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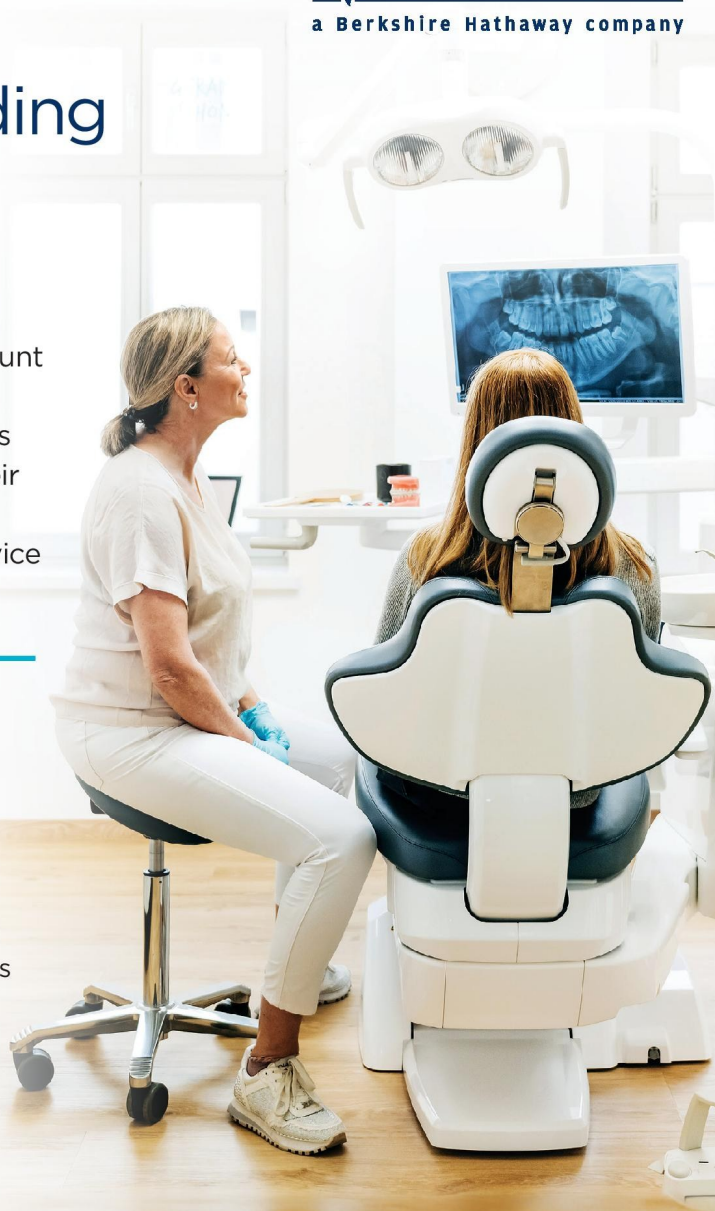
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12/2/2026	COMPLIANCE DAY 2026

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Please note there are several events and courses in active planning, watch our website and our emails and social sites for updates (as events are subject to change). Your support, patronage and patience are appreciated as always.

