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I am DCDS

Carmen Smith, DDS
Chairman of DCDS Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Diversity and inclusion are the core of the success of any organization, including our Dallas County Dental Society. Our members are a microcosm of the world that we live in and communities that we serve. Although the challenges in our diverse lives are different, the challenges within our dental profession are very similar and we feel we are stronger when we face them together.

At DCDS, we seek to recognize and respect our differences, and to understand how our individuality supports our common goals. We celebrate our unique cultural experiences, which when woven together can cultivate creative new ideas and perspectives to improve our community and enhance patient care. We want to discover our members' strengths and then find opportunities for them to be able to flex those strengths, whether through leadership, mentoring, advocating or volunteering. At DCDS, we want to make sure our members feel included and supported so that they can grow and improve, both in their practice and personal development.

Get a glimpse into our membership through the profile videos that the DCDS Diversity and Inclusion Committee has gathered on our website. They highlight DCDS members of varying degrees of diversity— including race, religion, ethnicity, gender, practice model and career paths. We strongly feel that it is imperative every member, or potential re-member, feels like there is a place for them and that they belong.

We are excited to be given the opportunity to highlight our diverse membership in such a manner, and our efforts are getting attention from other member components. Several components have expressed interest in using the campaign as a template for their own communication efforts. Watch for the *I am Dallas County Dental Society* campaign to be featured in the October TDA Today article on diversity and inclusion efforts around the state.

Thank you to all who gave their time and energy to produce a profile video. At DCDS, we are as individual as our fingerprints, as collective as our goals.



The *I am Dallas County Dental Society* member profiles can be found online at <https://www.dcds.org/membership/i-am-dcds/>. If you would like to be highlighted in a Diversity and Inclusion profile video on our website, please contact Carmen Smith at drprincele@gmail.com.

The Write Stuff

Drew Vanderbrook, DDS, President

Finding Gratitude



“Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a

stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.” – Melody Beattie

As the holiday season and end of 2020 approaches, I believe many are looking forward to a new year and putting 2020 behind us. While this year was certainly not what anyone had planned, I think it’s a good time to reflect on some of the positivity that happened this year. I am grateful for a few of the unexpected developments.

Personally, with my office shut down in the spring for 6 weeks, I was grateful to be able to spend more time with my family. It was a time of uncertainty as we all tried to figure out what government programs were available to help, how to manage staff and patients, and wondering how long the shutdown would last. Spending time with my wife and my two young children helped alleviate that stress and focus on the present.

I am also grateful for organized dentistry during this past year. Nationally, the ADA has consistently worked on our behalf to ensure that dentists were well informed of the ever-changing landscape dealing with COVID-19. The TDA worked hard to help reopen Texas dental offices and provide PPE when it was most needed. Locally, our society has pivoted and tried our best to provide the same benefits to our members in such a difficult year.

I am grateful for our staff at Dallas County Dental Society. Under the incredible direction of Jane Evans, our staff has continued to work and develop our programs. With their help, our society held our first ever virtual general membership meeting in September.

Our Secretary/Treasurer Andrew Read-Fuller organized and moderated a great panel discussion about COVID-19. With the help of our Scientific Committee, we also have several virtual CE events scheduled this fall for our members and teams. We have also released a series of videos titled “I am Dallas County Dental Society” spotlighting the diverse backgrounds that make up our membership. If you have not seen these, I urge you to go to our society’s website and review them. These programs and initiatives could not have happened without our amazing staff.

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As 2020 ends, I urge you all to focus on the positive things that happened to you during this past year. It may be easier to think about the plans you may have had for your practice, travel plans that were missed, or things that just didn’t go your way. Finding gratitude can help you focus on the positivity that happened during this unprecedented year and focus on what you want to accomplish during 2021.



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Impressions

Editorial by Shad Hattaway, DDS, Editor

My Sanctuary



This past week a very timid patient was in the office, and she asked me how I was handling everything. She is one of those patients with extreme concern about being in a dental office after the WHO advised delaying “nonessential” dental care. (Let’s not get started on what nonessential care can and can not be.) I told her professionally I was doing very well, but I still have some things I have to work through personally. She found it interesting that I find myself the safest of all places in a dental office. I corrected her and said it was not any dental office, but my office specifically.

