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Members in the News
On May 22, 2020, Renee Fennell DMD, president of PCDS and Diversity Officer at Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry, presented a beautiful video greeting to the 2020 graduates of Temple Dental during the virtual commencement ceremony. The message can be seen at https://webcast.imsts.com/KornbergCelebration2020 at 5:15.

Tecosky Addresses COVID, Practicing Dentistry on NBC, Dentists Returning to Practice on Radio
On May 20, 2020, David Tecosky DMD, was interviewed on NBC 10 Philadelphia about dental practice in the new normal and changes that are being made to protect the patient(s), staff, dentists and public. Thank you, David, for representing us so well. In case you missed the segment, it can be seen at https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/health/protecting-dental-patients-amid-the-coronavirus-pandemic/2402703/

In a segment on WHYY- FM, “Is now the time to go for an annual physical exam or health screening,” PCDS board member Dr. David Tecosky was interviewed about the return to practice.

Dentists are open, but they are not doing any cosmetic procedures right now like veneers, a procedure that involves using a shell to correct stained or chipped teeth, said Dr. Tecosky, a dentist in Philadelphia.

He said he has to catch up with a backlog of two and a half months of appointments, but he is seeing his patients for all other procedures, including checkups and certainly emergency procedures like treating infections, or cracked teeth that could lead to pain and problems with eating. He said he would recommend patients call their dentists, because preventative care is much better than treatment.

Also, a dentist might have seen 10 patients a day before the pandemic, but Tecosky said that is not possible now with the various social distancing measures and the need for staff to change gowns and other personal protective equipment (PPE) between patients. For example, he said he is now wearing hairnets, which he did not do before the pandemic.

He added his practice also has new measures to protect staff and patients, such as plastic screens at the front desk, distance between people in the waiting room, and curtains in the operating area. The CDC has more detailed guidance for how dentists should be operating.

Tecosky said that his whole team has been answering phones, including himself, and patients have not been reluctant to come back for appointments.

“Even though dentistry is not known to be a place that people flock to go to because they love to, we are finding that patients are not canceling appointments or saying, (continued on page 4)
Editor’s Message

Dr. David Tecosky, Editor

As the new editor for the Journal of the Philadelphia County Dental Society, it is my honor to serve our local dental society in this capacity.

First things first. It is indeed my pleasure to introduce, or should I say reintroduce, you to our new president, Dr. Renee Fennell. I first met Renee during the days in which we joined together to negotiate with the Health Department and City Council when an activist group attempted to ban the use of amalgam in Philadelphia. We worked well together then and have been friends and colleagues ever since.

Dr. Fennell is returning for a second time as our president in this most momentous time. I had a long call with Dr. Fennell last month when she laid out her plans for her presidential year.

First and foremost, she would like to build on her previous term where her priorities included improving the Society’s communications with its members through improvements in our social media and increase the programs that impact our members, most particularly the young members who will lead the field in the coming decades. She intends to continue increasing membership in the 1- to 10-year new dentists by providing programming particularly suited to them. One such example is the Ask the Lawyer program, which we held during her first term. She also was instrumental in running a session for residents covering issues of importance to the young dentist.

Dr. Fennell is committed to guiding the society in efforts to develop mentoring between established dentists and young dentists and encouraging young dentists to become leaders, too. Dr. Fennell believes strongly in community services and hopes to highlight the service activities of all members in the society in our social media and Journal.

Dr. Fennell expressed her solidarity with those fighting racial injustice and invites a diversity of members to participate in the society. Our discussion also included reactivating the Scholarship Program, improving the actions of the committees, and improving our interactions with the local dental schools and residency programs. Her final words of encouragement to all is to, “Stay safe. If you are a beach lover like me, have patience a little longer because the beach is calling me.”

I would personally like to add that in this Pandemic year, we all need to keep ourselves calm and even tempered, thoughtful and respectful towards those we serve and interact with, and know that we will overcome this obstacle and be much stronger for it.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not offer to Dr. Saul Miller the Society’s appreciation for his many years of dedication to the Journal. Reflecting this dedication, he has been named Editor Emeritus by the Board of Governors. Thank you, Saul, for a job well done.