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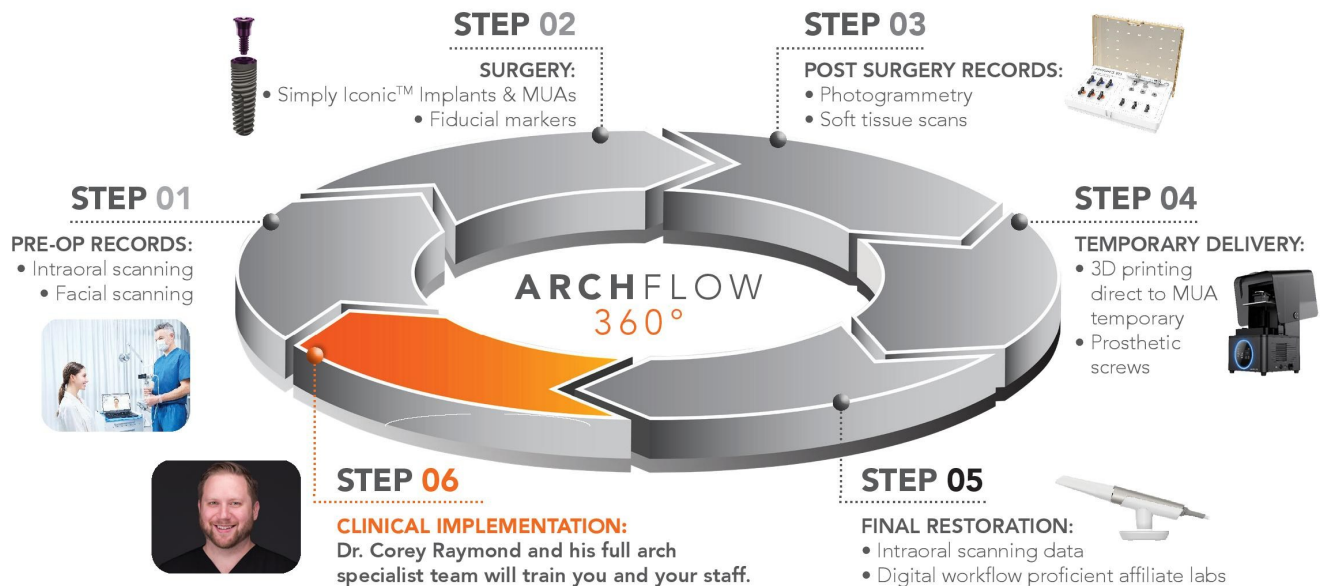
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A Message from Your President

As I finish my term as President of the Suffolk County Dental Society, I want to express my deepest appreciation to each of you. Serving this organization and working alongside such passionate, talented colleagues has been an honor I will always cherish.



Thank you for your unwavering support throughout this year—and for your commitment to ongoing change and growth. Our profession is evolving faster than ever, and we have embraced that challenge with remarkable dedication.

I especially want to acknowledge how adaptable our members have been as new technologies continue to transform dentistry. From digital workflows and integrated software platforms to virtual engagement, you have demonstrated not only openness but genuine enthusiasm for the future of our field.

I am equally grateful for our commitment to expanding our membership and welcoming the next generation of dentists. Our efforts to include and mentor younger colleagues ensure that this society remains vibrant, relevant, and strong. Thank you for continuing to build a community that offers support, professionalism, and meaningful connection for all its members. I want to especially thank Bill Panzarino and Carol Deerwester for their unwavering commitment to our society and its growth.

The Importance of Organized Dentistry — Advocacy & Collective Strength

As many of you have surely seen, the ADA and other national dental organizations recently joined in urging Congress to adopt — in the upcoming 2026 fiscal-year Labor/Health & Human Services (Labor-HHS) appropriations bill — significantly higher funding levels for federal oral health programs.

This joint appeal highlights several critical priorities that impact all of us:

- Protecting and strengthening public-health and disease-prevention initiatives, such as community water fluoridation and oral disease prevention programs through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of Oral Health.
- Supporting workforce development and training programs that help address staffing shortages, especially in underserved areas — including programs under the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). These programs reach large numbers of patients who might otherwise lack access to care.

Sustaining and growing funding for dental research, public health, and care programs — including for vulnerable populations such as those living with HIV.

This kind of advocacy illustrates why organized dentistry matters: individually, our voices are limited — but together, through our local society, our state, and national bodies like the ADA, we become a powerful force.

Because of collective action, we can influence policy and funding decisions that directly shape the future of oral healthcare, patient access, and the viability of our profession.

As incoming steps evolve — whether in funding, public-health initiatives, or workforce support — our organized voice ensures that the needs of dentists and patients are heard and addressed.

Patient Expectations and Care Delivery

As we look ahead, we must also recognize the rapid shift in how patients view and access dental care. Today's patients increasingly expect convenience, personalized attention, and modern digital communication options — including virtual consultations and streamlined online interactions.

To meet these expectations, dental practices must continue adopting digital tools and expanding communication channels. Doing so will not only improve patient engagement but also strengthen satisfaction and loyalty in an increasingly competitive healthcare environment.

Addressing these challenges requires coordinated effort — policy changes, investment in technology, and, importantly, a renewed focus on the well-being of our dental workforce. By embracing these priorities, our profession will be better equipped to provide exceptional care and build a sustainable future for dentistry.

Thank you again for allowing me the privilege of leading this outstanding Suffolk County Dental Society. I look forward to supporting our continued growth, innovation, and commitment to excellence in the years ahead. It has been a true honor to serve you.

