



May 2010

CE Course: Local Anesthesia for the Licensed Dental Hygienist

In order for a licensed dental hygienist to become certified to administer local anesthesia, he/she must satisfactorily complete a minimum of a 30 hour CE course. The hygienist cannot perform the administration of local anesthesia in his/her respective dental offices until he/she has received the Certificate and License for Local Anesthesia from the State Board of Dentistry. Courses are being offered as outlined below:

This course will provide didactic and clinical instruction for the administration of local anesthesia limited to the infiltration and intraoral nerve block of the 2nd (maxillary) and 3rd (mandibular) divisions of the trigeminal nerve. This course will provide the requirements needed to become certified by the State Board of Dentistry. Hygienists will perform injections in a "live patient" format (on each other).

In addition to this fee, hygienists will be asked to provide a copy of their dental hygiene license, proof of professional liability insurance, a copy of CPR certification, wear scrubs, bring their own gloves, masks, safety glasses, labcoats and one fruit with a pit (fruit is needed on the 1st day only). The State Board Certificate application also requires a \$20.00 fee not included).

When: Part I Saturday, May 22 and Sunday May 23 Part II Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6
7:30 AM-4:30 PM each day (Each day's schedule TBA)

Where: Luzerne County Community College, Dental Building, Room 911 and the Clinic

Fee: \$1095.00 paid in full by March 31, 2010
\$1195 after March 31, 2010

To register please call: 1-800-377-5222 (ext. 495 or 496)

Plan for May's Meeting!

Plan to attend the last meeting of this session on Monday, May 17th at Timbers Buffet at Mohegan Sun. As always, the buffet dinner and featured speakers are complimentary for our members. If you plan on attending, please call or email Dr. Preeti Sahasi at (570) 752-8753 or psahasi@hotmail.com.



LCCC Continuing Education Course

Need continuing education credits? Register for the six credit continuing education course entitled "Medical Manifestations of Periodontal Disease," presented by Dr. Richard Nagelberg, held at Luzerne County Community College on Friday, May 14, 2010. For details and more information go to www.luzerne.edu/alumni.

The Latest News from the ADA & PDA

Financial Reform Legislation Provision Concerns ADA

ADA Republicans continue to resist going forward on the Restoring American Financial Stability Act, citing differences over a number of provisions. The differences, according to Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), could be worked out in a bipartisan agreement if more time were allotted.

ADA Washington Office staff has reviewed the Senate legislation and identified one provision of concern, which may include dentists in the same category as financial service industries. The Association raised an objection to a provision in the bill, in a communication to Senate Banking Committee staff warning that, "despite language purporting to create various limitations and exclusions to its applicability, the legislation may well be interpreted as applying to dentists and dental practices even though doing so would create unnecessary costs and other burdens for practitioners without providing any actual benefit for the consumers the bill is supposed to protect."

The ADA is concerned that the definition used to describe "creditor" in the current financial legislation is the same definition used under the "Red Flags Rule," which the FTC continues to insist applies to small health care providers like dentists. Accordingly, the ADA believes this broad definition would put dentists under the rubric of proposed

responsibilities for a new Consumer Financial Protection Agency.

With other groups like the U.S. Chamber of Commerce taking up this issue-and even citing dentists as small providers likely to be hurt-the ADA is hopeful that this expansive definition can be narrowed to exclude the dental profession before the bill passes.

(Contact: Michael Graham at 202-789-5167 or govtpol@ada.org)

ERISA Bill Picking Up Support in the House

Rep. Rob Andrews (D-N.J.) introduced H.R. 5000 on April 13 and it already has nine cosponsors, eight Democrats and one Republican.

H.R. 5000 would address the insurance issues identified by the ADA's Council on Government Affairs and Council on Dental Benefit Programs as troublesome to dentists and their patients. The bill would apply to all employer-

provided plans (self insured and fully insured) that provide a dental benefit, in both free standing dental plans and medical plans with a dental rider.

(Contact: Jennifer Fisher at 202-789-5160 or govtpol@ada.org)

WDA Wins Exemption for Most Members from Onerous Law

A new law in Wisconsin requires health care providers to create a summary document detailing median charges for their 25 most frequently utilized procedures (as determined by the state) and to provide a copy to any patient who requests it. A small business provision, supported by the Wisconsin Dental Association, exempts dental offices with three or fewer dentists. This means that most dentists in the state are outside the law's mandate.

(Contact: Paul O'Connor at 312-440-2873 or govtpol@ada.org)

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Letter from the President

It's nice to be back! A word of thanks goes out to President Elect, Dr. Pranav Vohra, for filling in for me while I had my baby.

Just a reminder to stay up-to-date with what's happening in government concerning dentistry. As you may have read in our "News from ADA & PDA" article, there are various issues that need our attention and support. I strongly encourage you to contact the listed persons with any questions or to find ways in which you can offer assistance.

We'll be taking a break from general meetings during the summer.



Dr. Calandria Miller, President

I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Sincerely,
Dr. Calandria Miller

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If you are able to donate dental instruments and/or equipment, or can spend a few hours working at the clinic, please call either Dr. John Andrews at 823-6080 or email Dr. Larry Shire at lhshire@gmail.com.

Become a Mentor

PDA recognizes new dentists and dental students as the future of dentistry in Pennsylvania and wants to foster and encourage their participation in the organized dentistry community.

Please show your support for new dentists, dental students and the future of organized dentistry by agreeing to be a mentor.



Visit www.padental.org/mentoring to register as a mentor.



Upcoming Events

LCCC CE Course	LCCC	May 14, 2010	8:00 AM
Board/General Meeting	Mohegan Sun	May 17, 2010	6:00 PM
Hygienist Anesthesia Course	LCC	May 22-23, 2010 June 5-6, 2010	7:30 AM
Board Meeting	TBA	August 16, 2010	6:00 PM
Board/General Meeting	Mohegan Sun	September 20, 2010	6:00 PM
ADA Annual Session	Orlando, FL	October 9-13, 2010	8:00 AM
Board/General Meeting	Mohegan Sun	October 18, 2010	6:00 PM
Board/General Meeting	Mohegan Sun	November 15, 2010	6:00 PM

Board meeting begins at 6:00 PM, general meeting starts immediately after (around 7:00 PM)

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