I explained to this patient that in this office, we have much more control over our environment. I can monitor and control the number of people that are present in my office at any given time, I can make sure we have adequate time in between patients for proper disinfection; and if I have an employee who is not performing their duties safely, I can have personal one-on-one instruction with them. This is possible for me because I only have five employees and the time needed for that investment does not spill over into my personal time too much. As patients

come into the office we make sure they take the time to answer our COVID screening protocols, wash their hands and use a mask while not getting treated. If any patients decline to follow our simple intake protocol, we just politely ask them to re-schedule to a time when they feel they are ready to follow our office policy. This is not a realistic task to have completed by most businesses we need to frequent regularly.

The amount of oversight I can provide in my office pales in contrast to that task needed from a public health perspective. When I go into a grocery store, I have no idea what the mindset is of all the patrons around me. I have no idea of the last time anyone has washed their hands or if they abstain from going out because they feel a little under the weather. The vast majority of people in public are wearing masks, which is an easy visual. Still, I have no idea if they are correctly donning/doffing a mask or if they have had any training or information on how to do so safely. All of these non-controllable factors for me have led to my un-ease personally while I am in public.

The information that I have seen sent out to the public is conflicting. It can be challenging to decide what is essential for us to be doing on an individual level. We have healthcare professionals that come through our office,

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and with all of their training and expertise still find that wearing a mask in public is trivial. “Masks don’t work, you know?” While I accept this statement as acceptable, I also fall back on why I have been wearing a mask my entire professional career. I wear a mask not for my personal protection, but for that of my patient. While a traditional ear-loop surgical mask has only a 38% efficacy at protecting its wearer, it has a 67% efficacy at protecting those around from getting something the wearer may have. It is very true that mask-wearing is not 100% effective, but nothing we do in our entire profession has a 100% outcome.

As dentists, we are uniquely positioned in the realm of protecting ourselves, our staff and our patients from infection of diseases that could be coming through our office. We already follow excellent standards of care with regards to sterilization, hygiene, and donning/doffing of PPE. With the onset of what the world is going through thanks to COVID-19, I had the mindset that we are all going to get infected eventually. My mindset has gradually changed as we’ve gathered information about the long term effects noted with COVID-19 infections. I have stepped up my office protocols to do everything possible to prevent myself and my staff from getting this disease in my office. Let’s stay diligent and not be intimidated by the continually changing waterfall of information we take in every day. Keep striving every day to improve that sanctuary, wherever it may be, so you can continue to practice the profession that you love. Stay safe, stay informed, and God bless.



From The Hub

by Jane D. Evans, Executive Director

Breaking News



DCDS President

It was disappointing when we were not able to host the annual Installation of Officers in May. The swearing in of officers was held virtually but that left us wondering how Dr.

Drew Vanderbrook would receive his President's Plaque. We were able to get the President's Plaque to him and how special it was to have it presented by his family.



Women in Dentistry

DCDS was chosen to partner with the ADA in a pilot program, with support from Crest + Oral B, to create a leadership program that empowers women dentists to create their own communities and advance the success of women in dentistry. The program "Community Pathways to Leadership" will launch on October 29, 2020 with a virtual meet and greet.

DCDSDAS Update

I am pleased to introduce Ms. Angela Bush, director, DCDS Dental Assisting School (DCDSDAS). Angela's 13 years of experience in the dental field has afforded her the opportunity to work in various roles from front office, clinical assistant, office manager, and instructor. As program director, she brings the skills and life lessons learned to the table to help train today's dental assistants to be the best in their field. Teaching and anything related to dental are Angela's two main passions. She enjoys sharing her firsthand experience as a dental assistant with enthusiastic future assistants and inspiring them to pursue their goals. She believes that dental assistants are the heart of the office and that building great relationships with patients and providers is the key to superior customer service.

DCDS Website Redesign

DCDS is beginning the process to work with the ADA to update the DCDS Website. With this redesign, you will only need one login for ADA/TDA/DCDS and will have more information readily available. Watch for more information on when the new site will launch. Visit www.tda.org to see their redesigned website that recently launched.

DCDS Instagram

Texas A&M College of Dentistry student Tania Ramezani did a takeover of the DCDS Instagram account to provide us a snapshot of a day in the life of a D4 student. Her takeover gained us an additional 50 followers and provided many with a walk down memory lane.

TELL YOUR COLLEAGUES ABOUT THE ZERO DUES CAMPAIGN!

