

# NEWSLETTER



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## NYS MoM EVENT - June 13-14, 2014 - Please Save The Date

The New York State Dental Association and the New York State Dental Foundation in partnership with Missions of Mercy are bringing the Mission of Mercy [MoM] Event to New York State for the very first time. The event will be held June 13-14, 2014 at Hudson Valley Community College [HVCC] at the Edward F. McDonough Sports Complex in Troy. During this free two-day dental clinic hundreds of volunteers will give their time to provide more than \$1 million in free dental treatment to a predicted 1 thousand men, women, and children who for any number of various reasons lack access to dental care. Services will include cleanings, radiographs, fillings, extractions, partial and full dentures, and oral health education. There will also be assistance available to help patients find a local dentist for follow-up care. There will be one hundred dental chairs in use at all times throughout the two day event.

Many different volunteers will be needed including dentists, hygienists, dental assistants, lab technicians, nurses, pharmacists, and dental students and residents. Please consider volunteering and bringing your staff to this event. Please also consider placing information about this event in your office or share it on your website or facebook page to raise awareness for this event. Additionally, community volunteers are needed to assist with registration, clinic setup, data entry, escorting patients, translating, and much more. Please spread the word to any community groups that may be interested in volunteering for this event.



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Please visit the website [www.nysmom.org](http://www.nysmom.org) for more information, to volunteer, or to donate to this event.

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## News Updates

### New Dentist Meeting

Please save the date, **November 7th, 2013** for the annual New Dentist Meeting which will be held at Saratoga National Golf Club. Dr. Andy Vorrasi, from the Seventh District will present 'Optimize Your Practice - CDT Code, Claims, and More,' and Sean Hudson of Hudson Transitions will present, 'Dental Career Paths - Preparing For Your Future.' Dinner will be served and this event is an excellent opportunity to meet your fellow new colleagues in the area.

### Women's Dentist Meeting

#### **\*Please Note DATE CHANGE\* - DECEMBER 12**

The Women Dentists Meeting date has been changed to December 12th and will be held at the Gideon Putnam. The topics for this meeting will include 'Juicing for your Health' including a discussion on holistic health presented by Beverly Benfer and Dr. Terry Dhanjal-Garcha, a chiropractor in Clifton Park will present on a variety of oral health topics.

### Issues with Specific Dental Plans

The Fourth District would like to know if your office is having any issues with specific insurance companies. Please forward any information to Dr. Adrienne Korkosz at [korkoszendo@gmail.com](mailto:korkoszendo@gmail.com).

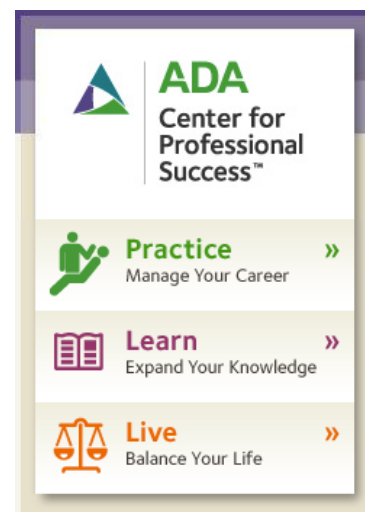
### ADA Launches Website - [www.success.ada.org](http://www.success.ada.org)

The ADA Center for Professional Success is a member-only interactive web site where you can find practice management information and decision support tools and applications. Discover relevant solutions to the business challenges you face every day in your office. The Center for Professional Success is managed by the ADA Council on Dental Practice, and is organized in three topic areas where you can find support to help you succeed and excel throughout your career.

**Practice:** Manage your career with resources to help start, run and grow your practice – also find information to help you transition into or out of practice.

**Learn:** Expand your knowledge with unique opportunities to learn from an online dental business practice management certificate to a life mastery program – explore how you can grow your knowledge and increase your success.

**Live:** Balance your life so you can be successful at home and at work.



-from ADA.org

## Welcome New Members:

**Dr. Paul Becker** - *General Dentistry*  
Howard University College of Dentistry  
Liverpool Medical University  
US Navy Base Health Clinic - Saratoga Springs

**Dr. Cleve Eads** - *General Dentistry*  
Tufts University School of Dental Medicine

**Dr. Sarah Fox** - *General Dentistry*  
University of Maryland School of Dentistry  
Community Health Center-Dental, Saratoga Springs

**Dr. Michael Gelfman** - *Oral Surgery*  
New York Univ. College of Dentistry  
Montefiore Medical Center - OMFS  
Adirondack Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery - Clifton Park

**Dr. Justin Janik** - *General Dentistry*  
Univ. at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine  
Halfmoon Family Dental - Halfmoon

**Dr. Jennifer Ortiz** - *General Dentistry*  
Univ. at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine  
Hometown Health Care - Schenectady