Best regards,

Bill Bast - President Suffolk County Dental Society

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2025 is just about done, but 2026...

There were some great things this year for the Suffolk County Dental Society. In recent memory I can think of Tacos and Teeth, and Compliance Day. These were things all our member dentists could leverage either at no charge, or half price of what a non-member would pay. There was our golf outing, our seminar series, our shredding event and countless engagements with the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine. We are indeed blessed with a great relationship with the School, its leadership and the students. Which brings to mind our Give Kids a Smile event so well supported by the school, and other community events like Central Islip Kindergarten welcome and the LI Ducks screening event. Our leadership is wonderful, that is a group of individuals you should consider joining in 2026! These are just some of the fine things that come to mind. As I think about 2026, I truly hope to win back some Member Dentists who did not renew their ADA membership in 2025. This was indeed disappointing, because this means fewer individuals to take advantage of our services and the member benefits offered by the American Dental Association, the New York



State Dental Association, and the Suffolk County Dental Society. We will double our efforts on this in 2026. In truth there were some system issues that prevented us from doing things that had previously underpinned our success in this area. Having been at this for 8 years now, we know there is no substitute for members advocating membership with their peers. We'll continue to be stronger together in 2026. We need each of you. Consider joining a committee, and/or our board of directors. Renew or grow your passion and impact around the profession. We are ready for you!

**Bill Panzarino - Executive Director
SCDS**

Guess who's coming to Suffolk!

Here are some hints...

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Why Membership in Organized Dentistry Still Matters



In a rapidly changing healthcare environment, maintaining active membership in

organized dentistry – through the ADA, NYSDA, and our own Suffolk County Dental Society – remains one of the most valuable commitments a dentist can make. Membership is far more than a yearly renewal; it is an investment in your practice, your identity as a professional, and the strength of our dental community.

Organized dentistry provides a unified voice advocating for our profession on legislative, regulatory, and insurance issues that directly impact daily practice. By representing a **majority** of dentists, we are able to influence policy changes to protect and support both dentists and the patients we serve. Membership also provides access to an array of essential resources: practice-management guidance, legal and compliance support, peer review systems, and tools that help simplify and reduce the cost of practicing modern dentistry.

Continuing education remains a cornerstone of professional growth. Suffolk County Dental Society is proud to offer members 10+ free CE hours every year along, with the opportunity to hear world renowned speakers at highly reasonable prices without leaving Suffolk! These programs ensure that staying current with clinical standards is convenient and affordable. Beyond education, membership fosters a sense of community and connection

that is invaluable in a profession that can often feel isolating. Through county and even state involvement, dentists find mentorship, camaraderie, and a network of colleagues who understand the unique challenges of our field.

Finally, the financial value of membership cannot be overlooked. Discounts on supplies, insurance products, and endorsed services, if taken advantage of, frequently offset the cost of dues. This means your membership is a practical business decision!

Being part of SCDS and the rest of the tripartite, means supporting an organization that works every day to strengthen our profession. As we enter the renewal season, I urge you to renew (of course), but to make it your goal in 2026 to utilize as many of the benefits as possible. If you want to get more involved or hear about how to use these benefits, please email myself, any member of the board, or the amazing Bill Panzarino. Your membership matters and so does the Suffolk County Dental Society.

Look out for the next membership spotlight in our Spring bulletin! If you wish to be featured, or know someone great who should, email me.

Hailey Taylor, DDS

Membership Chair SCDS

We welcome the following new members to the Suffolk County Dental Society

Elected between October and December 2025

New Member

Ashleigh Alex, DDS

Transferred In

Madelyn Cohen, DDS

Min Gyu Kwak, DDS

Welcome Back

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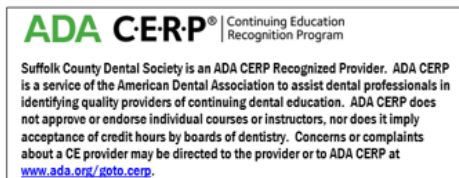
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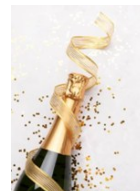
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- III. **September 23, 2026 - 9am-4pm** - The role of the dental professional in the detection and management of pediatric sleep-disordered breathing - Michael K. DeLuke, DDS, MDS
- IV. **October 21, 2026 – 9am-4pm** - Andrew Burke - Digital Dentistry Planning Workflow: From Planning to Optimal Outcome - Andrew Burke, DDS

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2026 President's Gala & Officers' Installation



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Dr. Devin Klein - President-Elect, **Dr. Steven Feigelson** - Treasurer

Additionally, we will be honoring **Dr. Claudia Mahon-Vazquez** and **Dr. Ivan Vazquez**, the recipients of the Dr. Robert Raskin Meritorious Service award.