Any dentist joining the ADA/TDA/DCDS who was a non-member in 2019 and has previously not taken advantage of the promotion is eligible for zero dues for the remainder of 2020. By becoming a member you will have access to all the membership benefits offered by ADA/TDA/DCDS. Contact Ms. Rachael Daigle at rdaigle@tda.org or Ms. Jane Evans at jane@dcds.org to join.

New Dentists

News and perspective from dentists under 10 years of practice

by John Tunnell, DDS, MS

The New Normal: Financial Focus



If I've learned anything from this pandemic, it's that everything can change in an instant. One minute your schedule is packed and you're just trying to find some time between patients to finish your notes; and the next minute you're seeing patients on an emergency basis only, wondering if you'll be able to cover your bills this month. While I hope we're all steadily getting back to "normal", it's important now, maybe more than ever, to make sure your finances are in check. As a new dentist, balancing the financial obligations of family, student loans, mortgage, practice debt, etc. can be a challenge. While I am not a financial advisor, there are some simple steps we can all take now to prepare for the next inevitable unexpected event.

First things first. Pay off your high interest debt. That means credit cards, lines of credit and high-interest loans. Ideally, you should avoid carrying a balance on your credit cards due to the high interest they charge. Making sure you

can pay off your cards in full each month is a smart way to keep debt under control.

Once that's done, your focus should be on putting money into a savings account to be used as an emergency fund. Having an emergency fund that will cover about six months of expenses is a must. To find out how much you'll need, grab your credit card and bank statements and find the total amount you spent over the last six months; then subtract the things that could easily be eliminated, like streaming services subscriptions, that candy-of-the-month club membership or those extra trips to the Target dollar section. What's left should give you a ballpark number of what you'll need to survive without additional income for a few months.

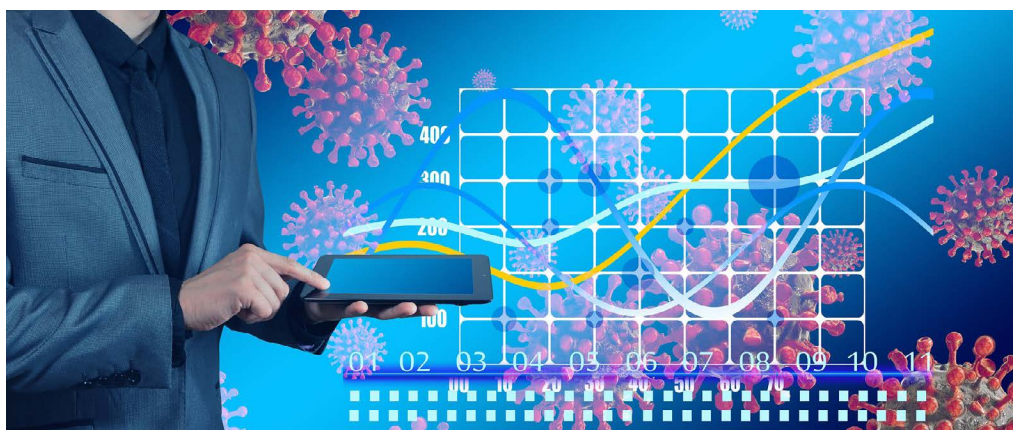
If you can save up a year's worth of expenses, even better. Reducing or eliminating the burden of high interest debt and having an emergency fund in place can work wonders in maintaining your sanity in times of uncertainty.

Having nailed the basics, it's probably time to speak with a professional and develop an individualized financial plan. However, there are

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a couple of things to consider that are unique to this time of crisis. For example, as most of us carry at least some student loan debt, now is a great time to evaluate your repayment plan. With the passing of the CARES act on March 20, 2020, Congress set the interest rate on all loans held by the Department of Education to 0% through the end of 2020. The average dental student graduated in 2019 with \$292,169 in student loans. If that average student started making payments in November 2019 after their six month grace period ended and continued to make payments through the end of this year, they'd save over \$12,000 in interest while making a bigger dent in that principle balance. It may also be a good time to refinance your mortgage, as interest rates are especially low right now.

All in all, the pandemic has affected all of us in some way financially. As we try to navigate the new normal, taking steps now to secure our financial futures can at least alleviate some of the stress that goes along with the unpredictability of these uncertain times.



