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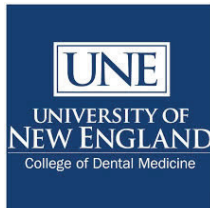


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ADA Announces Its New Opioid Policy

The American Dental Association recently announced a new policy on opioids, supporting mandates on prescription limits and continuing education in what could be the first of its kind among major health care professional organizations.

The policy states:

- The ADA supports mandatory continuing education in prescribing opioids and other controlled substances.
- The ADA supports statutory limits on opioid dosage and duration of no more than seven days for the treatment of acute pain, consistent with the Centers for Disease Control

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MDA 2018 Convention To Feature New Venue, Golf Event



The 2018 Maine Dental Association Annual Convention is fast approaching. This year's event, "Continuing Our Quest For Excellence," will be held Friday, June 8, and Saturday, June 9, at a new venue – the Portland Marriott at Sable Oaks in South Portland.

The Portland Marriott at Sable Oaks offers a premier location less than 3 miles from Portland International Jetport, and is located minutes from the Historic Old Port District, Portland Head Light, and The Maine Mall. The MDA is

See a convention schedule on page 7, and registration forms can be found inside or at www.medental.org.

planning to offer a microbrewery tour and tasting, and a self-guided lighthouse tour as part of the convention.

The MDA is excited to be hosting a golf scramble on Thursday, June 7, at Sable Oaks Golf Club. Teams of four can

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MDA Mission Statement:
 To support members in achieving excellence in dentistry

MDA Vision Statement:
 To be leaders in oral health in Maine



From The Executive Director's Desk: Survey Results

Angela Cole Westhoff, MDA Executive Director



On behalf of the Maine Dental Association Executive Board, I want to thank the membership for their participation in the recent MDA Membership Survey. In January 2018, we developed a short survey to collect input from members on what you value most about MDA membership and what products/services/benefits you believe are most beneficial and what options we might explore.

The data was collected by paper and electronic survey methods. An incentive of a \$150 gift card was used to help increase response rate. The lucky winner of the gift card was Dr. Stacey Stevens. Congratulations!

We received a total of 120 responses. All survey data was calculated in an aggregate format and no individual names have been recorded. A summary of the results of the survey is below. The MDA Executive Board will utilize this data, in concert with other resources, to help inform strategic planning discussions for the future.

Questions about the survey should be directed to Angela Cole Westhoff, MDA Executive Director at awesthoff@medental.org.

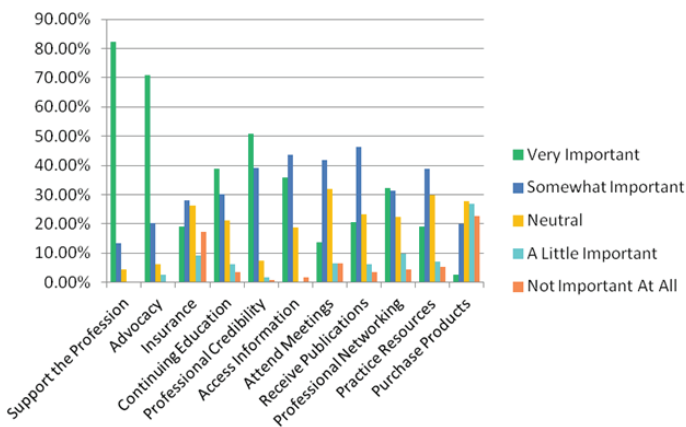
Membership Survey Summary

Demographics

Total of 120 dentists completed the survey. The total number of years practicing as a dentist in Maine ranged from less than one year to 50 years, with an average of 5.8 years. A total of 82 individuals or 68% of respondents practice general dentistry.

With respect to anticipated retirement age, 112 respondents answered this question. More than 35% of the survey participants said they plan to retire in 16 or more years, followed by 29.46% who said they plan to retire in 3-5 years.