To close, I would love to hear from you! Please send your suggestions about any of the initiatives mentioned in this column or for upcoming issues of the Journal to PhilaDentalJournal@yahoo.com.
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‘Oh, I don’t want to come in or wait six months’ or ‘I’m going to wait till this all passes.’”

However, he said he expects lasting changes to how dentists practice. For one thing, masks that used to cost $10 now cost $30. He had to furlough almost his entire team of 6 or 7 employees because they could provide only urgent care at the start of the pandemic. They are all back now but are only getting around 20 percent of the money coming in compared to pre-pandemic levels, far below the amount needed to cover overhead costs. He said dentists will keep trying to figure out ways to get people the care they need, but it could mean dentists have to charge more in the future.

Thakkar Participates in ADA Return to Work Webinar

Dr. Nipa Thakkar, our Society’s trustee to the Pennsylvania Dental Association, recently participated in an American Dental Association webinar titled How COVID-19 is Impacting Dental Practices and Patient Attitudes Toward Visiting the Dentist. (The webinar is available to watch on YouTube.)

The panelists discussed the latest data on patient volume, collections and personal protective equipment stockpiles in dental practices; new research on consumer sentiments about visiting the dentist from Engagious, a consumer research firm working with the ADA; and the ADA’s role in supporting dentists and safeguarding the safety of the public during the pandemic.

Perhaps the most important finding of the research showed a rebounding of patient volume since many dentists began to reopen their practices, with more and more people willing to go to the dentist as they trust the precautions and protocols followed in offices.

Thakkar also was the subject of a follow up article published by ADA News.

Thakkar, a general dentist who practices in West Chester, also teaches at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, actually closed her office before the ADA recommended that dentists suspend non-emergency procedures.

In the article Thakkar noted she closed her office after she saw patients cancelling appointments and for the health and safety of her staff comprising two cancer survivors, two others who are caregivers for elderly family members, and a staffer who had an infant at home.

Communication with patients and staff was key during the closure, she said. She held weekly Zoom meetings with her furloughed staff and ensured all her patients had her cellphone number.

While she could have reopened on May 18, Thakkar waited until June 1 to reopen her office so that she could train her staff on the new precautions and protocols they would now be following.

Dr. Thakkar said she is optimistic that dentists and patients will connect with a message ADA president Dr. Chad Gehani shared during the webinar: “We are all in this together.”
Important Announcement
2020 Liberty Continuing Education Series Canceled

Thank you for supporting the Liberty Continuing Education Series presented by the Philadelphia County Dental Society and the PDA.

With so much uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, we made the difficult decision to cancel the courses for 2020. Protecting the health and safety of our members, your staff and ultimately your dental patients is our priority and the reason for our decision to cancel the 2020 courses. Registrants who paid to attend the courses will receive a full refund by September 18.

Governor Wolf suspended the in-person CE requirement for the licensure period ending on March 31, 2021, so you may earn all your CE credits online or through another form of self-study, like articles in JADA. PDA can help you earn the credits you need for license renewal with online self-study courses and live, virtual CE courses.

PDA’s online CE courses can be found at www.padental.org/calendar (click on the Prerecorded Events tab). PDA also will offer several live virtual CE courses, including those listed in the right column.

Please check the Event Calendar at www.padental.org/calendar to register for the live virtual CE courses. If you have any questions, please email Rebecca at rvn@padental.org

The PCDS sponsored Liberty CE series will return with in-person courses for the fall of 2021. Please join your colleagues!

PDA Virtual CE Courses

Friday, October 23
10:00 a.m. to Noon
Radiation Safety for Pennsylvania Dental Professionals; 2 CE credits

Thursday, November 12
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Maxillary Tumor Surgery - Past, Present and Future; 3 CE credits

Friday, November 13
10:00 a.m. to Noon
Radiation Safety for Pennsylvania Dental Professionals; 2 CE credits

Tuesday, January 12, 2021
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Pain Management Alternatives and Identification of Addiction (satisfies Act 124); 2 CE credits

Wednesday, January 27, 2021
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting for Dental Professionals (satisfies Act 31); 2 CE credits

Friday, January 29, 2021
10:00 a.m. to Noon
Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting for Dental Professionals (satisfies Act 31); 2 CE credits

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Stressed at Work? It Might be Reverse Culture Shock
Caroline Power Gangl, Managing Editor

What do a third-grade student, a chemical engineer and a dentist all have in common? The stress they feel whenever it is that can they return to school, office or operatory could be caused by reverse culture shock.