DCDS Member's Message Board

Upcoming Events

Register at www.dcds.org/events

November 10, 2020 – Treatment of Endodontic Emergencies and Vital Pulp Therapy

November 17, 2020 – General Membership Meeting,
Prevention of Medical Emergencies in Your Office

February 16, 2021 – Digital Implant Dentistry, Pt. 1

February 23, 2021 – General Membership Meeting

March 23, 2021 – Digital Implant Dentistry, Pt. 2

April 13, 2021 – Digital Implant Dentistry, Pt. 3

April 20, 2021 – General Membership Meeting



Welcome New Members!

General Practice

Corbin Alhadeif
Robert Batdorf
Prameela Bhupatirajum
Nihal Chowdhury
Rebecca Cunningham
Jeema Dad
Barret, Davidson
Paige Davis
Jill Denson
Lara Easow
Farah Fallah
Gabiella Fontes
Howard Frysh
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Tae Kim
Carly Konzelman

Heather Koroma
Prarthana Pai Krishnananda
Amanda Krysiak
Carson Lackey
Kaitlin Lindell
Ji Loh
Kimball Mack
Gurbani Makkar
Nirmala Jyothi Marneni
Audrey Miles
Kristina Miller-Anagnostis
Jennifer Nguyen
Nancy Nguyen
Steven Nguyen
Thy Hong Nguyen
Shayan Nizami
Ayomide Ogunye
Linda Oniah
Jennifer Pylant
Rekha Reddy
Travis Rottman
Faisal Rehman
Antonio Rivera

Michael Rooz
Alysa Sadkin
Noopur Shah
Roxanne Tarapore
Yen Tran
Diana Vazquez
Ronald Velasquez
Jaime Villarreal
Hana Worede
Olivia Yoon
Allison Yost

Anesthesiology

Julie Mercado

Endodontics

Ghazaleh Rezaei

Orthodontics

Eric Bortnem
Colby Cajero
Kyle Kuzmic

Pediatric

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Sean McGuire
Enrique Ramirez
Stephanie Stevens

Periodontics

Stephanie Bowers
Seung-Jun Lee

Prosthodontics

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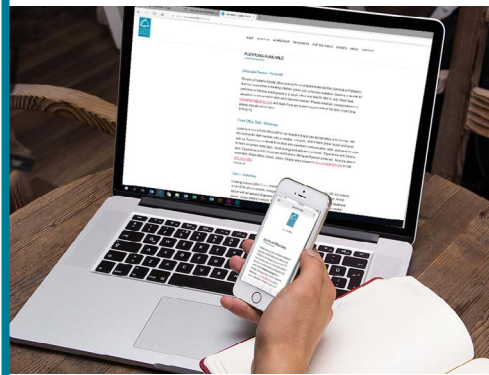
Graduate Students

John Arthur Bounds
Ali Edrisi
Benjamin Harvey
Emily Nitta
Neusha Ashley Rahmati
Kate Steingreaber
Jad Tawil
Grant Tippet
Debbie Yeh

In Memoriam:
Justin Aurbach
Fred Lowe
Bettye Whiteaker

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 to fill in your office?**

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 equipment?**



List it on the DCDS.org Job Bank/Practice Sales! Members list for free (\$75/month for non-members.) Email a brief summary (100 words or less, in paragraph format) of the post to: rosemary@dcds.org.

DCDS Membership Benefits

Being a member of the associations that work to protect your profession is important to the success of a practice...pass along the benefits to your peers!

- Free registration to DCDS’s annual Southwest Dental Conference
- Peer Review mediation service to reconcile complaints between patients and doctors
- Rent DCDS meeting facilities at special member rates
- Free or discounted continuing education via seminars & General Membership Meetings
- First opportunity to hire fully trained world-class assistants from DCDS Dental Assisting School
- Preprinted school excuse forms provided free of charge to dentists treating school-age children
- Confidential free notary public
- DCDS Connection, the bimonthly newsletter of Dallas County Dental Society (member advertising at reduced rates)
- Member mailing labels available for purchase
- Grassroots legislator contact program with state and national legislative representation
- License and permit renewal reminders
- Networking/social opportunities with colleagues

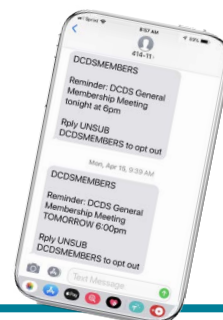
Dallas County Dental Society members receive ALL membership benefits offered by Texas Dental Association, including free entry to TDA TEXAS Meeting.