Please share what is most important to you in your MDA Membership



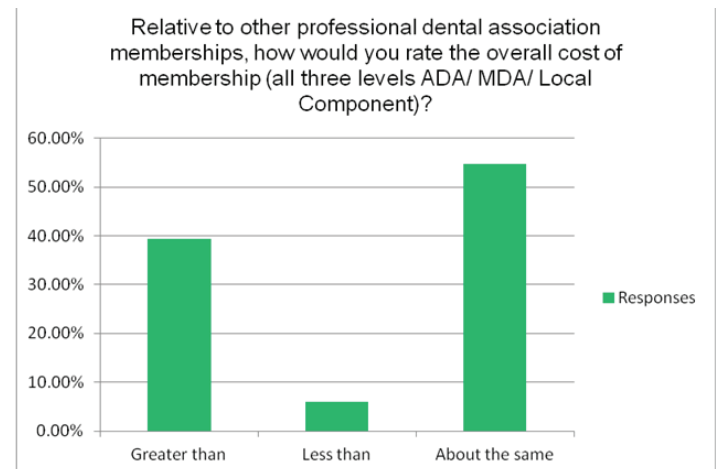
MDA Membership

We asked respondents to tell us what is most important to them about their MDA membership. We provided participants with 11 possible options to rank in terms of the level of importance (see graph at bottom left). The top three most important reasons why dentists who responded to the survey say they belong to the MDA included:

- Support the profession
- Advocacy
- Professional credibility

The lowest-ranking responses were:

- Purchasing products
- Insurance



Cost of Membership

With regards to the cost of MDA Membership relative to other professional dental association memberships, 54.7% of respondents said it was about the same; 5.98% less than; and 39.32% said it was greater than.

Member Benefits

Survey respondents were asked to check off all of the Member benefits utilized in the last 12 months. The most popular benefit at 72.73% was continuing education programs, followed by professional liability insurance, 32.73%, and the MDA health insurance plan at 20%.

The least-utilized benefits include MDA Peer Review Program (3.64%), Appleby Student Scholarship program (3.64%) and the Glove Program (9.09%). The "Other" category was not reflective of any additional member benefit and in this instance was used more as a comment line.

MDA Health Insurance

Because the MDA health insurance plan was discontinued in

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Ahh! Springtime at last.

Still snow piles along the driveway, but I did see crocuses and daffodils coming up in the flower bed. Maine Maple Syrup Weekend has always been a sign that we've made it through another winter. Some spring cleanup, and we'll be ready to start in the garden.

At the MDA, we are also seeing progress in areas that have needed some cleanup. The remodeling at the MDA building has begun and it's great to see the much needed improvements taking place. Many thanks to Angela for getting this accomplished. The prospect of having the previously underutilized space generate non-dues revenue is exciting. Finding ways to meet the budget of the organization without having to increase dues should be appreciated by all the membership.

Our desire to revitalize Maine's local dental societies has also received a boost this quarter with the development of a guide book for local dental society leadership. The publication will outline the specifics of duties for presidents, vice presidents, and treasurers of the local dental societies. Many members may have been hesitant in the past to assume leadership roles because they weren't sure what would be required of them. Now we hope to make that less intimidating. While realizing that local societies all differ to some

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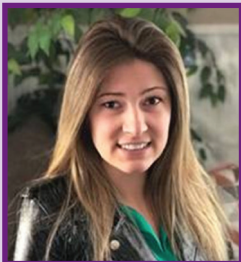
extent, the MDA Executive Board is always available to see that the local societies not just succeed, but that they thrive. We hope to be able to meet with local society leaders at the Annual Convention to address any need they may have.

Many thanks to the members who took the time to complete the membership survey. It has been a big help in showing us how we can improve. One area that was of particular interest to us was your input on continuing education. Knowing the topics and types of courses that members desire is essential to helping us formulate a continuing education program that will meet the desires of our membership locally. Discussions have included hands-on courses, rotating CE sites throughout the state, and even video streaming programs of interest to membership.

Another exciting event was set to take place on April 14. The MDA was sponsoring a Build-A Bike Program at the University of New England's Portland campus. This event will allow 50 or so members to build bicycles (under the direction of local bike shop professionals) for donation to children in need. I figure anyone who can build a bridge should be able to whip up a bike in no time.

Again, thanks for the opportunity to serve you.

Meet Alicia Beaulieu, MDA Administrative Support Professional



Alicia comes to the Maine Dental Association after having been in the banking and finance industry since 2005, beginning at Gardiner Savings Institution and most recently at KV Federal Credit Union.

She resides in Gardiner with her three daughters, nine-year-old twins

Hallee and Taylor, and ten-year-old Chloe, along with their three rescued cats.