Anyone who has traveled outside the United States may have felt culture shock, a disorientation people feel when they have to adapt to an unfamiliar culture. Reverse culture shock is so prevalent in study abroad programs that they have special programs designed to help the students abroad deal with culture shock.

Reverse culture shock is when a person struggles with returning to their former way of life after a lengthy period of absence — for example, inmates being freed after a prison term or people resuming everyday activities after having schools close abruptly, employers closing facilities and sending employees home to work from home or dentists being prevented from treating patients during a pandemic.

The greater the gap between how life was and how life now is, the more distress you will feel.

People who have been away from their familiar surroundings expect their school, office or operatory to be just as they left it. While you have been home during the pandemic, your surroundings may have changed or will have to be changed to enable your return. When reflecting upon your return, consider these three points:

• Your school, office or operatory have changed.
• You have changed.
• You have adapted to new daily routine and now you must readapt.

The third-grade student must wear a mask everywhere she goes in school except when she eats her lunch, and she has to sit 6 feet away from her friends who are at school. Some of her friends are missing, and she does not understand what remote learning means. Her teachers cannot hug her if she falls down and scrapes her knee. She cannot work with her friends in groups. She has to sit in the same spot all day long with scheduled “mask and drink breaks” in a different area of the school.

The chemical engineer may have been told he cannot return to the office, even for a day, until sometime after January 1, 2021. (Google has informed its employees it does not expect them to return to work until June 2021!) When it is decided remote workers can return to their companies’ facilities, they find their offices have been moved because the workspace has had to be reconfigured to reduce employee density. Wearing masks is non-negotiable. Even though an employee is back in an office with a door, he is still communicating with colleagues via text, phone or Zoom because he is the only person permitted in his office.

As a dentist, your first step into your office probably seemed normal because nothing had changed; instead, you will be making the changes to allow you to see patients again. Reverse culture shock does not come immediately, especially for someone who has to research, price, plan and implement changes in the office’s physical layout.

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equipment, addition of personal protective equipment (PPE), if you can find a reliable vendor, and office policies.

However, your patients may react to changes you have had to make immediately. Imagine being that third-grade student who enters your office after sitting in the car with her mother for 10 minutes to see a face she thinks she recognizes, but the person is wearing all sorts of strange things on her head and face. Even her uniform is different.

Then her mother answers a few questions. After that, she and her mother are whisked into the office directly into an operatory. She did not even get to color a picture for you while in the waiting room like she usually does.

She is waiting to see you, her dentist, but in comes another person wearing all kinds of strange things on her face and head. By now the child is feeling uncomfortable and scared because this is not the dentist office she goes to. Fortunately, you quickly explain in terms she can understand why you and the staff are wearing “fancy” uniforms to take extra special care of her, and she relaxes a bit when she recognizes your voice.

After her 6-month visit is complete, she and her mother are led to a door she has never seen before, and they go right back to their car. The student does not get to pick a sticker from the nice person at the desk. When she gets dropped off at school by her mother, she starts to wonder if you and your staff really picked such ugly things to wear to make her feel special.

Many other relationships will be in turmoil. Domestic violence, child abuse, mental health issues and addiction problems will be escalating. (As dental health professionals, you, despite being hidden by all your PPE, are in a unique position to notice the signs of some of these problems and are mandated reporters for some of them. See box on page 8 for helpful information.) Loneliness, especially among older people, may have transformed into deep depression. Tension will run high. Teens and kids may be anxious, easily flustered, and oppositional.

Not everyone deals with reverse culture shock exactly the same way, but there are seven common struggles you may face.

1. **You are supposed to love being “back.”**
   But your feelings go up and down. That is normal. Just go with the flow.

2. **No one cares about your lockdown experiences.**
   Everyone has had greatly different lockdown experiences, and the one most interesting to us is our own. Even if others ask how it was (and is) for you, they will not be truly invested in your answer. So just say, “Good, thanks.”