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ical and professional standards. One of the most meaningful ways those standards are upheld within organized dentistry is through Peer Review, which is a process that benefits both dentists and our patients. Yet many dentists don't fully realize just how significant this benefit is, or that participation is contingent on being a member of organized dentistry.

For many reasons, being a tripartite member is important. But Peer Review stands out as one of the most valuable, practical, yet often misunderstood benefits of membership.

What is Peer Review?

Peer Review is a structured, confidential, and unbiased process for resolving disputes between patients and dentists. These disputes often involve questions about quality of care or the appropriateness of treatment. Instead of escalating to attorneys, insurance companies, or regulatory bodies, like the Office of Professional Discipline (OPD), Peer Review offers a fair and professional way to evaluate concerns and work toward a solution.

The process is carried out by trained volunteer dentists, made up of your colleagues from the Suffolk County Dental Society, who review records, examine cases, and offer an objective opinion based on accepted standards of care. The goal isn't punishment, blame, or embarrassment; it's clarity, fairness, and professionalism. Peer Review aims to resolve disagreements efficiently and respectfully, while helping both patients and dentists reach closure without there being any public records of the proceedings. Most disputes are resolved through mediation, which is the first stage of conflict resolution. If mediation is not satisfactory to either or both parties, it will go to a hearing made up of a panel of three general dentists or specialists. The dentists will review all information provided and examine the patient. Once a decision is made, the results are binding, and the dentist is provided with immunity from litigation or further actions taken by the patient.

Peer Review works. It resolves the vast majority of cases, restores trust, and helps avoid far more stressful and costly alternatives.

Why is Peer Review Such an Important Member Benefit?

For patients, Peer Review helps ensure that their concerns are heard and taken seriously. For dentists, it provides a protective structure that is both impartial and grounded in our profession's values. It is one of the clearest examples of organized dentistry working exactly as it should by supporting both public confidence and professional integrity.

Peer Review only exists because of the tripartite system.

Patients are eligible for Peer Review only when they see a member dentist. When you renew or join the ADA, NYSDA, and SCDS tripartite, you're not just signing up for networking events, CE opportunities, or professional advocacy, you are gaining access to an established, respected, and effective system of dispute resolution that would be difficult for any individual dentist to replicate on their own. The best part is that the **entire Peer Review process is confidential**, whereas litigation and complaints against you to the OPD or other governing bodies become public record, which often remains with you throughout your career. Additionally, through Peer Review your malpractice premiums will be unaffected, whereas judgements found against you through litigation can increase your premiums by thousands of dollars.

Simply put, **Peer Review is one of the clearest examples of where your membership gives you real-world protection and peace of mind.**

Once again, as a dentist practicing in Suffolk County, you must be a member of the Suffolk County Dental Society to have the safety net of Peer Review available to you. It is, therefore, strongly recommended that all dentists employed at the same group practice be Peer Review eligible. This would enable the entire practice to be under the same umbrella of protection against escalation of disputes levied against an otherwise non-covered dentist.

Peer Review Makes Us Better Dentists

Perhaps one of the best-kept secrets about Peer Review is that participating in it, whether you are involved in a case or you volunteer as a reviewer, makes you a better clinician.

Serving on the Peer Review committee exposes dentists to a wide range of clinical scenarios, documentation practices, treatment philosophies, and patient expectations. You see firsthand how various treatment decisions are evaluated through an objective lens. You gain insight into communication strategies, record-keeping, and patient management. You deepen your understanding of what constitutes not just acceptable care, but *excellent* care.

And when a dentist finds themselves on the receiving end of Peer Review, it is often an opportunity to learn, recalibrate, and improve - not through shame, but through constructive evaluation. Many dentists who go through the process, regardless of the outcome, walk away with a renewed focus on documentation, case presentation, and patient communication.