As a community advocate and active volunteer, she has a passion for giving back, and serves on the board of directors for the Kennebec Valley Humane Society, the United Way Emerging Leaders Society advisory council, and the Kennebec Valley Chamber's CYNERGY steering committee.

Alicia has attended the University of Maine at Augusta, working toward a bachelor's degree in business administration and is a 2014 graduate of the Kennebec Leadership Institute.



As you are probably aware, the American Dental Association and CVS Pharmacy announced a three-year oral care collaboration to help put millions of Americans on a path to better overall health. Below are some common questions you may have about this initiative and a response from the ADA.

Why is the ADA collaborating with CVS?

The ADA is dedicated to educating the public about importance of oral health and good dental health habits. CVS has a long-standing reputation for prioritizing the health and wellness of its patrons through its product offerings and in-store education efforts and reaches hundreds of millions of people each year. Joining our two organizations together can make a tremendous impact on improving oral and overall health.

What does the ADA/CVS collaboration include?

The collaboration includes continuous in-store and digital awareness of the ADA and the ADA Seal of Acceptance, to help millions of people improve their oral and overall health. Dental care products that have received the ADA Seal of Acceptance — from mouth rinses, toothbrushes, toothpastes, floss/interdental cleaners, and sugar-free gum — will be easily visible whether people are visiting CVS in-store, online or browsing through promotional flyers. Consumers visiting a CVS store will also be provided with credible oral health information and encouraged to use the ADA Find-A-Dentist online resource.

Is the collaboration exclusive, and why CVS?

The ADA is exclusively working with CVS for the duration of the three-year initiative, which began in January 2018. CVS has a well-documented track record of initiating programs that demonstrate a lasting commitment to improving the health and wellness of the public. From their efforts to reduce disseminating prescriptions of potentially addictive pain medications to their decision to no longer sell tobacco products, bettering the health of its customers is always a top priority. Additionally, CVS has nearly 8,000 individual stores nationwide, so it's an easily accessible place for people across the country.

Is there any cost to states for the collaboration?

The ADA is not contributing anything financially to CVS in this collaboration.

Does CVS purchasing Aetna affect this collaboration?

Per our contractual agreement, the ADA collaboration with CVS does not include any dealings with Aetna, or any other benefits company. The proposed CVS acquisition of Aetna is a separate CVS business venture that is not

a part of our collaborative efforts.

This collaboration will continue to unfold with upcoming seasonal marketing, in-store signage promoting products with the ADA seal, and ongoing strategy and planning sessions with manufacturers. CVS is considering the possible placement of kiosks within their stores for consumer use.

On another important note, last year our Board recognized the need to reimagine the ADA's business model to ensure that the ADA remains viable and financially stable into the future. While the ADA is in a strong position financially now, this project is focused on planning ahead to secure the well-being of the Association. Based on that recognition, we launched the business model project — a new, innovative business line to drive non-dues revenue.

We have been working with a consulting group, Continuum Innovation, based in Boston. Continuum has worked on a number of innovative initiatives for established companies, including development of the Swiffer and the Reebok Pump. Continuum is in its third round of field research doing qualitative interviews — this time in Texas. Field research has uncovered a need in the marketplace for new dentists and established dentists who want to connect for mentorship but have had difficulty doing so. Solving this problem would be of great value to both parties and ensure the transfer of knowledge between generations within the profession.

Field research has uncovered another need in the marketplace of established dentists having trouble finding a quality buyer for their practices. While solving this problem is challenging, preliminary research indicates that it is possible for the ADA to play a role in facilitating these transitions. There are additional needs around learning basic business management and/or ownership skills as well as services to help with patient acquisition, purchasing, staff relations, etc. This phase of the business model project is on track and under budget.

In March, Continuum was expected to provide a report to the Governance Team, who will then make a recommendation to the ADA Board of Trustees at its April meeting about whether or not to proceed with developing a pilot project to be tested in a willing constituent and component dental society. This recommendation will include cost projections and establish a basic business model. After the Board of Trustees makes its determination about next steps, it will share information more broadly.

Oasis Dental Clinic Continues Growth Following Expansion

By Lucas Knowles
MDA Staff

The Oasis Dental Clinic's growth has accelerated greatly since it opened its new, expanded location in Brunswick in June 2016.