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www.dcds.org/membership

TEXT MESSAGE REMINDERS: Text DCDSMEMBERS to 41411

Have you ever wished you could receive reminders for DCDS meetings and events? Do you forget to put events/meetings on your calendar? DCDS implemented text messaging so you will not forget another meeting. Just sign up and you will be reminded of future meetings and events.



REACH OUT TO HELP ANOTHER DENTIST



Watching a colleague suffer and feeling helpless is difficult and heartbreaking. Dentists Concerned for Dentists is a 24-hour confidential alcohol and drug abuse hotline you can call for assistance.

Your phone call could be the lifesaving step for someone who is hoping and waiting.

- Founded exclusively to help dentists, hygienists, assistants and family members.
- No fees or charges.
- All contact is held in absolute confidentiality.

The Dentists Concerned for Dentists program provides a strictly confidential peer assistance program for health care professionals who struggle with drug and alcohol abuse. Please share this confidential hotline with your colleagues.

A confidential phone call may be the greatest gift a peer dentist, staff or family member could receive.

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24-hour Confidential Hotline
214-206-7496

HELP YOURSELF

If you're in crisis, there are options available to help you cope. You can call the above hotline at any time to speak to someone and get support. For confidential support available 24/7 for everyone in the United States, you can also call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

Need Meeting Space?

As a member of the DCDS, you can take advantage of low member rates when renting the Society's Executive Office for your next meeting.

The Dr. O.V. Cartwright Reception Hall is perfect for registration and a pre-function gathering.

The Dr. Paul P. Taylor Executive Board Room can seat 14 around a large conference table.

The Dr. D. Lamar Byrd Auditorium is 1,650 square feet of meeting space that can seat up to 200.

Audio/visual equipment is also available.

DCDS facilities include free parking, free wifi, use of small kitchenette, and ability to bring in food and non-alcoholic beverages.

For more info, contact Ashley Hawkins at 972-386-5741 x231 or email info@dcds.org.



Applause, Applause!



Congratulations to **Gayle Glenn, DDS**, who was recently awarded the Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award from The American Association of Women Dentists (AAWD). The Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award is the highest honor given by the AAWD and was first presented in 1983 honoring Lucy Hobbs Taylor for being the first woman to earn a doctorate in dentistry. AAWD presents this award to a member who exemplifies a true professional with accomplishment in one or more areas of dentistry, with at least 10 years membership in AAWD and a career as a licensed dentist for 20 years or more.



Congratulations to **Gilbert Triplett, DDS, PhD**, who recently received the Robert V. Walker Distinguished Service Award for his significant contributions to oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMS). Dr. Triplett is regents professor and acting head of the OMS department at the Texas A&M University College of Dentistry and chief of the OMS division at Baylor University Medical Center.



Texas Legislature passed HB2059 this past year, requiring continuing education (CE) in human trafficking prevention for health care practitioners providing direct patient care. Course taken to meet this requirement must be approved by the Executive Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). Starting September 1, 2020, this CE must be completed before a license or registration renewal. This link is to the free, online course put out by the HHSC: <https://www.train.org/main/course/1087568/>

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Fall General Membership Meetings

NOVEMBER 17 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES • VIRTUAL MEETING



Medical emergencies can happen in the dental office, so what can be done to prevent them? We will discuss specific types of health conditions, such as cardiac disease, that contribute to emergencies. Sample cases will be discussed, along with suggestions on how to avoid negative outcomes.

Recommended for Dentists, Hygienists and Dental Assistants.

Prevention of Medical Emergencies in Your Office

Robert G McNeill, DDS, MD

AGD Code: 142

CE Hours: 2 technical and/or scientific

CE Verification provided

Two hours CE credit now provided as a member benefit. Please note new fee structure:

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Non-member staff	\$95

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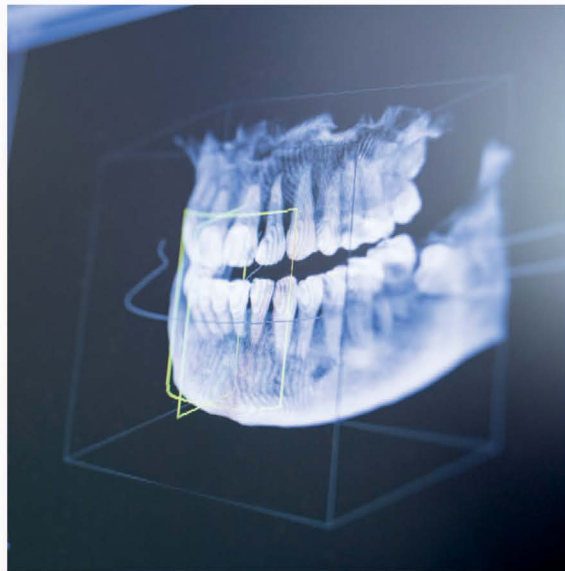
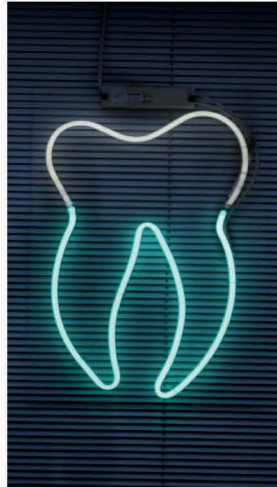


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Treatment of Endodontic Emergencies and Vital Pulp Therapy

MARTIN TROPE, DMD



Dr. Martin Trope was born in Johannesburg, South Africa where he received his BDS degree in dentistry in 1976. From 1976 to 1980 he practiced General Dentistry and Endodontics. In 1980 he moved to Philadelphia to specialize in Endodontics at the University of Pennsylvania. After graduating as an Endodontist he continued at the University of Pennsylvania as a faculty member until 1989 when he became Chair of Endodontology at Temple University, School of Dentistry. In 1993 he accepted the JB Freedland Professorship in the Department of Endodontics, UNC at Chapel Hill. Named in honor of one of the founding fathers of Endodontics, the Freedland Professorship recognizes significant contributions to the specialty. In 2014, he was awarded the Jens Ove Andreasen Lifetime Achievement Award by the International Association of Dental Traumatology. Dr. Trope is Clinical Professor, Department of Endodontics, University of Pennsylvania. He is also in private practice.

Endodontic emergencies seldom present at convenient times in the work day. Therefore, it is important to treat these painful conditions as quickly and effectively as possible.

This course will cover the types of painful conditions due to infection or inflammation of the pulp and/or periapical tissues that are within the definition of endodontic emergencies, and will cover effective anesthesia of the hot tooth, indications and procedures for pulp capping, pulpotomy and pulpectomy. In addition, the most time efficient method of canal instrumentation of a non-vital tooth will be explained. Follow up timing and procedures will also be explained.

Audience: Dentists, Assistants

AGD Code: 070/076

CE Hours: 2 technical and/or scientific

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Learning Objectives:

- Recognize the difference between reversible and irreversible pulpitis and pulp necrosis with symptomatic apical periodontitis.
- Understand pain control in order to effectively treat these conditions.
- Determine procedures for the treatment of painful pulpitis and apical periodontitis.
- Understand the follow up schedule to assess the effectiveness of the emergency treatment.

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November 10

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Texas A&M University College of Dentistry

By Kathleen Green Pothier

SETTING LOFTY GOALS: Reddy takes the helm in oral and maxillofacial surgery

Dr. Likith V. Reddy was recently named department head of oral and maxillofacial surgery at Texas A&M University College of Dentistry. He is clinical professor and program director, as well as medical student clerkship director in surgery for Texas A&M University College of Medicine. Reddy specializes in adult and pediatric cranio-maxillofacial surgery.

He previously chaired the COVID-19 task force that enabled the College of Dentistry to slowly and safely reopen in set phases. Reddy is now positioned to take on bigger plans within his own department.

"The reason I think I was offered the role was to see how we can refresh some of the things within the department and move forward in a newer direction," he says. "We want to become the nation's leading public academic department of oral and maxillofacial surgery and the leader in providing cutting-edge surgical and rehabilitative services in the maxillofacial, head and neck region. These are very ambitious goals."

So far, Reddy's signature accomplishments at the college have included expanding surgical collaboration beyond Baylor University Medical Center to two more Dallas hospitals: Methodist Dallas Medical Center and Children's Health. The number of applicants to the OMS residency increased four-fold in the six years that he has been program director, making the residency one of the most competitive programs in the nation.

Before joining Texas A&M's dental school in 2012, Reddy played an integral role in helping Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry in New Orleans recover after Hurricane Katrina. As its department head in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the time, he was instrumental in cataloging every square inch of each practice space after the school was flooded with 20 feet of water.

Reddy earned his dental degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine in Cleveland. He obtained his medical degree, general surgery internship and residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery from UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgery and a diplomate in oral and maxillofacial surgery.