**Dr. Erin Page** - *General Dentistry*  
Univ. at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine  
Capital Smiles - Schenectady

**Dr. Chad Shobe** - *Pediatric Dentistry*  
University of Michigan School of Dentistry  
University of Toledo - Pedo  
Pediatric Dentistry of Clifton Park - Clifton Park

**Dr. Adam Swenson** - *Orthodontics*  
Boston University School of Dental Medicine  
Univ. of Colorado School of Dental Medicine - Ortho  
Dean Bartlett and Associates - Queensbury

**Dr. Ashley Turritin** - *Pediatric Dentistry*  
University of Minnesota School of Dentistry  
Boston University School of Dental Med. - Pedo  
Pediatric Dentistry of Clifton Park - Clifton Park

**Dr. Jayne Van Schaick** - *General Dentistry*  
Howard University College of Dentistry  
Schwartz Family Dentistry - Schenectady

## New Active Life Membership:

**Dr. Richard Aulicino**

**Dr. Dean Bartlett**

**Dr. Gerald Benjamin**

**Dr. Stephen Dautel**

**Dr. Gary Epstein**

**Dr. Vincent F. Fuschino**

**Dr. Frederick Levine**

**Dr. Alan Michaud**

**Dr. Aliakbar Noorani**

**Dr. William Sandak**

**Dr. Robert Sowalsky**

## Political Activity in the 4th District

- Dr. G.Kirk Gleason

One of the most important things the Dental Society does for you, its members, is to advocate on your behalf in the political arena at the local, state, and national level. This is done through personal relationships with our elected officials and contributions to those officials to guarantee that our voices are heard on matters concerning Oral Health. EDPAC on the state level, and ADPAC on the national level uses your contributions to open doors and build partnerships that ultimately serve the interests of the public and the dentists to promote excellent health and superior dentistry. This is not a one party effort, as we have excellent relationships with both sides of the isle.

Dr. Mike Breault and Dr. Mark Bauman work closely with Paul Tonko, who is now the House Member for much of our District. Many of us also

have an excellent relationship with Congressman Gibson, who used to represent most of our members, but now has been shifted to an area of New York a little farther to the south, as well as Assemblyman Jim Tedisco. Many members personally know other members of the Assembly and State Senate as well as Representatives in the House of Representatives. It would be very helpful to the Fourth District and the Dental Society if you would let the District Office know if you have such a relationship so that we can call on you to talk to them if the need arises on important issues.

Finally, you should all be aware that one of our own, Dr. Chris Mathiesen, is currently the elected City Councilman and Public Safety Director of the City of Saratoga. He is now running for re-election and support of his candidacy would be much appreciated.

# A Day at the Races - Oral Cancer Screening at the Saratoga RaceTrack

On Wednesday, August 7th, 34 volunteers participated in the annual Oral Cancer Screening at the Saratoga Race Track. Thank you to all the volunteers in attendance that made this day possible! The group was comprised of members of the 3rd District, the 4th District, and Nassau County. In total, 110 patients were screened, 39 of which were screened at the main track, and 71 were screened in the backstretch. Screening in the backstretch was newly added for this year. The 4th District Dental Society was named as a sponsor for the 3rd race of the day. The day was concluded with a happy hour for the volunteers sponsored by the New York State Dental Society and the Nassau County Dental Society.



Mr. Chad Widensky and Dr. Zappia



Mr. Jim Garnett and Dr. and Mrs. Goldenburg



Dr. DeLuke and Dr. Tsui



Dr. Maranga and Dr. Hwang



Dr. Shah, Dr. Diatz, Dr. Cappuccio, Dr. Wetzel, and Dr. Andolina



# NEW HIPAA Regulations

The updated ADA Practical Guide to HIPAA Compliance Privacy and Security Kit explains the Notice of Privacy Practices requirement and other changes under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act omnibus final rule issued Jan. 17, 2013, and effective March 26 for compliance by Sept. 23, 2013. Model Notices of Privacy Practices are available from the U.S. Office for Civil Rights for use by HIPAA-covered health care providers and health plans. Most covered entity dental practices must provide notices explaining how the practice may use and disclose patient information and some of the rights patients have to control their information.