3. **Real life may overwhelm you.**
   Novel virus Covid-19 has given us a giant break from life. It has forcibly simplified our lives and reduced our feelings of responsibility.

   When the floodgates open again, and they will, feelings of being overwhelmed will happen. Pace yourself. Perhaps your kids do not need to be involved in as many extracurricular activities or sports as before. Maybe you need to say no more often.

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4. You (secretly) liked lockdown.
You are going to miss it or, at least, some aspects of it. Perhaps it is having time to yourself and the simplicity of life. There is no shame in that. In fact, it is terrific. Take time to identify what you liked and see what you can integrate into your life now. Are there things about your work and social lives you want to adjust?

5. You feel like you wasted all the time you had.
Productivity took a hit on all fronts, and we had to reset our expectations. You do not have to emerge from Covid-19 or lockdown having written a bestselling novel. You will have learned other things, like how to work remotely, how your kids learn best or how to bake the perfect loaf of bread. Maybe you learned things about yourself, such as how you react to stress, how you deal with frustration or anxiety, what triggers you, and who you find it easy to be with. That is useful knowledge, probably even more useful than the bestseller you did not write.

6. Not all families will be closer.
It is a rare family or lockdown group that had no issues at all. Anxiety/worry, tears, anger, frustration, and conflict head the list. Underlying mental health issues, old wounds and addictions may have made things worse. Some will have found it tougher emotionally than others; some will be distraught in the face of new challenges.
If your group has struggled under lockdown, talk about the weirdness of it and the recall what were appropriate emotional responses. Do not just ignore the difficulty you had and let things build up. They will erupt again as soon as a raw nerve is hit.

7. It is hard to get back up and going again.
Being quarantined created a sluggishness that may be hard to shake. Everyone has done their best, but most people have had bad days. Reports of increased fatigue, often driven by the increased mental workload, are common.
Mental health issues and feelings of despair will be widespread. There will still be bad days. Cut yourself and the people you care about a break as you return to the office, and do not expect others to, either.

Just like culture shock, you can adapt to all the changes that caused your reverse culture shock and get on with life again.

Mandated Reporter Resources

ChildLine Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-932-0313
If you suspect Child Abuse you must make an immediate and direct report of suspected child abuse to ChildLine either electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis or by calling 1-800-932-0313.
ChildLine is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to receive reports of suspected child abuse.

Statewide Elder Abuse Hotline
1-800-490-8505
Any person who believes that an older adult is being abused, neglected, exploited, or abandoned may call the Elder Abuse Hotline at 1-800-490-8505. The hotline is open 24 hours a day.

National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-7233
The National Domestic Violence Hotline is for anyone affected by abuse and needing help. It can help victims and survivors of domestic violence. Call 1-800-799-7233 and chat with an advocate on their website.
If you are unable to speak safely, you can log on to thehotline.org or text LOVEIS to 1-866-331-9474.
ADA Objects to WHO Guidance to Delay Nonessential Dental Care

The American Dental Association issued a strongly worded statement against the World Health Organization’s (WHO) recommendation for the delaying of nonessential dental procedures in areas where COVID-19 is in community spread.

As reported by Zachary Kulsrud in a post on ADA’s website on August 12, the ADA statement reads, “The American Dental Association (ADA) respectfully yet strongly disagrees with the World Health Organization’s (WHO) recommendation to delay ‘routine’ dental care in certain situations due to COVID-19.”

The statement points out that the ADA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have issued interim guidance that call for increased measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in dental settings.

ADA President Chad Gehani, DDS, is quoted in the statement saying, “Millions of patients have safely visited their dentists in the past few months for the full range of dental services. With appropriate PPE, dental care should continue to be delivered during global pandemics or other disaster situations.”

The ADA statement does not directly address other aspects of the WHO guidance, such as its advisement that providers act “according to official recommendations at [the] national, sub-national or local level.” Confusion has centered around this point, as it appears the WHO guidance may ultimately defer to local officials to make the best judgments about COVID-19 transmission risks in their communities’ dental settings.

“Oral health is integral to overall health. Dentistry is essential health care,” stated Dr. Gehani. “Dentistry is essential health care because of its role in evaluating, diagnosing, preventing, or treating oral diseases, which can affect systemic health.”

