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2023 Annual Installation

Dentist of the Year: Dr. Carmen Smith

Dr. Carmen P. Smith was bestowed with the esteemed title of Dentist of the Year at the annual DCDS Installation Ceremony and Dinner in May. The honor came as a delightful surprise to Dr. Smith, who has dedicated numerous years of service to both the Society and her profession, earning deep admiration from her peers.

Having joined DCDS after graduating from Baylor College of Dentistry in 1996, Dr. Smith became an integral member of the Tripartite. She currently holds the position of Secretary/Treasurer at TDA and has been a respected delegate representing her peers at both the TDA and the ADA. She served for several years on the ADA's Committee Member Council on Membership, was Chairman for the Southwest Dental Conference in 2016 and DCDS President in 2017.

Dr. Smith actively participated in various committees within DCDS, but she took particular pride in her role as Chairman of the DCDS Diversity and Inclusivity Committee after serving as a valued member of the ADA's Institute for Diversity in Leadership. Those two positions later led to her role as a representative on the ADA's Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

"Dr. Carmen Smith has been an inspiration to me and my family," explains colleague Dr. Jacque Plemons. "She is a strong and successful woman whose decision to serve organized dentistry has been deliberate and highlighted by her dedication. She is wise, kind, calm in her deliberation and thoughtful in her decisions. I am grateful for our friendship!"

Dr. Smith's educational journey includes earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Texas A&M University, obtaining a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Baylor College of Dentistry, and completing an MBA program at Southern Methodist University.

Outside of her professional endeavors, Dr. Smith finds joy in her personal pursuits. She is an avid runner and actively trains for half-marathons. Additionally, she enjoys playing soccer, engaging in volunteer work within the Dallas community and serving as an advocate with Dallas CASA.

Dr. Danette McNew, who has worked with Dr. Smith on DCDS committees, enjoyed presenting the award. "I also admire the athlete, the advocate and artistry that is Carmen Smith." adds Dr. Danette McNew. "She has a special place in my heart and life!"



Dr. Smith is shown here with family members as she accepted the Dentist of the Year Award. View all of this year's award recipients on page 10 of this publication.

The Write Stuff

Sarah Tevis Poteet, DDS, President

DCDS President Address



Good evening, fellow dental leaders, friends, and family. I am deeply honored and grateful to stand before you tonight as the incoming president of the Dallas County Dental Society.

What is your why for being here today? For me, it all started when I moved to Dallas after finishing dental school and residency in San Antonio and interviewing with Dr. Tom McDougal. He said if you want to work with me you have to be a member of DCDS and you have to be involved. And that's exactly what I did.

As many of you know, dentistry is not just a profession for me, but a passion or calling. Over the years, I have been blessed with many opportunities to serve my profession, with the ADA, TDA and locally on numerous committees, years of service on the DCDS Board, and as Chair of the Southwest Dental Conference. And now, as I take on this new role, I am more committed than ever to serving our members and this amazing dental society that has given me so much over the years.

I want to start by thanking my dental friends and mentors, who have been a constant source of inspiration and guidance throughout my career. I also want to thank my family and friends for their unwavering support and encouragement, especially my daughter Adelle, who is always understanding when Mom has to go to meetings. She often asks if she can go with me or at least say hi on Zoom calls.

As your president, I am excited to build on the great work of my predecessors and to take our society to new heights. My focus will be on three key areas: growing membership, implementing our new strategic plan, and creating a society that is more adaptable to change.

First, I believe that growing our membership is essential to the long-term success of our society. We need to reach out to new and diverse groups of dentists and provide them with the support and resources they need to thrive in our profession.

Second, I am committed to implementing our new strategic plan, which places a strong emphasis on the wellness of our members. As dentists, we are often so focused on caring for our patients that we neglect our own health and well-being. But by prioritizing wellness and self-care, we can be better equipped to serve our patients and our communities.

And finally, I believe that we need to be more adaptable to change while welcoming and supporting all dentists. Our profession is evolving rapidly, and we need to be able to adapt to new technologies, new regulations, and new social norms. We need to do so in a way that embraces all dentists and models of practice so that everyone has a seat at the table.

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Dr. Sarah Poteet with her mentor, Dr. Tom McDougal, who welcomed her as DCDS President for 2023-2024 at the DCDS Installation Ceremony and Dinner.



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Impressions

Editorial by Jordana Contrucci Ruiz, DMD, Editor

Patience in Your Practice!



The idea of this article came to me after speaking with my cousin on the phone. She lives in Florida and wanted to pick my brain on a dental experience she just had. She explained to me that

the dentist there told her to be quiet and that she needed to listen to him. He didn't explain why she needed the treatment or what would be involved in the treatment. He also told her that she reminded him of his mother, which he moved across the county to get away from! My cousin told me she did not trust this dentist and wanted a second option on what treatment was needed. She was extremely upset and anxious about the situation. It is important to remember that communication and how you make a patient feel should be a top priority.

Dental visits can be stressful for not only the patient but the practitioner. Patients may struggle with feelings of discomfort or anxiety, and it is the dental practitioner's job to understand how to help patients feel comfortable and calm during their dental appointment. One skill that can help is patience. Strategies to improve patience include mindfulness, communication, the environment, expectations, and empathy.

Mindfulness is a technique that involves being present in the moment. It can help you become more aware of your thoughts and emotions and reduce stress and anxiety. As a dental practitioner, you can practice mindfulness techniques to help you stay calm during

appointments. This can help you be more patient with your patients.

Clear communication is crucial to building trust with your patients and creating a positive dental experience. Patients may become frustrated or anxious if they feel that they do not understand what is happening or if they feel rushed. By improving your communication skills, you can help patients feel more comfortable. As a dentist we are extremely busy, but it is important to take the time to explain procedures in detail and answer any questions that your patients may have. Our top priority should be to listen to concerns and address them thoughtfully.