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Participating in Peer Review - whether as a volunteer or as someone seeking resolution -ultimately helps elevate the profession as a whole.

An Invitation to Get Involved

The Peer Review system depends entirely on dentists who care about maintaining high standards and supporting their colleagues. Becoming a Peer Review committee member is both rewarding and professionally enriching. It gives you a chance to contribute to the integrity of our profession while developing skills that inevitably carry over to your own practice.

If you're looking for a meaningful way to give back, deepen your expertise, or simply to connect more with your Suffolk County dental community, Peer Review is a great place to start. The Suffolk County Dental Society welcomes interested members to learn more about the training and the responsibilities involved.

You don't have to be at a certain stage of your career, and you don't need any special qualifications beyond commitment and professionalism. What matters most is your desire to support your colleagues, your community, and the standards that guide our profession.

A Program Worth Supporting

As dentists, we join organized dentistry for many reasons: advocacy, education, community, resources, practice support, and professional growth. But Peer Review remains one of the clearest examples of the value of being part of something larger than ourselves.

It protects us.

It supports our patients.

It strengthens the public's trust in our profession.

And it stands as a reminder that dentistry is not just a collection of individual practices, but a unified profession committed to ethics, fairness, and high-quality care.

So if you haven't thought much about Peer Review, now is a wonderful time to appreciate its importance. You may currently be faced with the decision as to whether you can afford to join or renew your membership within the Suffolk County Dental Society. When it comes to Peer Review, the question is: can you afford not to?

Dr. Feigelson is Chair of the SCDS Council on Peer Review and Quality Assurance as well as SCDS Treasurer. For more information about Peer Review, or getting involved, you can contact the SCDS at: Contact@SuffolkDental.Org.

[SCDS Calendar](#)



The Suffolk County Dental Society is run by a Board of Directors. Nominations are accepted to join the Board of Directors throughout the year. We encourage members to actively participate to help steer the profession. Your energy and enthusiasm can really make a difference! Scan this QR code or have a look on member's center of our website in Nomination Forms for more detail. It's easy! If you have any questions please email at us Contact@SuffolkDental.Org or call us at 631-232-1400.



I'm organizing an informal group for retired dentists. It will be purely social, to have lunch and socialize with old (I use that word advisedly) friends and colleagues.

We'll meet at a restaurant that will be centrally located and the frequency we'll determine at the first gathering. There will be no dues. We'll just pay in cash when we arrive at the restaurant. The amount will be determined when I have secured a location and find out what the all inclusive cost will be. It is estimated that it will be \$35-40. That will include salad, entrée, dessert, soda or wine and gratuity.

If you're interested please email me at the following email address: retired@drjay.com. Include your name, where you live or practiced and your email address. As soon as this appears to be viable I will let you know.

Thanks for your interest — Jay Orlikoff, DDS

New Dentist Corner with Dr. Devin Klein



As the weather starts to get colder, attendance at our New Dentist Committee events is heating up! On September 14th, we had a very informative lecture on

radiological advancements in our field by Dr. Eric Mastanduno. The Riverhead Cider House was a great venue to kick off the Fall season! I would like to thank our sponsors TargetRock Wealth Management, Bank of America Practice Solutions, Straumann and MLMIC for making this event possible. More recently, we had a continuing education event in our new Media Center at 150 Motor Parkway. Dr. Alexander Sanchez presented on Endodontic Management of the Pediatric Patient. This event was completely sold out!



Taco Island provided Mexican fare in what turned out to be a great event! Once again, our sponsors (TargetRock Wealth Management, Bank of America Practice Solutions, Straumann and MLMIC) made this fine event possible!

Our New Dentist Committee will be meeting in the coming weeks to plan our events for 2026. I would love to continue the attendance and engagement at our future events! If you have suggestions for future CE topics, we would love to hear about them! Wishing everyone a happy, healthy holiday season and New Year!

Devin Klein, DDS, MS
SCDS New Dentist Chair and Vice-President
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Tenth Letter from the ADA Second District Trustee to the NYSDA Components Trustee's Corner

Holiday Greetings to my fellow New York State colleagues. My best to you and your families for a safe and Happy Holiday season and a wonderful New Year. At the time of writing for this Trustee's Corner, I am just beginning my fourth and last year as your trustee of the second district. As I have mentioned before, it has been a labor of love, and I have completely enjoyed representing New York at the national level. It should be an exciting and interesting year for the American Dental Association and our profession.