Dr. Gehani added that in March, when COVID-19 cases began to rise in the United States, the ADA called for dentists to postpone all but urgent and emergency care in order to understand the disease, consider its effect on dental patients, dental professionals and the greater community.

Both the ADA and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention then issued interim guidance for dental professionals related to COVID-19. The ADA’s guidance calls for the highest level of PPE available—masks, goggles and face shields. The ADA’s interim guidance also calls for the use of rubber dams and high velocity suction whenever possible and hand scaling when cleaning teeth rather than using ultrasonic scaling to minimize aerosols.

Zhang Joins Penn Dental in Preventive & Restorative Sciences

Adding to the depth of the school’s research enterprise, Penn Dental Medicine welcomes Dr. Yu Zhang as professor in the Department of Preventive & Restorative Sciences. Dr. Zhang, a leading authority in dental biomaterials, joined the School in July, coming to Penn Dental Medicine from New York University College of Dentistry (NYUCD).

“It is without exaggeration to state that, at present, Dr. Zhang is one of the most respected if not the most respected dental ceramic researcher in the world,” notes Dr. Markus Blatz, professor and chair of the Department of Preventive & Restorative Sciences, who sees this recruitment as an important part of continuing to build on the department’s leadership in the field of restorative dentistry. “Much of his work and (continued on page 10)
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inventions focus on clinical applications and improvements of zirconia dental ceramics, which have become by far the most popular ceramic materials group in dental practice.”

A highly funded researcher, Dr. Zhang has had over 10 years of continuous support from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as well as significant grant funding from the dental industry and the National Science Foundation. Dr. Zhang presently has two active R01 grant awards from the NIH’s National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research – one project focusing on the development of a nanostructured dental zirconia that is both strong and translucent and the other working to improve the fracture resistance of porcelain-veneered dental prostheses through the tailoring of residual stresses.

“Dr. Zhang’s experience fills a long-standing void in the Department, and as a global leader in the field of dental biomaterials, he brings significant stature and world-wide recognition to School and the University in an area of dentistry that is taking center stage,” adds Dr. Blatz. “This marks a significant step in the University’s quest to move from excellence to eminence.”

New DEA Fee Schedule Goes into Effect October 1

DENISTS with licenses expiring between now and Oct. 31 encouraged to re-register now.

As reported by Jennifer Garvin in a recent post on ADA.org, the ADA is encouraging dentists with Drug Enforcement Agency prescribing licenses that expire before Oct. 31 to renew them ahead of the agency’s new fee schedule.

The new DEA fee schedule for registration and reregistration for a three-year DEA certification is scheduled to go into effect Oct. 1. Fees for dentists are increasing from $731 to $888.

DEA re-registrations may only be submitted 60 days prior to expiration. Only dentists with registrations expiring in September or October can re-register using the current fee schedule. Dentists registering for the first time can also take advantage of the lesser fees between now and Sept. 30.

To register, visit the DEA website.

DEA Diversion Control Division Rules

The Drug Enforcement Administration, Diversion Control Division, has promulgated the following Interim, Temporary, Proposed, and Final Rules, which have been published in the Federal Register. For more information on any of the rules, simply click on the title of the rule.

Temporary Rule: Extension of Temporary Placement of N-Ethylpentylone in Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act (August 27, 2020)

This order extends the temporary scheduling of N-ethylpentylone for one year, or until the permanent scheduling action for this substance is completed, whichever occurs first.

Interim Final Rule: Implementation of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (August 21, 2020)

The purpose of this interim final rule is to codify in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) regulations the statutory amendments to the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) made by the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (AIA), regarding the scope of regulatory controls over marihuana, tetrahydrocannabinols, and other marihuana-related constituents. This interim final rule merely conforms DEA’s regulations to the statutory amendments to the CSA that have already taken effect, and it does not add additional requirements to the regulations.

Please note the DEA uses the Spanish spelling of marihuana.

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Final Rule: Placement of Cenobamate in Schedule V (August 20, 2020)
With the issuance of this final rule, the DEA maintains cenobamate, including its salts, in schedule V of the CSA.