The physical environment of your office can have an impact on patient comfort. Creating a calm and relaxing environment can help patients feel more at ease and reduce anxiety. Some things to consider are playing soothing music, using aromatherapy, and providing blankets or pillows to create a calming atmosphere.

It is important to set realistic expectations with your patients about what they can expect during their appointment. This can help prevent frustration, disappointment, and impatience. Take the time to explain the process and let patients know what they can expect during each stage of the appointment. This can lead to a more prepared and less anxious patient.

Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of others. As a dental practitioner, practicing empathy can help you better understand and respond to your patients' needs. When patients feel heard and understood, they

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are more likely to feel calm and patient during their appointments. Take the time to listen to your patients and acknowledge their concerns.

Developing patience in your dental practice can help you become a better dentist, and lead to more positive dental experiences. By practicing mindfulness, improving communication skills, creating a calm environment, setting realistic expectations, and practicing empathy, you can help your patients feel more comfortable and at ease during their appointments. Remember, patience is a skill that can be developed and improved over time, so be patient with yourself as you become a more patient dental practitioner.

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In closing, I want to thank you all for your friendship, mentorship, and willingness to serve. I am excited and humbled by the opportunity to lead this great society, and I encourage all of you to continue to serve in your own ways and encourage younger dentists to get involved and consider taking on leadership roles. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the

lives of our patients, our colleagues, and our communities.

I ask you to think about how you can share your why for being involved in organized dentistry and how you can encourage others to get involved and lead our great profession into the future?

Thank you again for this incredible honor, and I look forward to working with all of you in the year ahead.



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From The Hub

by Jane D. Evans, Executive Director

Tripartite Updates



Installation of Officers

How special it was to have Dr. Tom McDougal swear in Dr. Sarah Poteet as DCDS 2023-2024 President. Dr. McDougal was a mentor

to Dr. Poteet and other new dentists while working in his practice who later became leaders of DCDS/TDA/ADA. In their associate contract he required the dentist to become a member of DCDS and be active. Others he has mentored include Dr. David McCarley, Dr. Chris Miller, and Dr. Chad Capps.

Research confirms that quality mentoring has powerful positive effects on young people in personal, academic, and professional situations. Mentoring connects young individuals to personal growth, development, and social and economic opportunities. Consider becoming a mentor to contribute to this positive impact. Mentored young dentists show increased confidence and are more likely to become volunteers and leaders in organized dentistry and other areas of interest in their lives.

TDA Board of Directors

At the recent TDA Annual Session, Dr. Drew Vanderbrook was elected to serve as a director on the TDA Board. DCDS is honored to have four members currently serving on the TDA Board of Directors.

ADA/TDA/DCDS Membership

If you know someone that was not a member in 2022, they can join for half dues beginning July 1, 2023. They can become a member by going to tda.org. Once a member they can register for the SWDC with no registration fee.

SWDC Reminder

New 2023 a DCDS member may register for free through July 14, 2023. **After July 14, 2023, DCDS members pay a \$50.00 registration fee.**

Emerging Speakers Workshop

The Emerging Speakers Workshop held on April 28, 2023, facilitated by Ms. Karen Cortell Reisman was an overwhelming success. Many left the workshop asking when will the next one be scheduled. It was an interactive workshop with take away pearls to help in all areas of your life. Hats off to Dr. Mitra Bolouri, Diversity & Inclusivity Committee Chairman, whose idea came to fruition with the help of an ADA grant. See photos of the event on page 24.

New DEA Training Requirement

This past December, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 enacted a new one-time, eight-hour training requirement for all DEA-registered practitioners on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders.

Practitioners can satisfy this training by engaging in a total of eight hours of training on treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders. A few key points related to this training:

1. The training does not have to occur in one session. **It can be cumulative across multiple sessions that equal eight hours of training.**
2. **Past trainings on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders can count** towards a practitioner meeting this requirement. In other words, if you received a relevant training from one of the groups listed below—prior to the enactment of this new training obligation on December 29, 2022—that training counts towards the eight-hour requirement.
3. **Past DATA-Waived trainings count** towards a DEA registrant's 8-hour training requirement.

4. **Trainings can occur in a variety of formats**, including classroom settings, seminars at professional society meetings, or virtual offerings.

More information on this is available at https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/docs/MATE_Training_Letter_Final.pdf.

A four-hour course towards this requirement will be taught by Dr. Jacqu Plemons at the Southwest Dental Conference on Saturday, August 26 (Course #S12: Prescribing Controlled Substances: Drugs, Monitoring and Standards of Care.) Register at <https://swdentalconf.org/>.



Tell your colleagues about the Half Year Dues Campaign! Any dentist joining Dallas County Dental Society who was a non-member in 2022 can be eligible for 50 percent off the full ADA dues amount for the remainder of 2023, gaining all the membership benefits offered by the Texas Dental Association and the American Dental Association as well!

New Dentists

Gaining Career Capital

Remember the initial days when we walked into the beginning of dental school excited for our future with twinkles in our eyes and enthusiasm in our hearts? We wrote personal statements and gave interview testimony of how making patients smile was our passion. We preached to all who would listen how the field of dentistry is what we are passionate about. Fast forward a decade and now I have colleagues who have taken to other career paths as they feel their journey with dentistry was not the golden ticket they had imagined. Where did things go wrong? Why aren't they being fulfilled within an occupation we studied day and night to arrive at?