The ADA House of Delegates completed its deliberations at the end of October. Many difficult decisions were made, including an annual dues increase of \$57 dollars from \$570 dollars to \$627. It was a tough process, but the House felt this would help the ADA with the operating budget deficit. The ADA Board of Trustees will have already met in late November to discuss this issue and others by the time you read this article. The House of Delegates also decided to sunset the Strategic Forecasting Committee, which had only been in existence for two years.

I would like to take a moment of personal privilege and thank the ADA second district of New York delegates and alternate delegates for their careful deliberations and thoughtful consensus building on the important decisions made at the ADA House of Delegates. It was impressive to see the personal voices and opinions on all the resolutions which each New York representative worked on. We are a delegation that encourages open debate and personal choices. Our delegation takes pride in having strong voices and opinions which can be shared and expanded upon during any time in our deliberations. As always, we vote individually and with our conscience. This means we work together as a group and vote what we each think is best for the ADA. The trust factor is critically important when we rely on each other to complete the business of the House of Delegates.

I would like to share some good news about our account management system, Fonteva. It has proceeded much more effectively than the failed attempt from last year. The renewals and new member applications for 2026 have gone very well thus far, including New York. Couple that with the events manager scheduling working well in the states and components that use this function and we have a much-improved picture compared to the end of 2024 and the beginning of 2025. With the success of the AMS system, it will be time this coming spring to begin to implement Salesforce, which is the customer relation management (CRM) portion of our system. This is the first in class CRM that is used by many Fortune 500 companies and many other international companies. The ADA looks forward to providing personalized, detailed communication and interaction with our members that is specific for individual members interest and professional needs.

The 2025 ADA House of Delegates voted to continue to support the ADA's membership in the Federation Dentaire Internationale (FDI). As a fourth-year member of this delegation, I personally feel this is a critical portion of ADA international leadership. The rest of the world looks to the ADA on policy, innovation and evidence-based science. It is our connection to the World Health Organization and the United Nations General Assembly. Improved communication on this issue needs to happen with our members and constituent leaders. Expect to see more correspondence and updates on this very important relationship in the coming year. An annual report will also be given to the House of Delegates next fall in Indianapolis.

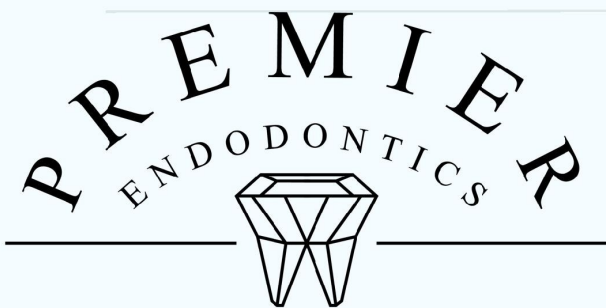
The ADA Executive Director Search Committee has met several times since the summer and has acquired Russell Reynolds Associates, an executive search and leadership advisory firm, to assist us in this critical matter. As incoming chairman of the ADA Compensation Committee, I was recently added to the Search Committee by ADA president Rich Rosato. An updated timeline has been completed with initial virtual interviews for prospective candidates coming in the very near future. After that, final interviews will be done in person in Chicago. The hope is to have an agreement and contract with a new Executive Director sometime in the spring.

Thank you for everything you do as a member, as a leader in your local component, as a contributor to the New York State Dental Association and/or your assistance with the ADA itself. I deeply appreciate your involvement, leadership and ideas to make our profession and tripartite organization the best it can be. As always, I can be reached via email at dowdb@ada.org or my cellphone at 716-510-3217.

With gratitude,
Brendan Dowd DDS
ADA Trustee, Second District



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FUNDAMENTALS of CHAIRSIDE DENTAL ASSISTING TRAINING COURSE

COURSE DATES: March 19, through June 25, 2026
(every Thursday evening for 15 weeks)

PLACE: St. Charles Hospital & Rehabilitation Center
200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson, NY 11777

TIME: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

THE COURSE IS DESIGNED FOR:

- * Already employed dental assistants who have no formal classroom training.
- * Students who are interested in entering or re-entering the career field.
- * Working dental assistants who are interested in preparing to take the DANB Exam.