Temporary Order: Temporary Placement of Isotonitazene in Schedule I (August 20, 2020)
As a result of this order, the regulatory controls and administrative, civil, and criminal sanctions applicable to schedule I controlled substances will be imposed on persons who handle (manufacture, distribute, reverse distribute, import, export, engage in research, conduct instructional activities or chemical analysis with, or possess), or propose to handle isotonitazene.

Proposed Aggregate Production Quotas for Schedule I and II Controlled Substances and Assessment of Annual Needs for the List I Chemicals Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, and Phenylpropanolamine for 2021 (September 1, 2020)
The DEA proposes to establish the 2021 aggregate production quotas for controlled substances in schedules I and II of the CSA and assessment of annual needs for the list I chemicals ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine.

Proposed Adjustments to the Aggregate Production Quotas for Schedule I and II Controlled Substances and Assessment of Annual Needs for the List I Chemicals Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, and Phenylpropanolamine for 2020 (September 1, 2020)
The DEA proposes to adjust the 2020 aggregate production quotas for several controlled substances in schedules I and II of the CSA and assessment of annual needs for the list I chemicals ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine.

FTC Health Breach Notification Rule
ADA urges agency to coordinate final rule with HHS, state laws to avoid confusion
The ADA is asking the Federal Trade Commission to coordinate its final Health Breach Notification Rule with other laws and regulations in order “to eliminate the potential lack of conformity and overlapping requirements that could lead to burdens on regulated entities as well as confusion and worry for patients,” writes Jennifer Garvin in a recent post on ADA.org.

ADA is concerned about the proposed rule’s conflicts between the rule and state, local and other federal laws and regulations.

Drs. Gehani and O’Loughlin in comments filed with the FTC said the proposed rule’s acknowledgement that “it does not apply to health information secured through technologies specified by HHS” and the fact that it is not applicable to businesses or organizations covered by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, could be potentially confusing, noting that HIPAA-covered entities and their business associates must instead comply with HHS’s breach notification rule.

In order to prevent “unnecessary confusion” in notification requirements, the ADA said it “strongly recommends” that the FTC and HHS work “closely together to assess the extent to which vendors of personal health records, personal health records-related entities and third-party service providers may be HIPAA-covered entities or business associates of HIPAA-covered entities.”

“Overlapping and conflicting laws and regulations risk leading to confusion on the part of dentists as well as their patients,” Drs. Gehani and O’Loughlin wrote. “This
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confusion may grow even greater when a federal regulation, such as those proposed here by the FTC, overlaps with several states that may be served by an entity. With the potential for electronic personal health records to be operated by a vendor across several states, this problem is exacerbated. Data breaches often require entities to comply with multiple laws which may not be consistent, and ensuring consistency could help affected individuals receive timely, meaningful, and consistent notification and help ease the compliance burden on entities.”
Follow all of the ADA’s advocacy efforts at ADA.org/Advocacy. ✦

Help Your Patients Who May Have Lost Their Medical Insurance Because of the Pandemic
You can help your patients who may have lost their medical insurance by displaying fliers about Pennsylvania’s CHIP program. The flier can be copied two to a page.

Need medical insurance for your children? The CHIP program can help!
Pennsylvania’s Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) covers uninsured kids and teens up to age 19. It does not matter why your kids do not have health coverage right now; CHIP may be able to help. CHIP covers:

- Routine check-ups
- Prescriptions
- Hospitalizations
- Dental
- Eye care
- Eyeglasses
- Behavioral care
- Specialty care

For details on how to apply or renew coverage, go to https://www.chipcoverspakids.com/AboutCHIP/Pages/WhatisCHIP.aspx
Membership Report
We welcome the following to membership in the Philadelphia County Dental Society
July 7, 2020
ACTIVE MEMBERS
Dr. Samer Abdelsamie
Temple University Kornberg School of Medicine, 2010
Loyola University Medical Center (Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery), 2014
Dr. Allen F. Champion
University of Maryland School of Dentistry, 2005
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital (Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery), 2011
Dr. Kensuke Matsumoto
University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, 2018
University of Pennsylvania (Periodontics, Orthodontics), 2017

RECENT GRADUATES
Dr. Jerry Choi
University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, 2019
Northport VA Medical Center, NY (General Dentistry), 2020

