



NOVEMBER 2021



MERCER DENTAL SOCIETY

The Professional Dental Association of Mercer County, NJ

Congratulations to the 30 MDS Life Members!!

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“NJDA STRONG”

It was the motto that echoed throughout our first kickoff in person membership meeting.

Dr. Luciano Ghisalberti, NJDA President, Dr. Peter Desciscio, NJDA President-Elect and Arthur Meisel, NJDA Executive Director, resonated this throughout the meeting, emphasizing the fact that we are stronger together. We had a great turnout and it was a fantastic start to an optimistic year.

This year we are proud to announce that we had 30 life members, although only a few could attend in person, we would like to congratulate each and every one of them for achieving this status.



Priti Dagli, BDS, DDS, FICOI, President, MDS

We would like to thank you all for your continued support. We are still in need of volunteers and I would definitely encourage you to reach out to us via email or phone to discuss these opportunities.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy year!!

Congratulations



Tuesday, 11/16/21

6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Hyatt Regency, 102 Carnegie Center, Princeton, NJ 08540

Peri-Implantitis

Diagnosis and Treatment of Ailing and Failing
Dental Implants

Dr. Jonathan Korostoff, DMD, PHD

Professor Of Periodontics

Director, Master of Science in Oral Biology Program

Penn Dental Medicine



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Non Members: First Meeting is Complimentary after that \$65

Defining the criteria utilized to distinguish between a "successful" versus a "surviving" implant. Dental implants have become a routine component of the armamentarium available to clinicians for the replacement of missing teeth. Although the reported success rates for implants are extremely high, problems may arise, some of which can be treated and others that necessitate removal of the fixture. With this in mind, the lecture will focus on:

- 1. Describing the variety of problems that can be encountered when utilizing implants to replace missing teeth.**
- 2. Discussing in detail the plaque-induced conditions affecting dental implants that represent the most common type of implant complications.**
- 3. Discussing techniques that can be used to address distinct types of implant complications.**



Please email MDS Executive Secretary, Jolanta at execsec.mds@gmail.com with any questions.

Mercer Dental Society Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, 1/18/22
Dr. Yasmi Crystal
"Silver Diamine Fluoride"



Time: 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Location: Virtual
2 CE

Tuesday, 3/15/22
Dr. Davis Thomas
"Orofacial Pain"



Time: 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Location: TBD
2 CE

Tuesday, 5/17/22
Diet Myths Debunked
Sari Greaves, RDN



Time: 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Location: TBD
Spouse Event

Tuesday, 1/18/22
Time: 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Location: Virtual
2 CE

"Silver Diamine Fluoride"



Dr. Yasmi O. Crystal DMD, MSc, FAAPD
Clinical Professor of Pediatric Dentistry
NYU College of Dentistry

Dr. Yasmi Crystal has a DDS degree from Universidad Tecnologica de Mexico (UNITEC), a DMD from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), Pediatric Dental specialty training from Eastman Dental Center, University of Rochester and a MSc in Clinical and Translational Research from CTSI, NYU School of Medicine. She is part of the medical staff of RWJ, Rutgers University Hospital.

Founder and senior specialist at Comprehensive Pediatric Dentistry in New Jersey and Clinical Professor of Pediatric Dentistry at NYU College of Dentistry, she is a Diplomate and an Examiner for the written and oral sections of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, member of the Editorial Board of Pediatric Dentistry Journal and a spokesperson and past trustee of the AAPD, presently a member of the Council on Scientific Affairs and consultant on special projects of Evidence Based Dentistry. She is current President for the Pediatric Oral Health Research Group of the International Association of Dental Research and Fellow of the American Society for Dental Esthetics, the American College of Dentists

Scientific Basis and Clinical recommendations for the successful incorporation of SDF into practice.

Course Description:

SDF has gained popularity in the US in the last few years as a non-invasive agent for caries arrest and desensitizing agent. Its ease of use and affordability make it a valuable therapy for specific cases, in spite of the dark staining that is characteristic with its caries arrest. Understanding its mode of action, expected effects and limitations will aid the dentist in the incorporation of this new therapy into practice.

Learning Objectives:

- 1. Become familiar with SDF composition, mechanisms of action, indications, drawbacks and limitations.**
- 2. Be introduced to existing guidelines for use of SDF**
- 3. Understand the case selection and directions for use for its successful incorporation in practice.**

Council on Dental Benefits: 9/15/21 Sid Whitman

The U.S. Congress advanced a budget resolution which included a provision to expand the Medicare program to include dental benefits. The ADA believe an expansion of benefits within the current Part B structure of Medicare would not adequately meet the needs of our dentists and Medicare patients. NJDA and the ADA oppose the inclusion of a dental benefit in Medicare part B. We believe that if there were to be a benefit those included should have to pass a means test. This will be discussed thoroughly at the upcoming ADA HOD meeting.



Horizon Federal Employee Program is no longer processing payments to dental providers via paper check. The FEP automatically issues a SUA payment, which is a virtual credit card. Dental providers have an option to opt out of SUA and register with EFT as an alternate form of payment.

Insurance overpayments and audits are being reviewed closely by insurance companies. Providers are subject to post audits and prepayment reviews. Audits are also looking for the overutilization of services billed. Any adjustments to fee or copay amounts MUST be reported on the claim to the insurance company.

With the pandemic the number of NJ residents enrolled in the Medicaid program (NJFC) is now over two million. Approximately 22 percent of our state has this form of insurance. 97% of which is enrolled in managed care.



MDS Sep 2021 Meeting



Board of Trustees Meeting Update

By Dr. Janhavi Rane, Trustee Mercer County Dental Society

Held at NJDA headquarters in North Brunswick, NJ on 9/22/21.