He helped develop transorbital keyhole access via upper blepharoplasty incision at Mayfield Clinic in Cincinnati. The minimally invasive technique, widely used in neurosurgery, is used to access intracranial tumors and aneurysms. Reddy also specializes in complex facial injuries and reconstruction and has more than \$1 million in research grants in craniofacial reconstruction.

Reddy replaces Dr. Robert G. Triplett, who led the department as interim head after Dr. David Grogan retired in August 2019.



DCDS member Dr. Likith Reddy was recently named head of the oral and maxillofacial surgery department.

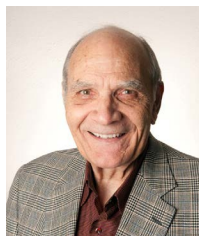


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Insights

Dentofacial Esthetics: From Macro to Micro



Dr. Sarver has offered the dental profession a valuable tome whose esthetic premise he explains in three categories:

- Macro-esthetics regarding the attributes of the face;
- Mini-esthetics, which considers the several features of the smile;
- Micro-esthetics, which reviews the multitude of traits of the teeth.

Dr. Sarver provides a conversational narrative that invites readership and displays spectacular photographs and diagnostic images, which will give readers a new appreciation for their value in diagnosis and treatment planning. He emphasizes the importance of the initial examination and the use of imaging forecasts to help patients and parents fully understand the goals he envisions for their malocclusions rather than the orthodontic problems they have. He spends much time emphasizing the value of developing a smile arc that avoids arranging the teeth with traditional bracket placement that often leaves maxillary incisors out of sync with the lower lip, but fails to alert readers as

to where those brackets need placement for developing the arc.

Fortunately, and it is about time to find this in a text book, Dr. Sarver challenges the classical concept of diagnosis and therapy that relies on osseous tissue and the mandibular incisor as the axis around which clinical decisions are made. Others such as Holdaway, Bass, Alvarez, Creekmore and White as long ago as four decades suggested in published journal articles that the maxillary incisor and subsequently the soft tissue merits consideration as the basis for diagnosis and treatment planning rather than the mandibular incisor. But to my knowledge this is the first time such a sensible idea has appeared in a published book; and rather than simply mentioning such a departure from the classical orthodontic canon, he amply and beautifully displays the value of such strategy. I wish the author had left some measurable quantities that could guide readers into goals for determining the limits of a handsome face. Still, it refreshes this reviewer to finally discover a clinician that places diagnostic and treatment planning emphasis where it needs to be — soft tissue and the maxillary incisor.

Dr. Sarver fully exploits the therapeutic advantages of surgeries such as blepharoplasty, rhytidectomy, lip augmentation and the possibilities of rhynoplasty, mandibular and

maxillary advancements, maxillary impaction, etc. He also illustrates the value of gingivoplasty with a diode laser to display more enamel of the teeth, which can greatly magnify the smile. Additionally, he describes and shows the advantages of tooth reshaping and composite augmentation of enamel.

He displays excellent results by using maxillary canine substitutes as lateral incisors and subsequently the use of premolars as canines, which may cause distress among those still clinging to D'Amico's theory of canine protected occlusion as sacrosanct and inviolable. But the proof of the pudding is in the tasting and Sarver's results are delicious.

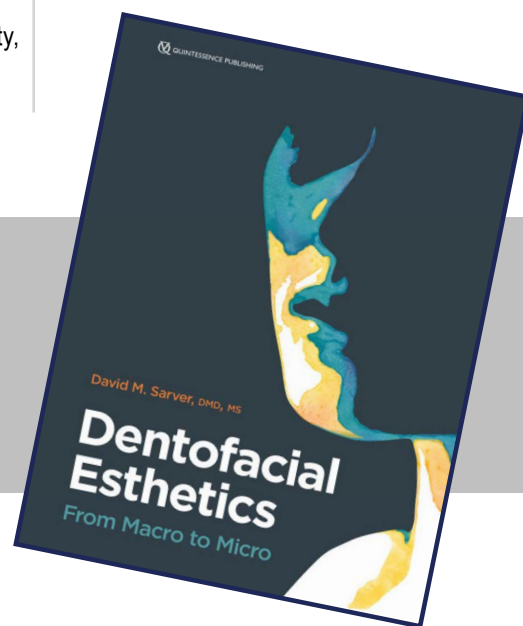
Sarver's new textbook is one of the most valuable and useful additions to the orthodontic bibliography and once dentists see it, they too will understand. Of course, as with all Quintessence publications, this one provides readers with thick, durable pages, unsurpassed images and illustrations along with exquisite layouts and readable fonts. In this, author and publisher have merged to produce a remarkable experience for orthodontic clinicians and other dental professionals.