Perhaps it's because our society overemphasizes the "passion hypothesis", a term coined by author Cal Newport in his career strategy book "So Good They Can't Ignore You". This manifesto-of-sorts revolves around debunking the cliché of "follow your passion" and instead underscores building up skill in your job, providing value to your company (aka your patients), and then passion develops. Let me state that this article is not aimed at only colleagues who are feeling weathered in their fervor for dentistry, but also for those who wake up daily with zeal for their career. I found this book to have perspectives that can benefit a variety of dentists.

My greatest takeaway from Newport's writing was approaching my career with an attitude of a "craftsman mindset" — a focus on what value you're producing in your work, as opposed to the above mentioned "passion mindset" — a focus on what value your job offers you. The essence of this concept is to gain skills that are rare and valuable, thus accumulating career capital. With this capital you are able to leverage more autonomy and creativity within your profession, whether that be acquiring your own practice or obtaining a desirable associateship. If you're a newer graduate from dental school, realize developing your clinical skills and knowledge takes time, but will serve you tenfold down the line. One of the greatest things about being a dentist is that your career is what you want it to be. Dental school provides a solid foundation, however that should be viewed as the beginning of your learning journey, not the end. Attending continuing education courses is necessary in order to hone your abilities and discover the scope of practice you most enjoy (hence developing skills from which passion arises).

Newton emphasizes that in order to gain career capital, one must go through deliberate practice, defined as activity that requires you to stretch past your comfort zone while receiving honest feedback. One could poignantly call this the practice of dentistry. Day in and day out we are applying our skills to procedures with new challenges constantly arising, with patients and ourselves being our harshest critics. According to Malcolm Gladwell, "It takes 10,000 hours of intensive practice to achieve mastery of complex skills and materials, like getting as good as Bill Gates at computer programming." This is important to bear in mind because it highlights that becoming an expert is not something that happens overnight. Yet psychologist Anders Ericsson states "if you consistently show up and work hard, you'll eventually hit a performance plateau beyond which you fail to get any better." This is because in order to take your work from good to great you need goals that are outside your comfort zone, a place that is not always enjoyable.

Set your sights on improving your clinical skills as well as mastering your empathy and communication abilities. In time you will find the area of dentistry or procedures you find you're best at, then work towards being exceptional in this arena. Instead of looking towards where the grass seems greener, try watering the ground you're already planted on. Remember that approaching each day with an outlook of what can you offer the world, rather than fixating on what the world can offer you will propel you to be so good they can't ignore you!

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News and perspective from dentists under 10 years of practice



by Andrea Sauerwein, DDS



DCDS Member's Message Board

Upcoming Events

July 13 – New Dentists Happy Hour (Grads from 2013 thru 2023 only)

August 3 - New Dentist Symposium: Edentulous arches: fixed bridges, hybrid, overdentures. What to do?

August 25-26 – Southwest Dental Conference

September 9 – Mini Golf, Big Fun!

September 19 – General Membership Meeting: The Many Faces of Orofacial Pain: Beyond TMD

November 14 – General Membership Meeting

Register at www.dcds.org/events



Welcome New Members!

General Practice

Kaitlin Gillham

Tae Kim

Caitlyn Le

Danielle Phan

Jaspreet Randhawa

Melissa Scaggs

Endodontics

Maheeb Jaouni

Looking for a job?

Have a position to fill in your office?

Want to sell or buy office space and office 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.

In Memoriam:

Dr. James Dewberry



Dr. Hilton Israelson



Dr. Andy Harris





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.

DENTISTS CONCERNED FOR DENTISTS

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 125.

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.



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 renewal reminders
- Networking/social opportunities with colleagues

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

DCDS members receive ALL membership benefits offered by American Dental Association, including photo directory and public referrals through Find-a-Dentist.

www.dcds.org/membership

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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.



Pro Bono Reporting

Dallas County Dental Society is interested in learning about the amount of pro bono care our members provide. The pro bono care you provide makes a positive impact on your patients. You, it also makes a positive impact on DCDS' legislative efforts with the Texas Dental Association on your behalf. Please complete this form whenever you provide these services.

Opportunities to provide pro bono services can often be found on the DCDS Foundation website.

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EMAIL:

OFFICE:

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TOTAL PRO BONO DOLLARS BELOW

These fields must always be completed.

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CASE 2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
CASE 3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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Please help our legislative efforts by completing this short Pro Bono Form on our website whenever you provide these services:

<https://www.dcds.org/member-center/pro-bono>

Applause, Applause!



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2022 Dallas County Dental Society Good Fellows (25 Year Members)

Doctors obtaining Good Fellow status have maintained 25 years of continuous membership with the Texas Dental Association.

Dr. Christopher L Barnes
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Dr. Miranda C Lacy

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Dr. Lindsay M Lepore

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Dr. Vinodh Ramjee
Dr. David G Stock

Dr. Esther C Tam
Dr. Lacedric Tolliver
Dr. Marielsa A Weidanz
Dr. Weiping Zhang

2023 Installation of Officers and Award Ceremony



Dr. Carmen Smith
Dentist of the Year



Dr. Andrew Read-Fuller
New Dentist of the Year



Dr. Jacqueline Plemons
Lifetime Achievement Award



Dr. Mitra Bolouri
President's Award



Dr. Gayle Glenn
Texas A&M School of Dentistry
Faculty Member Award



Mike Hopkins,
Texas Mission of Mercy Sponsor
Community Leader Award



Past DCDS Presidents in Attendance





2023 SOUTHWEST DENTAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMS

To register or for more information, go to swdentalconf.org.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