The March 2022 Annual session will have both in person and virtual component with a month full of courses.

The free shredding events being held this year are fully sold out. The inclusion of dentistry in the Medicare bill was discussed at length. ADA has proposed a separate Medicare T plan that they would like to format and had sent out a vote to be signed by dentists. Since we claimed to be 'essential' during the Pandemic, it seems likely that there will be a dental part added to Medicare.

Current membership is up and growing at NJDA. NJDA officers visited two component member meetings so far and will continue doing so. NJPAC funds are down and is in need of urgent support to continue lobbying dentists interest at the government level. Peer review workshop training will be held via zoom on NOV 3rd.



A motion was made to approve the 2022 budget with unanimous vote and BKC certified public accountants presented the annual audit.

The NJ disaster Victim ID training program is open to limited participants with it's next in person lecture on October 20, 2021. The first in person dentist program took place in Surf City on September 12th, 40 new dentists attended and 12 joined.

1 hour of Prescription Opioid Drugs and 2 hours of Preventing and Controlling Infectious Diseases are required for licensure renewal November 1, 2021. The Licensure renewal Series 1 was a huge success and Series 2 of Licensure renewal will start January 2022. Emails and notifications will be sent to members. Online lunch sessions and discounted CPR training for members will also continue. Beginning 2022 NJDA will keep a record of all members CE's sponsored by NJDA.

It was recommended that every component have 1-5 people helping with posting and sharing on social media to keep members engaged. Next BOT meeting is on November 17, 2021.



MDS Sep 2021 Meeting



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Council on Governmental and Public Affairs

Fred Babinowich



Here is the report from the ADA House of Delegates Meeting at Las Vegas. Before I list some of the more important resolutions let me explain how the House works.

Over 200 resolutions were discussed by the House this year. Most of the resolutions come from the regional districts. Region 14 appears to be the most productive in producing resolutions. The resolutions are then reviewed by four committees of the house. These committees will then make a recommendation to the house on whether or not they feel the resolution should be given a yes or no vote. Some of the resolutions have also been reviewed by the Board of Trustees which makes its recommendations to the committees. The committees then hold hearings before the house meets and delegates and interested parties can attend and give their input. The resolutions are then presented to the House for a final vote. This year there were close to 200 resolutions that were presented to the House of Delegates.

Resolution to reinstate ADA 3rd party Concierge service:

Previously the ADA had a service to assist members who had insurance disputes with 3rd party insurance companies. It was terminate due to cost and limited use. Delegates complained that the reason for the limited use was that state societies were not aware of the program and the ADA did not promote the service enough. Several states complained that due to the size of their component it was difficult for them to do this on their own. The House approved restarting this program and asked that the ADA promote this program for 5 years at which time the service will be reevaluated.

Resolution on payment for general anesthesia:

The ADA supports the position that all health plans should be required to cover general anesthesia in hospitals or outpatient surgical facilities. The House approved this resolution and it will now be presented to the health plans.

Resolution to address the dental team work force shortage:

This resolution would have the ADA distribute existing print and social media communications to state and local dental societies to be used to promote and encourage middle and high school students to consider careers in Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, and Dental Assisting. In addition the ADA will attempt to determine the variables that lead to attrition and high employee turnover and develop a tool kit that dentists can use to help increase the tenure of dental team members. The House approved this resolution.

Resolution to rate Dental Schools:

The resolution would establish metrics to compare the dental school educational experience and financial implications across accredited dental schools and to assist prospective dental students in making choices on which dental school to attend. Metrics would include teacher student ratios, Value of new dentist education experience 1, 5, 10 years after graduation, Number and type of procedures performed by each student. The heads of GPR residency programs were pushing for this resolution to be approved. They argued that they needed more information to help them choose competent graduates for their programs. The House vote not to approve this resolution.

Resolution to establish a data bank for implants:

A data bank would be set up to allow a dentist to find out what implant was placed in a patient, where was it placed, who placed it and when was it placed. Due to cost considerations and cyber security issues this resolution was not recommended by the Board of Trustees. Instead a new resolution was written that would have the ADA create a form for patients and dental records that consolidates the data on placed implants and implant restorations to include the date of the placement, manufacturer, type and size, and intra-oral location as well as aubtment manufacturer, type and size, and dental lab. The House approved this resolution and the ADA will urge dentists to use the form for patient records and to provide the patient with a copy.

Resolution on a policy statement on the role of dentistry in treatment of sleep related breathing disorders.

The policy statement has eleven points. Some of the most important points are: an appliance therapy is an appropriate treatment for mild and moderate obstructive sleep apnea and for severe obstructive sleep apnea when a CPAP can not or will not b tolerated by the patient. Surgical procedure may be considered as a secondary treatment when CPAP is inadequate or not tolerated. If a patient is referred by a physician for construction of an appliance the dentist should evaluate the patient for the appropriateness of fabricating a suitable oral appliance. If one is fabricated the dentist should monitor its effectiveness. The House approved this resolution.

The House also approved a policy statement on teledentistry. The policy statement lists 11 items that are the patient's rights when it comes to teledentistry. It also discusses the quality of care, supervision of allied dental personnel, licensure, reimbursement, and some technical considerations. For a more detailed description of this policy statement please contact the ADA.



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“Dear MDS members - I hope that you are all well and enjoying the autumn weather. Please know that we have three vendors as **sponsors for our upcoming November meeting.**

They are:

Zimmer BioMet

Proctor & Gamble (Crest/Oral-B)

Garfield Refining

Please be sure to visit each of their tables when you are at the meeting and even thank them for their support. Without our sponsors we could not run MDS in the current manner.

Thank you, Michael Scalia”



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