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July 9-10, 2021 - Brady

August 27-28, 2021 - Luling

November 5-6, 2021 - San Antonio

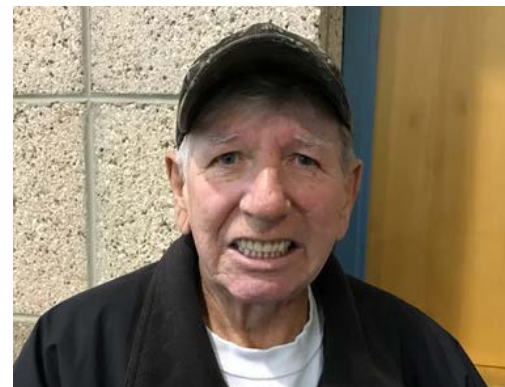
As of now, registration is not open for any of the events. We are still working on our updated guidelines and event flow due to COVID-19. However, we do know that we will be working with a much smaller group of volunteers. We will send out the restructured standards as soon as we have them finalized.

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James, a proud Veteran, has a new smile pictured with Dr. Jon Williamson who arranged pre event appointments to fabricate full dentures and delivered at the Veterans TMOM in Nov. 2018.

James, a proud Veteran, has a new smile pictured with Dr. Jon Williamson who arranged pre event appointments, found a lab to fabricate full dentures and delivered at the Veterans TMOM. Big impact for James! Thank you Dr. Williamson.



Dr. Larry Herwig and dental students from Texas A&M College of Dentistry providing needed service for our Dallas County residents at a Veterans TMOM event.



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Dr. Brent DeSutter graduated from the University of Texas Health Science Center - San Antonio Dental School in 2013 and completed a general practice residency at the VA Hospital in Portland, OR. In 2017 he started a private practice in East Dallas focusing on cosmetic and restorative implant dentistry.

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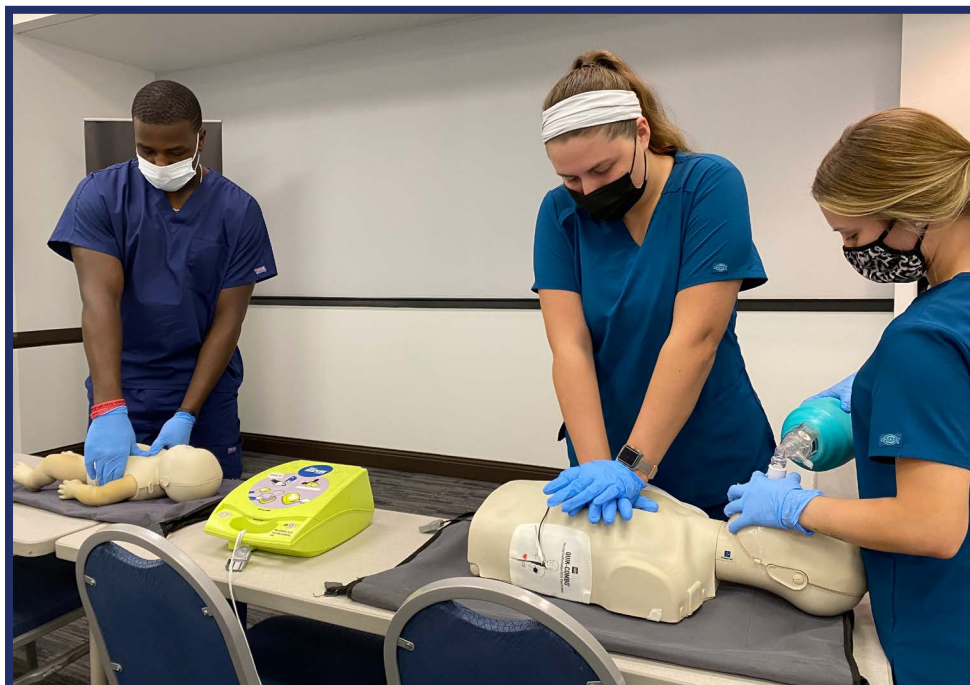
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