COURSE #	TITLE		TIME	EARLY BIRD	AFTER JULY 14
SPECIAL EVENTS					
F1	CE Express: See page 25 of Registration Brochure for clinicians/topics.		8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$60	\$70
F2	Hygiene CE Express: See page 28 of Registration Brochure for clinicians/topics..		12:30-4:30 p.m.	\$60	\$70
WORKSHOPS					
F3	Oral Surgery for the General Practitioner Workshop	Edwab	8:00-11:00 a.m.	\$275	\$285
F4	Equipment Maintenance and Repair Workshop	Burkhart	9:00-11:00 a.m.	\$60	\$70
F5	Equipment Maintenance and Repair Workshop	Burkhart	1:00-3:00 p.m.	\$60	\$70
F6	"X" Marks the Spot: Technique Simulation for Local Anesthesia Workshop	Budenz	1:00-4:00 p.m.	\$195	\$205
F7	Oral Surgery for the General Practitioner Workshop (Repeat)	Edwab	1:00-4:00 p.m.	\$275	\$285
F8	The Exceptional Assistant 2023 Workshop	McDonald, III	1:00-4:00 p.m.	\$155	\$165
MORNING LECTURES					
F9	Numb, Numb-er, Numb-est: An Update on Local Anesthesia	Budenz	8:00-11:00 a.m.	\$40	\$50
F11	The Exceptional Assistant Lecture 2023	McDonald, III	8:00-11:00 a.m.	\$40	\$50
F12	Management of Patients with Dry and Burning Mouth	Plemons	8:00-11:00 a.m.	\$40	\$50
F13	The Acci-Dental Insurance Coordinator	Duncan	8:30-11:30 a.m.	\$30	\$40
F14	Inflammation, Chronic Disease and Oral Health	Jahn	8:30-11:30 a.m.	\$40	\$50
F15	A Refresher on Oral Cancer and Precancerous Lesions	Patel	8:30-11:30 a.m.	\$40	\$50
F16	Tips and Tricks for Treating Kids	Rothman	8:30-11:30 a.m.	\$40	\$50
F17	Creating and Sustaining a Positive Work Life: Breaking the Seven Habits of Negativity and Other Secrets of Getting Along	Callis-Birchmeier	9:00-11:00 a.m.	\$30	\$40
F18	The Periodontal Co-therapist: Practical Periodontology for the RDH	Hempton	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$40	\$50
F19	Disrupting Dentistry: A Patient Flow for the Future Part I	Johnson	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$40	\$50
F20	Diagnosis and Treatment of the Worn Dentition	Margeas	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$40	\$50
F21	Biological Concepts and Anatomical Root Canal Instrumentation	Setzer	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$40	\$50
F22	Five Steps to Practicing Dentistry Pain-Free	Valachi	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$40	\$50



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

COURSE #	TITLE		TIME	EARLY BIRD	AFTER JULY 14
AFTERNOON LECTURES					
F23	Get READY for Rapid Change!	Callis-Birchmeier	1:00-4:00 p.m.	\$30	\$40
F25	Disrupting Dentistry: A Patient Flow for the Future Part II	Johnson	2:00-5:00 p.m.	\$40	\$50
F26	Forensic Dentistry: Bags, Bodies, Bites and Bones!	Kasper	1:00-4:00 p.m.	\$40	\$50
F27	Nobody Told Me That! Management Issues We Should Talk About	Duncan	1:30-4:30 p.m.	\$30	\$40
F28	The Oral Microbiome and the Link to GI Health	Jahn	1:30-4:30 p.m.	\$40	\$50
F29	The Black and White of Radiographic Pathology	Patel	1:30-4:30 p.m.	\$40	\$50
F30	The D's of Pedo: Diseases, Disabilities and Sleep Disordered Breathing	Rothman	1:30-4:30 p.m.	\$40	\$50
F31	Neck, Back and Beyond: Preventing Pain with Evidence-Based Ergonomics	Valachi	1:30-4:30 p.m.	\$40	\$50
F32	Vaping Revisited: The Kids Are Back in School, Now What?	Burdette	2:00-4:00 p.m.	\$40	\$50
F33	Save the Tooth or What's Next: Retaining the Natural Dentition vs Extraction and Alveolar Ridge Preservation	Hempton	2:00-5:00 p.m.	\$40	\$50
F34	Bioceramics Use in Endodontics: Obturation and Vital Pulp Therapy	Kohli	2:00-5:00 p.m.	\$40	\$50
F35	Techniques for the Everyday Dentist to Increase Profitability	Margeas	2:00-5:00 p.m.	\$40	\$50

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FOR ATTENDEES AND EXHIBITORS

Join us at the SWDC for a fun networking soiree Friday, August 25 in the afternoon between 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall. Enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar as you mingle with colleagues and discuss new services and technology with exhibitors. All attendees and exhibitors are welcome. Badge is required for entry.





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SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