Those eligible for care at the free adult clinic have to meet three criteria: They need to have no health or dental insurance, have a total household income at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, and live in the area. Patients are pre-screened for eligibility and before they see a provider, they have a complete set of x-rays taken and an electronic record generated. The clinic is open during the day on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and on Tuesday evenings. Now in its 13th year, the clinic was housed in the Jessie Albert Dental Center in Bath until June 2016, when it opened its new facility, located in the same building as the Oasis Health Center. Oasis Free Clinics, founded in 1992 and funded through individual donations and grants, and which accepts no state or federal funding, received a substantial grant from the Next Generation Foundation of Maine that provided the impetus for the new location. Volunteer dentists and hygiene staff offer their time and expertise.

Since opening its new location, the Oasis Dental Clinic has had 1,415 patient

visits, and the value of donated services has totaled \$585,307. In that time, the clinic has had 49 hygiene clinics and 178 dental clinics, extracted more than 900 teeth, placed more than 500 fillings, and performed more than 200 dental cleanings.

Dr. Rick Elsaesser, Dental Director for Oasis Free Clinics, said the dental clinic is appreciative of the volunteers it has that travel from different parts of the state, but is always looking for more.

"Even though our patients come from the Mid-Coast area, we have volunteer providers from Portland to Hampden to Auburn," Elsaesser said.

Anita Ruff, Oasis Free Clinics Executive Director, said the need for dental services continues to grow at the facility.

"While our medical clinic intake has remained steady, we are seeing an increase in our dental clinic," Ruff said. "We are getting around 25 calls each month from people who are not currently eligible for our dental services, which led us to identify ways that we can serve those with health insurance but no, or limited, dental coverage."

Ruff said Oasis Free Clinics is piloting a project in partnership with Mid Coast Hospital that allows those who have been treated for a dental emergency to

be referred to Oasis.

Volunteer providers said they value the time they give at Oasis, and are happy to provide care to those who need it.

"We restore not only patients to full dental health within our scope of means, but also to emotional, mental and physical health by meeting their dental needs," said Tammy Tyree, dental assistant. "We are helping to put peoples' confidence back in themselves, which overflows to their families and workplace."

Dr. James Oshetski, a volunteer dentist, said the staff at the Oasis Dental Clinic is "friendly, accommodating, and motivated," and he feels "tremendous satisfaction" from this work there.

"As a clinician, I am able to volunteer at my convenience and with no stress on my private practice," Oshetski said. "The need is significant, as there are many Mainers who have no options for dental care and are suffering from chronic infections. Patients there are truly thankful and very appreciative of treatment, as you are their only option."

The Oasis Dental Clinic Received the Spotlight On Dentistry Award from the Maine Dental Association in 2015. For more information, go to www.oasisfreeclinics.org.



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register for the event, which will feature raffles and prizes for top teams, and will have a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Registration costs \$75 per player, and that includes 18 holes, lunch, and cart. Sponsorship opportunities are available for the scramble, including a chance to sponsor one of the 18 holes for \$250.

Dr. Samuel Low, Dr. David Landwehr, and American Dental Association Attorney Cathryn Albrecht will all be presenting at this year's convention.

Dr. Low, whose June 8 presentation will be "Innovative Periodontics: Creating Success in Today's Dental Practice," is Professor Emeritus at the University of Florida College of Dentistry, an associate faculty member of the Pankey Institute, and has 30 years of private practice experience in periodontics, lasers, and implant placement. He is Past President of the American Academy of Periodontology, and sits on the Board of Directors of the Academy of Laser Dentistry. Dr. Low is a Past President of the Florida Dental Association and past ADA Trustee, and has received the Gordon Christensen Lecturer Recognition Award.

Dr. Landwehr, whose June 9 course will be "Reliable Endodontic Outcomes: Simplicity Through Efficiency," serves as a frequent lecturer for a variety of organizations at dozens of events each year, focusing on endodontics and oral pathology. He earned his DDS degree from the University of Minnesota and a master's degree and certificate in oral and maxillofacial pathology from The Ohio State University, followed by specialty training in endodontics at the University of Michigan. Dr. Landwehr maintains a full-time private practice, has presented case studies nationally and internationally, has published research findings in peer-reviewed journals, and has served as an evidence reviewer for the American Dental Association.

Dr. Low's course is part of the 2017-2018 Dentist and Hygienist Package Plans, while Dr. Landwehr's presentation is part of the Dentist Package Plan.