Dr. Anudeep Kaur Grewal
Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, 2018
St. Joseph Medical Center (General Dentistry), 2019
Dr. Tamer Hassan Zayed Moustafa
New York University College of Dentistry, 2015
Temple University Hospital (Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Internship), 2020

GRADUATE STUDENTS
Dr. Sean Lim
University of British Columbia Faculty of Dentistry, 2018
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital (Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery), 2023
Dr. Milca Mendoza-Ceballos
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry, 2019
St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children (Pediatrics), 2021
Dr. Kedy Shen
Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine, 2016
Temple University (Endodontics), 2022

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Dental Dates

The JOURNAL welcomes news concerning activities of your dental study club or other bona fide dental associations. Send information (as formatted below) to the Journal of the Philadelphia County Dental Society at PhilaDentalJournal@yahoo.com Deadline for publication is the first of the month prior to publication (December 1 for Jan/Feb/Mar issue), and information will be published on a space-available basis.

Registrants who paid to attend the 2020 Liberty Continuing Education Series courses will receive a full refund by September 18.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please reach out directly to the sponsoring organization to confirm the event has not been cancelled.

SEPTEMBER

25 PHILADELPHIA COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY – Continuing Education Program at the Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue Hotel. 8:30 to 3:30 – “Restoring the Worn Dentition” AND “Diagnosis, Treatment Options and Rehabilitation of Difficult and Unusual Cases” presented by Thomas E. Dudney, DMD. Register online at www.padental.org/calendar.

?16 CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR DENTAL EXCELLENCE – 6:30 p.m. Dinner meeting (Gallo’s Restaurant) featuring Katherine France, DMD, MBE, “Non-Surgical Temporomandibular Pain Management.” For information, contact Vickie Fisher at (215) 732-4450 or Vickie.LocustStPerio@gmail.com or visit www.PhilaPerioImplants.com or www.LocustStPerioImplant.com

OCTOBER

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15-17 ADA FDC VIRTUAL CONNECT CONFERENCE – “Bringing the Dental Community Together While We’re Apart.” Join the ADA FDC Virtual Connect Conference Oct 15–17, a live and on-demand experience like no other dental meeting before. With this virtual meeting, you can interact in real-time with speakers, industry experts and other dental professionals—or catch up later with on-demand access. Save the date! Registration opens August 12 here at http://www.ada.org/meeting.

23 PENNSYLVANIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION – Virtual Continuing Education Program. 10:00 a.m. to noon. “Radiation Safety for Pennsylvania Dental Professionals”; 2 CE credits. Register online at www.padental.org/calendar.


NOVEMBER

12 PENNSYLVANIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION – Virtual Continuing Education Program. 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. “Maxillary Tumor Surgery - Past, Present and Future”; 3 CE credits. Register online at www.padental.org/calendar.

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Dental Dates (cont’d)

DECEMBER

4 PHILADELPHIA COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY – Continuing Education Program at the Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue Hotel. 8:30 to 3:30 p.m. “Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting” presented by Angela M. Stout, DMD, MPH; “Radiation Safety for Pennsylvania Dental Professionals” presented by Karen Pass AND “Pain Management Alternatives and Identification of Addiction” presented by E. Steven Moriconi, DMD, FACD, FICD. Register online at www.padental.org/calendar.

?9 CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR DENTAL EXCELLENCE – 6:30 p.m. Dinner meeting (Gallo’s Restaurant) featuring Kathryn Gilliam, BA, RDH, FAAOSH, “The Celiac Surge: Oral Signs of a New Epidemic.” For information, contact Vickie Fisher at (215) 732-4450 or Vickie.LocustStPerio@gmail.com or visit www.PhilaPerioImplants.com or www.LocustStPerioImplant.com

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27 PENNSYLVANIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION – Virtual Continuing Education Program. 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. “Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting for Dental Professionals” (satisfies Act 31); 2 CE credits. Register online at www.padental.org/calendar.

29 PENNSYLVANIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION – Virtual Continuing Education Program. 10:00 a.m. to noon. “Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting for Dental Professionals” (satisfies Act 31); 2 CE credits. Register online at www.padental.org/calendar.
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