COURSE #	TITLE		TIME	EARLY BIRD	AFTER JULY 14
SPECIAL EVENTS					
S1	ICD Breakfast (ICD Members Only)		7:00-9:00 a.m.	\$45	\$45
S2	Hygiene CE Express: See page 40 of Registration Brochure for clinicians/topics.		8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$60	\$70
WORKSHOPS					
S3	Oral Surgery for the General Practitioner Workshop (Repeat)	Edwab	8:00-11:00 a.m.	\$275	\$285
S4	Crown Lengthening Workshop (Functional)	Hempton	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$275	\$285
S5	Anatomical Root Canal Instrumentation and Bioceramic Root Filling Workshop	Kohli/ Setzer	8:00-11:00 a.m.	\$195	\$205
S6	Anatomical Root Canal Instrumentation and Bioceramic Root Filling Workshop (repeat)	Kohli/ Setzer	12:30-3:30 p.m.	\$195	\$205
S7	Class IV Composites: Layering Techniques for Predictability and Success Workshop	Hartlieb	1:00-4:00 p.m.	\$225	\$235
S8	Dental Photography: The Shutter to Great Dentistry Workshop	Young	1:00-4:00 p.m.	\$175	\$185
MORNING LECTURES					
S9	Invisalign Consultation Workflow and Case Acceptance	Blacher	8:00-11:00 a.m.	\$40	\$50
S10	Why Free-hand Composite Dentistry is Still King in a Digital World	Hartlieb	8:00-11:00 a.m.	\$40	\$50
S11	Appliance Therapy in Everyday Dentistry	Lee	8:00-11:00 a.m.	\$40	\$50
S12	Prescribing Controlled Substances: Drugs, Monitoring and Standards of Care	Plemons	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$75	\$85
S13	Pursuit of Excellence: Optimizing Indirect Restorative Outcome... Material Selection and Clinical Application	Sulaiman	8:00-11:00 a.m.	\$40	\$50
S14	Diet Myths and Misunderstandings	Zerner	8:00-11:00 a.m.	\$40	\$50
S15	Soft Tissue Surgery in Esthetic Dentistry Part I	Allen	8:30-11:30 a.m.	\$40	\$50
S16	Invisible Pain: Realities Within the World of Autoimmune Diseases	Davis	8:30-11:30 a.m.	\$40	\$50
S17	Breathe Safe! Airborn Disease Standards and Prevention	Dorst	8:30-11:30 a.m.	\$40	\$50
S18	Emerging Trends in the Diagnosis and Management of Chronic Orofacial Pain	Gonzales	8:30-11:30 a.m.	\$40	\$50
S19	The Role of Digital Dentistry in the Contemporary Implant Practice	Keith	8:30-11:30 a.m.	\$40	\$50
S20	Oral Cancers - An Update on Diagnosis, Management and Oral Care	Schlieve	8:30-11:30 a.m.	\$40	\$50



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COURSE #	TITLE		START TIME	EARLY BIRD	AFTER JULY 14
AFTERNOON LECTURES					
S23	Soft Tissue Surgery in Esthetic Dentistry Part II	Allen	1:00-4:00 p.m.	\$40	\$50
S24	Clinical Confidence with Invisalign Treatment	Blacher	1:00-4:00 p.m.	\$40	\$50
S25	Emerging Trends in the Diagnosis and Management of Oropharyngeal Cancer	Gonzales	1:00-4:00 p.m.	\$40	\$50
S26	TMJ to Final Smile	Lee	1:00-4:00 p.m.	\$40	\$50
S27	Optimizing Clinical Outcome and Esthetics of Resin-based Direct Restorative Materials	Sulaiman	1:00-4:00 p.m.	\$40	\$50
S28	Food as Medicine	Zerner	1:00-4:00 p.m.	\$40	\$50
S29	Cannabis, Cancer and Chronic Pain: Exploring the Connections	Davis	1:30-4:30 p.m.	\$40	\$50
S30	Fight Dirty! And Keep It Clean	Dorst	1:30-4:30 p.m.	\$40	\$50
S31	Giving Patients What They Want...Immediate Satisfaction with Dental Implants	Keith	1:30-4:30 p.m.	\$40	\$50
S32	Medical Emergencies - Recognition and Management	Schlieve	1:30-4:30 p.m.	\$40	\$50
S33	Direct Materials Techniques and Technologies	Simos	1:30-4:30 p.m.	\$40	\$50

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 Hilton Anatole Dallas

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 \$45.00 per ICD Member

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Diversity + Inclusivity: Activities Update

by Thalia Shirley, DDS
Diversity and Inclusivity Committee Member

Learn, grow and serve together



Summertime in Dallas is hot is an understatement. This time of year, we love trying new ways to enjoy handpicked blueberries, watching fireworks light up the sky, sipping on tall glasses of lemonade, and enjoying a good ole Texas-style backyard barbecue with ice-cold watermelon whether poolside or in the comfort of an air-conditioned kitchen surrounded by friends. This is also the time we see our college and school aged patients as they prepare for their upcoming return to school and try one more time to encourage them to consider the various career paths dentistry has to offer.

I don't remember who or what motivated me to regularly attend meetings and finally to join Dallas County Dental Society. Maybe I was grateful for the free meal as a dental student or the free CE as a young dentist or the chance to mix and mingle with colleagues of all stages of their careers as I contemplated my next career moves. Maybe it was my mentor Dr. David Hildebrand's push that encouraged me to be active and engaged in organizations that promote and support the well-being of our profession. Now I am that mid-career dentist

reaching out to our younger counterparts and inviting them to be active in our society and invite their colleagues.

While I have had a decade of solo practitioner in private practice experience, most of my career has been in DSO supported practices, community dental centers or a part of multi-location group private practice teams. Such organizations strategically hire practitioners and team members who speak the language and understand the culture of the patients largely served at a given location. There is so much value in being able to communicate directly with the patient in their preferred language and show

an understanding of their culture and mores. By doing so the patients feel heard, cared for, and valued. The more aware we are of the diversity of thoughts, beliefs and cultural practices that ultimately impact the dental health and well-being of our patients, the greater impact we will have on improving the dental health and well-being of our county at large.

Dallas County Dental Society welcomes and needs dentists from every practice type, age and background, who speak different languages and subscribe to various faiths, cultures and self-identifiers. The more we learn, grow and serve together, the stronger our organization and our profession will be.



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Hilton Israelson, DDS

A Remarkable Career Dedicated to Dental Excellence

Dr. Hilton Israelson, a renowned dentist and respected member of the Dallas dental community, passed away on Friday, May 19, 2023. He leaves behind a remarkable legacy as a practitioner of exceptional skill, a leader in his field, and a compassionate caregiver. With a profound dedication to dental excellence, Hilton made a significant impact on the lives of his patients and colleagues throughout his career.