This comprehensive course will provide a learning experience in the theory & background of the profession of dental assisting and provide hands-on-training in a clinical classroom setting. The course has been structured in such a way that the total time required for completion is only 15 sessions totaling 45 hours plus a 15-hour workbook study project.

The course is a total of 60 hours. TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE:

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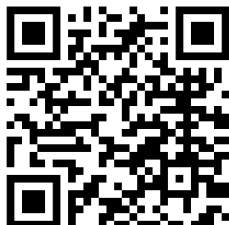
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Tuesday, December 30, 2025	LAST DAY TO SAVE 25% on the 2026 Seminar Series!	Call the office to Book This Savings.	9am-3pm
Sunday, January 25, 2026	SCDS Officer Installation - Sponsorship Information	Watermill Caterers - Smithtown NY	11am-3pm
Sunday, January 25, 2026	SCDS Officer Installation - Here's your invite!	Watermill Caterers - Smithtown NY	11am-3pm
Monday, February 9, 2026	Board of Directors Meeting	150 Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge Lower Level Media Center	7pm-9pm
Wednesday, February 11, 2026	General Membership Meeting - ZOOM	Zoom - General Membership Meeting	7pm - 9pm
Monday, March 9, 2026	Board of Directors Meeting	150 Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge Lower Level Media Center	7pm-9pm
Wednesday, March 25, 2026	Seminar Series 2026 - 7CE Event - What's New?	150 Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge Lower Level	9am-4pm
Monday April 13, 2026	Board of Directors Meeting	150 Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge Lower Level Media Center	7pm-9pm
Saturday April 18, 2026	Give Kids a Smile - Sponsorship Information	Long Island Aquarium - Riverhead NY	10am-3pm
Sunday, April 26, 2026 - Monday April 27, 2026	GLIDM - The Greater Long Island Dental Meeting - Two-Day Event! a - All Sponsorship Information b - Exclusive Sponsorships Information	Huntington Hilton, Melville NY	All Day
Monday, May 11, 2026	Board of Directors Meeting	150 Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge Lower Level Media Center	7pm-9pm
Wednesday, May 13, 2026	Seminar Series 2026 - 7CE Event - Explanations Not Excuses: Using Imaging and Artificial Intelligence for Better Outcomes and Communication - Kyle L. Reeves, DDS	150 Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge Lower Level Media Center	9am-4pm
Wednesday, May 20, 2026	General Membership Meeting - New Location - Commack Hamlet Golf and Country Club	Hamlet Golf and Country Club - 1 Clubhouse Dr, Commack, NY 11725	6pm-9pm
Wednesday, June 17, 2026	Golf Outing - Willow Creek Golf and CC Golfer and Sponsor Information Here!	Mt Sinai NY, 11766 - 11am checkin and BBQ, 11:45 Putting Contest, 12:30 Shotgun start	11am
Monday, September 14, 2026	Board of Directors Meeting	150 Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge Lower Level Media Center	7pm-9pm
Wednesday, September 16, 2026	General Membership Meeting - ZOOM	Zoom - General Membership Meeting	7pm-9pm
Wednesday, September 23, 2026	Seminar Series 2026 - 7CE Event - The role of the dental professional in the detection and management of pediatric sleep-disordered breathing - Michael K. DeLuke, DDS, MDS	150 Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge Lower Level Media Center	9am-4pm
Monday, October 19, 2026	Board of Directors Meeting	150 Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge Lower Level Media Center	7pm-9pm
Wednesday, October 21, 2026	Seminar Series 2026 7CE Event - Dr. Andrew Burke - Digital Dentistry Planning Workflow: From Planning to Optimal Outcome	150 Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge, Lower Level Media Center	9am-4pm
Wednesday, November 4, 2026	SPECIAL ALL DAY - BLOCKBUSTER LECTURE - SPACE IS LIMITED	150 Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge, Lower Level Media Center	9am-4pm
Monday, November 16, 2026	Board of Directors Meeting	150 Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge Lower Level Media Center	7pm-9pm
Wednesday, November 18, 2026	General Membership Meeting - New Location - Commack Hamlet Golf and Country Club	Hamlet Golf and Country Club - 1 Clubhouse Dr, Commack, NY 11725	6pm-9pm
Wednesday, December 2, 2026	COMPLIANCE DAY 2026	SAVE THE DATE - courses will run all day and into the evening	All day and into the evening

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