The Association offers as examples of changes to existing HIPAA compliance programs: New requirements for the Notice of Privacy Practices; Business associate agreements must be revised to include new provisions; A "compromise standard" replaces the "harm standard" under the breach notification rule; New rules on the sale of protected health information, marketing communications and fundraising; A new patient right to restrict disclosure to a health plan when the dental practice has been paid in full; Expanded rights of patients to receive electronic copies of their electronic protected health information; New rules on the disclosure of protected health information of decedents; Expanded definition of "business associate"; New compliance obligations for business associates and subcontractors; and an expanded definition of protected health information to include genetic information.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology and Office for Civil Rights Sept. 16 released model Notices of Privacy Practices for covered entity health care providers and health plans to use to communicate with their patients and plan members. Three privacy notice options customizable by users and a text-only version are available from the Office for Civil Rights at [hhs.gov](http://hhs.gov).  
*-adapted from [www.nysdental.org](http://www.nysdental.org)*

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## Board Meeting Highlights

**September 11, 2013**

- Missions of Mercy (MoM) event is on track and chairs are in place in all the various positions. Dr. Bauman reviewed fundraising progress for the event. \$2,000 from the 2013 SDC raffle are being donate to MoM.
- HVCC informed the 4th District that we will be placed on the HVCC Foundation Donor Wall in appreciation of our continued support.
- \$1,000 has been donated to the Adirondack Dental Society for their hygiene scholarship.
- Nancy Hess announced her retirement as Executive Director effective June 1, 2014. Dr. Sandmann will set up a committee to discuss the future of the District Office.
- Dr. Hwang announced NYSDA will be offering a new payment installation plan for dues starting in November. The dues can be paid by credit card over 7 months and there is a \$25 service charge for this plan.
- Membership Update: 436 members, 83% active members, renewal rate for 2013 is 98.65% which is the highest in the state.
- Dues structure change for 2014: Dr. Sandmann referenced the email that went out to the Board regarding raising the dues for 2014. The dues have not been raised in over 20 years. Following an extensive discussion on the finances of the 4<sup>th</sup> District, pros and cons of an increase, the necessity to continue to provide excellent service to members, and the recent history of running at a deficit budget, the board unanimously voted to propose a \$30 increase in the District dues to be voted upon by the membership.
- The District needs to find a Vice-President and Secretary for 2014. Dr. Hoskinson was nominated for Secretary and Dr. Farren for Vice President. Dr. Farren was appointed Secretary for 2013.

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**October 12, 2013**

- The Dental Health Planning and Hospital position will need to be filled in 2014 for a 4 year term. The current council representative, Dr. Nancy McDermott will be contacted to see if she would be interested in continuing to serve.
- A discussion was held regarding replacing the Executive Director in 2014. An email will be sent to the Board with a copy of the proposed job advertisement.
- November Board Meeting date will be changed from Nov 13th to Nov 20th.
- SDC committee decided to increase vendor fees to \$650, with a \$725 late fee. Dr. Baim will be speaking with potential vendors at the ADA meeting. Also discussed were scheduled breaks, a shorter lunch and inserting an Agenda for the Business meeting in the registration packets for members.

On Thursday evening, June 20, 2013 the Ellis Medicine General Dental Residency Program held its Graduation ceremony at the Mohawk Golf Club in Schenectady, New York. The four graduates underwent rigorous training in all phases of Dentistry during the previous year under the purview of the attending general dentists and specialists from the region.

Graduating were: Dr. Narmeen Minhas who is joining Carthage Hospital as a staff dentist, in Carthage, New York; Dr. Maya Gurme who has taken an Associate position in a private general practice in Queens, New York; Dr. Avdhesh Patel who is in a group practice on Long Island; and Dr. Ryan Smagalski who has joined a group practice in New Zealand.

Also that evening the four Residents gave their Award for Teacher of the Year to Dr. Thomas Lanka of Schenectady. Dr. Lanka has had a long and distinguished career as an Oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgeon in the Schenectady area. He currently oversees the Ellis Residency program and devotes an exemplary amount of time and expertise to the program. We congratulate him on this honor which is richly deserved.



Dr. Minhas, Dr. Gurme, Dr. Lanka, Dr. Patel, Dr. Smagalski

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## Employee Notification About Health Exchanges

October 1, 2013, was the deadline for U.S. employers to notify all of their employees (including part-time employees) of the availability of state health insurance "marketplaces," or exchanges. All employers that are subject to the FLSA are subject to this notice requirement. This includes hospitals, schools and institutions of higher learning, and federal, state and local government agencies. The exchange notice must be provided in writing and may be provided by first class mail or electronically if the requirements of the electronic delivery regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor ("DOL") are satisfied. The notice must inform the employee of the following:

- The existence of the marketplace, including a description of the services provided by the marketplace and the manner in which the employee may contact the marketplace to request assistance.
- If the employer plan's share of the total allowed costs of benefits provided under the plan is less than 60 percent of such costs, that the employee may be eligible for a premium tax credit if the employee purchases a plan through the marketplace.
- If the employee purchases a plan through the marketplace, the employee may lose the employer contribution (if any) to any health benefits plan offered by the employer, and that all or a portion of the employer's contribution may be excludable from the employee's income for federal income tax purposes.