Hilton's journey in dentistry began with a strong passion for helping others achieve optimal oral health. He completed his Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree at the University of Witwatersrand School of Dental Medicine in Johannesburg, South Africa in 1973. Continuing his education at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, he obtained his degree in Periodontics in 1976.

As an esteemed professional, Hilton was affiliated with numerous prestigious dental organizations, including the American Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, Academy of Osseointegration, Alpha Omega, American Academy of Periodontology, American Board of Periodontology, Southwest Society of Periodontists, and Texas Society of Periodontists. His active involvement in these organizations demonstrated his commitment to staying at the forefront of advancements in dentistry and collaborating with colleagues to elevate the standards of dental care.

Hilton's leadership and expertise were recognized by his peers, leading him to serve as the Fifteenth District Trustee of the ADA from 2012 to 2015 and as a Delegate from 2007-2008 and again in 1999 to 2005. During his tenure within the ADA, he contributed significantly to various committees, including the Council on Dental Education and Licensure, Audit Committee, Mega Topic Planning Group, Committee on International Programs and Development, Information Technology Committee, Strategic Planning Steering Committee, and Choosing Wisely Workgroup. Hilton's contributions and visionary leadership were invaluable in shaping the dental profession and advancing dental education and licensure.

Within the TDA, Hilton played a pivotal role, serving as President from 2008 to 2009,

President-elect from 2007 to 2008, Vice President in 2004, Senior Director in 2003, Director in 2002, and Delegate from 1999 to 2001. Additionally, he served as the Chair of the Future Focus Committee and served on the Council on Dental Education, Trade and Ancillaries. Hilton's contributions to the TDA were recognized with the prestigious TDA President's Award in 2006 and 2011, as well as the prestigious TDA Gold Medal Award in 2016, highlighting his dedication and outstanding leadership.

At the local level, Hilton made significant contributions through his involvement with DCDS, where he served as President from 1999 to 2000 and President-elect from 1998 to 1999. He played an active role on various committees, including the DCDS Foundation Board, Financial Advisory Committee, Building Committee, Nominating Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Legislative Action Committee, Leadership Development Committee, Awards Committee, Budget Committee, and Scientific Committee. Hilton's commitment to DCDS was also evident through his contributions to the Dallas Midwinter (Southwest Dental Conference) as Chairman in 1998. In addition to being the impetus behind the component society acquiring the standalone building that it now owns and occupies, Hilton was the founder of the DCDS Dental Assisting School, a state-of-the-art facility designed to educate and train high quality dental assistants.

Hilton's professional accomplishments were marked by numerous accolades and honors. He became a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology in 1981, a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, and a Fellow of the International College of Dentists. Hilton's achievements were further recognized with awards such as the ADA Presidential Citation in 2014, the President's Award from the Texas Society of Periodontology in 2008, DCDS Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013, and Dentist of the Year from the DCDS in 2006.

In addition to his private practice, where he specialized in Periodontics and Dental Implants in Richardson, Texas, Hilton served from 1977 to 1979 as a clinical instructor in periodontics at



the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, and from 1979 to 1989 as a faculty member at the Texas A&M School of Dentistry (formally Baylor College of Dentistry) as assistant clinical professor. From 1989 to 2000, he served as an associate clinical professor in the college's department of periodontics. Through this academic appointment, he contributed to shaping the next generation of dental professionals and imparting his wealth of knowledge and experience.

Beyond his professional achievements, Hilton was a devoted family man. He shared 49 years of marriage with his beloved wife, Maureen Israelson, and they were blessed with three children, Alana, Carla, and Justin. Hilton found immense joy in his role as a grandfather to six grandsons, creating lasting memories and cherishing their time together.

Throughout his career, Hilton Israelson, DDS, made an indelible impact on the dental profession, demonstrating unwavering commitment to excellence, leadership, and patient care. His profound contributions will continue to shape the dental community and inspire future generations. Hilton will be fondly remembered as a dedicated professional, a compassionate caregiver, a beloved mentor, and a cherished family man. His legacy will forever resonate in the hearts and minds of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Donations in honor of Dr. Israelson may be made through the Dallas Jewish Community Foundation at: <https://www.djcf.org/donate>. From that webpage, please click the drop-down menu and select the "Hilton Israelson Memorial Fund" whose beneficiary shall be the Dallas County Dental Society Foundation. Thank you for helping to honor his memory.

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Texas A&M University College of Dentistry

By Kristen Tribe; Photo by Steven Crow

Rising star: Ganter named to ADA's 10 Under 10

A lumna Dr. Stephanie Ganter, periodontist and the upbeat co-host of “Between Two Teeth,” was named to the American Dental Association’s 2023 10 Under 10. The awards recognize 10 early-career dentists who demonstrate excellence in the profession, but Ganter insists the award represents more.

“It’s not meant to specifically be about the 10 people chosen; it’s meant to recognize all new dentists and what they’re bringing to the table,” she said. “This is about new dentists making a mark. We’re just the face of it.”

Ganter graduated from Texas A&M School of Dentistry in 2016 with her DDS and again in 2019 after completing her periodontal and implant surgery residency. She is co-owner with Dr. Robert McNeill of a combined periodontics and oral and maxillofacial surgery practice – the first of its kind – in Garland, Texas. The duo also star in “Between Two Teeth,” a YouTube channel they created on the heels of the COVID-19 pandemic to connect, discover and inspire life within and beyond the field of dentistry.

Ganter pursued periodontics after being drawn to surgical procedures as a child. Her dad kept pigeons at that time, and when one went missing, she was convinced it was eaten by a snake. Her family didn’t believe her, so Ganter set out to prove her theory by performing surgery on the snake, which had been found dead.