Albrecht will present a dental student/

new member lunch and learn titled "Understanding Employment Agreements," on June 9 from noon to 1:30 p.m. All attendees are welcome. The course is offered as part of ADA Success, which is a series of programs presented by the American Dental Association on topics most relevant to students today. Albrecht joined the ADA in 2009 after 18 years in private practice, primarily in the area of employment law. As Senior Associate General Counsel, Albrecht's responsibilities include working on various litigation and legal advocacy matters, assisting with human resources matters, addressing insurance coverage issues, and assisting the Director of the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs in handling that Council's matters and responsibilities. She is also an ADA Risk Management Team member.

The annual Risk Management Seminar will be offered June 7 at the Portland Marriott at Sable Oaks from 12:30 to 5 p.m. The Risk Management Seminar is not part of any Package Plan.

Exhibits will be held Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year, more than 50 exhibitors will be on hand. Take advantage of day-of-the-show specials, and visit exhibitors to fill up your "raffle card," so you can have a chance to win some great prizes. Winners will be drawn after Dr. Low's course in the exhibit hall. You must be present to win.

Start your evening Friday by coming to a reception featuring complementary beer and wine from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. This year's convention will also feature a dental student reception on Saturday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Right after the student reception, stay for the President's Awards Dinner.

A convention registration form, a golf scramble/sponsorship form, and more information about this year's event can be found by going to www.medental.org and clicking on Annual Convention.

Use code "MDA18" when you register to be entered into a raffle for a free two-night stay at the conference.

To reserve rooms, or for more information on accommodations, go to the Annual Convention page at www.medental.org, or call (207) 871-8000.

Rand Announces Candidacy for MDA Board Vice President

Dr. Brad Rand has announced his candidacy for Vice President of the Maine Dental Association.

Dr. Rand is a general dentist who has been in private practice in Brewer since 2006. He graduated magna cum laude from Brigham Young University, and then completed his



RAND

dental training at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, where he graduated Omicron Kappa Upsilon. Dr. Rand is a member of the Academy of General Dentistry, and received his Fellowship award in 2016. He has partnered with the Dental Lifeline Network for several years, and has been on the MDA Executive Board for four terms. He completed his first Half Ironman last fall.

Candidates for other elected offices are:

President: Dr. Kathryn Horutz
(currently serving as President-elect)

President-elect: Dr. James Koelbl
(currently serving as Vice President)

Secretary: Dr. Dean Tourigny
(currently serving as Secretary)

Treasurer: Dr. David Kerr
(currently serving as Treasurer)

MDA Business Meeting

The Maine Dental Association's annual business meeting will be held Saturday, June 9, at 4:45 p.m. It will be held in conjunction with the 2018 Annual Convention held this year at the Portland Marriott at Sable Oaks in South Portland.

2018 MDA Annual Convention Schedule-At-A-Glance

Friday, June 8

8:00 am	Registration Opens
8:30 am - noon	CE Course -- Part 1 -- Innovative Periodontics: Creating Success in Today's Dental Practice with Dr. Samuel Low -- Continental breakfast break on exhibit floor
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Exhibits Open
Noon - 1:30 pm	Lunch buffet on exhibit floor -- meet with exhibitors, collect punches for your chance at raffle prizes
1:30 - 4:00 pm	CE Course -- Part 2 -- Innovative Periodontics: Creating Success in Today's Dental Practice with Dr. Samuel Low
4:15 pm	Raffle winners drawn in Exhibit Hall
5:30 - 6:30 pm	Reception for all convention attendees, exhibitors (Sponsored by USI Insurance Services)

Saturday, June 9

8:00 am	Registration Opens
8:00- 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast before Dr. Landwehr's course (free for course attendees)
8:30 am - noon	CE Course -- Part 1 -- Reliable Endodontic Outcomes: Simplicity Through Efficiency with Dr. David Landwehr
Noon - 1:30 pm	Honors Luncheon (Past Presidents, PFA, ICD, ACD)
Noon - 1:30 pm	Dental Student/New Member Lunch & Learn (<u>all</u> MDA members welcome) -- Understanding Employment Agreements with Cathryn Albrecht (includes lunch) (Sponsored by Northeast Delta Dental and USI Insurance Services)
2:00 - 4:30 pm	CE Course -- Part 2 -- Reliable Endodontic Outcomes: Simplicity Through Efficiency with Dr. David Landwehr
4:45 - 5:30 pm	MDA Business Meeting (Members Only)
5:30 - 6:30 pm	Dental Student Reception (Sponsored by Crest/Oral-B and Northeast Delta Dental)
6:30 - 8:00 pm	President's Awards and Dinner

↓ Pre-Convention

Risk Management Seminar

Thursday, June 7

12:30-5:00 p.m.

