

Cheers

Geetu Gupta

Editor

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We have three different routes you can go when choosing your CE courses at Annual Session this year.

- **Pick from CE courses a la carte**
Over a dozen courses are available on our a la carte menu.
- **NJ Speaker Showcase Package**
Choose from an exclusive menu of 13 courses to attend on Friday and Saturday.
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Mercer Dental Society May Program

Dr. Dan Sullivan, Oral Surgeon
All on 4 implants, full mouth rehab & some insight to restorative dentistry.

3 CE's

Date:

5/21/2013

Location:

Hyatt, 102 Carnegie Center
Princeton, NJ 08540

Time:

6:30-9:30pm

Fee:

\$35 members, \$40 at door & non members

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