“I went in the house and got my kid surgical gloves and a little doctor’s kit,” she said with a laugh. “I cut open this dead snake, and sure enough, a pigeon was there. As soon as I made my first incision, it was love. My dad was like, ‘you are so different.’”

When Ganter wasn’t performing emergency surgeries in the yard, she was throwing herself into school, sports and church. This approach carried her through high school, a collegiate running career at Stephen F. Austin State University and into dental school, but the self-described golden child said the challenges of residency were her introduction to the sharp corners of reality.

When she graduated in 2019, she found herself at loose ends, the conclusion to a well-executed academic career but unsure where to go next. “That’s where my story begins,” she said. “It’s not about your planned path. Your story really begins when you’re planned path becomes unplanned.”



McNeill, an oral surgeon who is also on the TSBDE, was looking for a periodontist, and after talking with Ganter, he invited her on a medical mission trip to Guatemala for a working interview. Despite being intimidated by his board position and pondering the reality of a partnership between an oral surgeon and periodontist, she decided to go and be open to the possibility.

“That was a moment of self-determination,” she said. “I was supposed to be mentoring dental students on the trip, but I ended up learning important lessons on that trip. The most important thing I learned is you don’t have to be perfect in life to accomplish everything.”

Ganter joined McNeill in practice following the Guatemala trip, but the COVID-19 pandemic hit just six months after she started, sending everyone into isolation. During this time, and with proper safety measures in place, she and McNeill began inviting a few colleagues to the office to simply talk and connect with each other. They all gathered around a blue couch, which quickly became a symbol for community.

“These get-togethers helped us realize how much people in our community need an outlet, and we decided we wanted to broadcast the blue couch to a larger audience,” she said.

In 2021, they turned their talks into a YouTube show in homage to Zach Galifianakis’ “Between Two Ferns.” Their popularity is skyrocketing, and they’ve been tapped to act as hosts on the main stage at ADA SmileCon 2023 in Orlando this fall.

“We started out discussing the same topics we had talked about on the blue couch, but as our notoriety grew, we’ve started doing interviews,”

Ganter said. “We’re looking for specific kinds of people, and we interview them on value-driven life topics. Hopefully, through that we can be inspired but also inspire someone who just needs that message that day.”

In addition to facilitating connection and community, the pandemic also pushed Ganter to consider her continuing education and her philosophies as she built a practice. She recently completed a two-year Integrative Medicine Fellowship with the University of Arizona School of Medicine and an international surgical leadership program through Harvard Medical School, where she was elected class speaker.

“They vote someone in who embodies the essence of the course, and I was so proud of that,” she said. “What people think is the most impressive thing about me, may not necessarily be what I’m most proud of. I think that’s where happiness in life comes from – knowing what makes you proud.”

To recharge and stay engaged, Ganter continues to pursue mission opportunities, recently completing a trip to Poland through the International Medical Relief Association, providing dental treatment to Ukrainian refugees. She also pursues opportunities through Texas Mission of Mercy events.

Ganter serves in board positions for DCDS and the ADA. In her free time, you can often find her on the rink, playing hockey or riding her motorcycle – always looking for the next adventure.

“If I have any advice for dental students or young dentists, it’s to keep your eyes up, your heart open, your mind clear,” she said, “and the world is at your fingertips.”



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Helping the displaced of Ukraine

by Dr. Robert G. McNeill

"The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why."
— Mark Twain.

Drs. Stephanie R. Ganter and Robert G. McNeill, DCDS members and hosts of the YouTube channel, *Between Two Teeth*, recently led a group on a Ukrainian dental mission in Warsaw, Poland.

Dr. Ganter, a common fixture at Texas Mission of Mercy events, jumped at the opportunity to serve internationally through International Medical Relief. They were joined by ADA 15th District Trustee, Dr. Craig Armstrong, Dr. McNeill's pre-dental son David, and ADA team members Dr. Hana Alberti and Ms. Kate Davidoski.

The group served Ukrainian citizens at different shelters around Warsaw, a city which has become a home to the forgotten people of the war — specifically, those forced from their homes and families without access to resources to make a living in Poland. Aided by Ukrainian translators, their dental team created temporary dental clinics within the shelters, oftentimes having only a small room with a couple of folding chairs to work with.

One particular translator moved the team in a meaningful way. Her name was Alena and she had never met a female dentist. On her first interaction observing the group Alena commented, "I didn't know women could do anything in healthcare". Dr. Armstrong and Dr. Ganter knew immediately they would have an opportunity to change her perspective through the mission. Dr. Ganter took Alena under her wing and showed her

that she could do anything she put her mind to. Alena's story is an example of the humanitarian impact dental mission trips make beyond serving the dental needs of the population.

The team provided access to dental care to 2,560 Ukrainians displaced by the war. Some of the children had lost siblings, parents, and friends from the war. "It was a phenomenal experience to serve Ukrainians in this war torn region with this group" states Dr. McNeill. Dr. Hana Alberti, a dentist from Wisconsin and senior director for Dental Practice Policy at the ADA, utilized her soft skills with the patients most fearful of the dentist.

Dr. Armstrong found this mission to be life-changing. "Craig was our rock. He always kept the group together and knew the right thing to say," says Dr. Ganter. This trip was especially impactful for Dr. Armstrong due to his unique connection with Ukraine. As Chair of the ADA Foundation, he accepted the Order of Saint Apollonia from the Ukrainian Dental Association on behalf of the American Dental Association Foundation for their financial support of the dentists in Ukraine during this challenging time.

Dr. Ganter shared "As we all were in the final debriefing session, we each shared impactful memories of the trip and the lasting impressions. I'm a better human after experiencing this mission trip."