The DOL has provided two model notices on its website, one for employers that provide health insurance to their employees and one for employers that do not. Employers may customize the model notices, which contain additional information that the ACA does not specifically require. Although the DOL's Employee Benefits Security Administration department ("EBSA") recently issued an FAQ which clarified that no fine or penalty will be imposed for failure to provide the exchange notice, EBSA officials have informally advised that employers should nonetheless comply with this requirement.

-adapted from [www.nysdental.org](http://www.nysdental.org)

# Recent and Future Compliance Deadlines

-from [www.nysdental.org](http://www.nysdental.org)

Date	Subject	Find Information at:
March 30, 2013	Language Assistance Requirements	<a href="http://bit.ly/19zfpdw">http://bit.ly/19zfpdw</a>
May 7, 2013	New i-9 Immigration Status Verification	<a href="http://1.usa.gov/15qtH0E">http://1.usa.gov/15qtH0E</a>
August 27, 2013	Prescription Monitoring Program Registry	<a href="http://bit.ly/19zfQ7D">http://bit.ly/19zfQ7D</a>
September 23, 2013	New HIPAA Regulations	<a href="http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/modelnotices.html">http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/modelnotices.html</a>
October 1, 2013	Affordable Care Act	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/faqs/faq-noticeofcoverageoptions.html">http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/faqs/faq-noticeofcoverageoptions.html</a>
December 1, 2013	New OSHA Hazards Employee Training	<a href="https://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/">https://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/</a>
March 27, 2013	I-STOP prescriptions (ALL) electronic	<a href="http://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/narcotic/laws_and_regulations">http://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/narcotic/laws_and_regulations</a>

## Obituaries

**Dr. Edward Armand Pintavalle**, of Seattle, WA, longtime resident of Niskayuna, NY, died peacefully at home on June 12, 2013. Edward was born on July 16, 1918, the youngest of six to Armando Pintavalle and Maria Cirincione of Schenectady. He graduated from Mont Pleasant High School in 1936. He attended Union College, then finished his bachelor and dental degrees at the University of Illinois. Entering active service after graduation, Ed was sent to the South Pacific, where he served as a dentist with the 41st Infantry Division. Returning stateside Aug. 1945, Ed and his wife Ellie settled in Schenectady the spring of 1946. Edward opened his new practice at 225 Nott Terrace, and from here he was the favorite dentist of many loyal patients for the next 42 years. Eddie loved fishing and sailing at their property on Peck's Lake, Gloversville. He enjoyed golf, poker, reading, gardening, solving world problems, and especially Ellie's cooking. Edward was the loving husband of Eleanor for 69 1/2 years. He was the dearest of fathers to Lisa (Mark Ebinger) of Seattle and Robert (Terri Smith) of Lakeland, FL.

*-excerpt from The Daily Gazette, Schenectady*

**Dr. Richard A. Neuber** of Port St. Lucie, FL, formerly of Schenectady, NY, died peacefully on June 28, 2013. Dr. Neuber was the devoted husband of Marilyn Burns Neuber for the past 12 years. He was predeceased by Jean Stewart Neuber, with whom he shared 49 years of marriage. Dr. Neuber practiced family dentistry in Schenectady for 38 years. He will be remembered as a gentle dentist, avid golfer, skier and curler, devoted family man, and loyal friend. Born and raised in Schenectady, Dick was the son of Dr. Augustave Neuber and Bertha Lee. He missed his graduation ceremony from Nott Terrace High School in 1945 to serve in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1950, where he was a member of the golf team, and from New York University College of Dentistry in 1954. He was on the dental staff at Ellis Hospital and was a member of the Schenectady Dental Study Club and the New York State Dental Association. In addition to his wife, he is survived by four children, Julie (Kirk) Bishop of Wenham, MA, Stewart (Diane) of Clifton Park, NY, Sally (David) Kelly of Queensbury, NY, and Christopher of Las Vegas, NV; and eight grandchildren.

*-excerpt from The Daily Gazette, Schenectady*

**Dr. Peter V. Mele**, of Glenville, 91, passed away Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at Ellis Hospital. He was born in Sora, Italy a son of the late Pasquale and Aida Mele and immigrated to the United States, with his parents, as a young boy. Peter proudly served in the United States Army during World War II. He graduated from Union College and went on to earn his DDS from Georgetown Dental School. He then returned to the Schenectady area and opened his dental practice in Rotterdam, where he passionately served his community for 48 years. Peter was an avid golfer and loved boating on Lake George with his beloved family. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Norma S. Mele; granddaughter, Danielle (Vincent); grandson, Peter (Jen); great-granddaughters, Adrianna, Madison, Aubrey and Sophia; brothers, Dr. Dominick Mele and Dr. Fernando (Emma) Mele; sisters, Mary Lilla and Theresa Mele and many nieces and nephews.



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