Dr. McNeill was excited for the opportunity to serve with his son, David. As a pre-dental student, David was moved by the impact dentistry has on communities, stating "Witnessing the transformative power that access to dental care has on people's lives left me awestruck. I want to be a part of a profession that has a profound influence like dentistry can have on individuals and communities". Dr. McNeill recalls the experience with a smile stating, "Working alongside my son, watching him serve others through dentistry, I am so proud of him and our entire group. We made a difference in people's lives, and it wasn't just about the teeth."

[Drs. Ganter and McNeill share a periodontal/oral surgery combination practice in Garland, Texas.](#)
[For videos of their trip, head over to their YouTube channel, *Between Two Teeth*.](#)



Right: The combined USA/ Ukraine team.

Your DCDS Foundation at Work!

by Dr. Chi Trieu, DCDS Foundation President

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DCDS Foundation is pleased to welcome the newly appointed DCDSF Board of Directors. The new Board met in early June to determine committees that will work towards the Foundation’s mission to enhance oral health in our community. These committees include:

- Dental Charity Summit, led by Dr. Bill Gerlach, engages Dallas-based charities, clinics and non-profits to meet and learn from one another.
- Dental Tree Program, led by Dr. Chi Trieu, will look to serve current patients in extreme need in private practice.
- Fundraising, led by Dr. Shad Hattaway, creates and maintain fundraising endeavors to support DCDSF programs.
- Give Kids a Smile, led by Dr. Preston Colven, continues efforts to work with Dallas County students with limited or no access to oral healthcare.
- Grants/Scholarships, led by Dr. Wayne Woods, searches for and applies to grants to support our programs and reviews scholarship applications.
- TMOM Committee will anticipate needs for possible 2025 TMOM in the Greater Dallas Area.
- Tooth Talk/Senior Talk will work with Dallas Dental Hygienists’ Association to create opportunities for outreach to schools and retirement communities.

DCDS Advisory Committee

DCDS Foundation is pleased to introduce the formation of a new DCDS Advisory Committee. The appointed members of this committee will be looked at to help the DCDSF Board of Directors make strategic decisions by providing expert knowledge and guidance, while the Board of Directors is responsible for making sure that Foundation operations are running smoothly and efficiently.



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A Glimpse at DCDS Ladies Tea...



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A Glimpse at So You Want to be a Speaker...



Sponsored by DCDS Diversity and Inclusivity Committee and free for members, this workshop for emerging speakers was facilitated by Ms. Karen Cortell Reisman and included two of her books.



General Membership Meeting - September 2023

The Many Faces of Orofacial Pain: Beyond TMD

STEVEN D. BENDER, DDS



Dr. Bender is a 1986 graduate of Baylor College of Dentistry and studied orofacial pain at the University of Florida College of Dentistry. He is currently a Clinical Associate Professor in the department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Texas A&M College of Dentistry in Dallas Texas and serves as the director of the Clinical Center for Facial Pain and Sleep Medicine, Texas A&M Health, Dallas, TX. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orofacial Pain and has earned Fellowships in the American Academy of Orofacial Pain, the American Headache Society, the International Academy of Oral Oncology and the American College of Dentists.

The number one reason patients seek care from their health care providers is for pain. In the dental practice, when pathology is not easily identifiable, the diagnosis becomes more difficult often leading to well intentioned but misguided therapies. Therefore, it is important for clinicians to be able to identify the various presentations of nonodontogenic pains in the face and oral cavity. This presentation is designed to help the dental team become confident with the diagnosis of some of the more common nonodontogenic orofacial pain complaints encountered in the dental practice. Strategies for the management of these disorders as well as determining when referral is recommended will also be discussed.

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Learning Objectives:

- Understand the basic classifications of pain and the relevance to clinical practice
- Formulate a differential diagnosis and successfully triage orofacial pain complaints
- Identify appropriate treatment strategies for the more common orofacial pains
- Understand when a team approach is recommended

Audience: Dentists

CE Hours: 2 technical and/or scientific

AGD Code: 200

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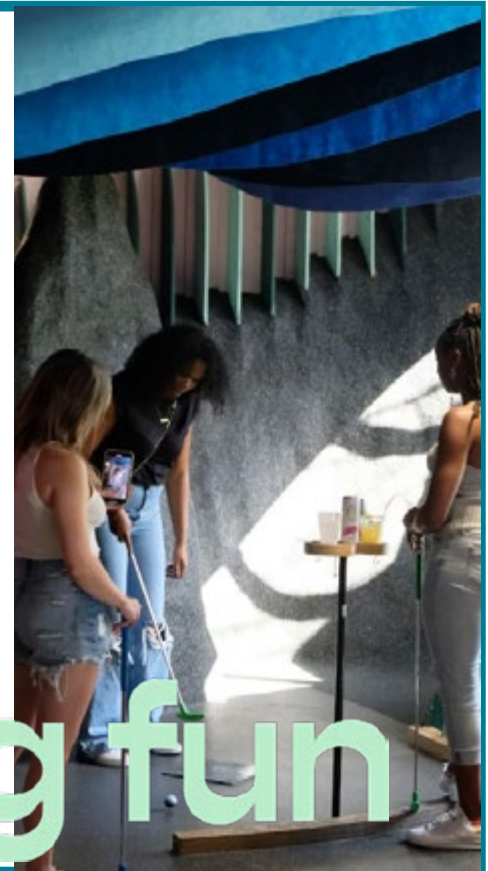


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The countdown to the 2023 Southwest Dental Conference has begun! I hope you are all ready to Refresh, Renew and Reconnect at this year's meeting. Registration is open and hotel rooms are available for you to treat yourself, your family and your staff to a memorable experience at the Hilton Anatole.

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I am excited about our 96th annual Southwest Dental Conference and look forward to seeing you there. Visit www.swdentalconf.org to register now. You will not want to miss it!



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