Portland Marriott at Sable Oaks, South Portland

Registration form at www.medental.org

Stop By and See More Than 50 Exhibitors, and You Could Win One of a Variety of Prizes

Pick up a raffle card, and once it's filled with hole punches from exhibitors, enter for your chance at winning a number of prizes. Winners will be drawn on Friday afternoon at 4:15 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall, following Dr. Low's course. You must be present to win. Good luck!

Opioid

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and Prevention evidence-based guidelines.

- The ADA supports dentists registering with and utilizing Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) to promote the appropriate use of opioids and deter misuse and abuse.

“As president of the ADA, I call upon dentists everywhere to double down on their efforts to prevent opioids from harming our patients and their families,” said ADA President Joseph P. Crowley, DDS.

Most opioids prescribed to patients in the U.S. are written by physicians and other medical professionals for management of chronic (long-term) pain. Dentists with an appropriate license may also prescribe opioids, and do so most often for management of acute (short-term) pain such as severe tooth decay, extraction of teeth, and root canals. In 1998, dentists were the top specialty prescribers of opioid pain relievers, accounting for 15.5

percent of all opioid prescriptions in the U.S. By 2012, that number had fallen to 6.4 percent

New data published in the April issue of *The Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA)* continue to shed light on opioid prescriptions from a dental perspective.

The data indicates:

- *Benefits and Harms Associated with Analgesic Medications Used in the Management of Acute Dental Pain:* Authors examined five systematic reviews and concluded non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as ibuprofen and acetaminophen are equal or superior to using opioids for dental pain. The findings support the ADA's 2016 policy statement that dentists “consider [NSAIDs] as the first-line therapy for acute pain management.”
- *Opioid Prescribing Practices from 2010 through 2015 Among Dentists in the United States:* Authors from the ADA Health Policy Institute used data in several existing databases to review opioid prescription claims

from 2010 to 2015 for about 1.1 million privately insured dental patients. Findings indicate that patients who received an opioid prescription from a dentist were given a median supply to last three days. Across all age groups over a six-year period, opioid prescriptions increased by 17 per 1,000 dental patients. The largest increase in opioid prescriptions was among patients aged 11 to 18; and 11-18 and 19-25 age groups received a higher median dose than all other age groups.

- *Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Data:* Authors from Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and a retired Massachusetts State Police Detective Lieutenant provided 10 clinical scenarios dental prescribers might encounter and how to assess the PMP data from a clinical, risk assessment and law enforcement perspective.

For more information on how the ADA is working to combat opioid abuse, visit www.ADA.org/opioids.



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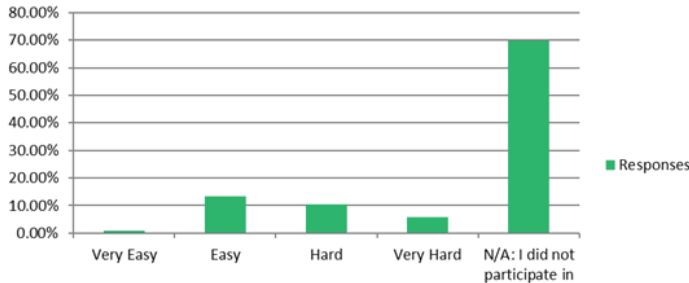
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2018, we felt it was important to obtain feedback from the membership.

If yes, how difficult was it for you to find new coverage?



We asked survey respondents if they participated in the MDA health insurance plan in the last 12 months: 74.79% responded NO and 25.21% responded YES.

We then asked respondents to tell us how difficult it was to find new health insurance coverage, 15% said it was easy or very easy to find new coverage; 10.38% said it was hard; and 5.6% said it was very hard. The question did not pertain to 69.81% of respondents who were not on the MDA health insurance plan in the last 12 months.

Finally, we asked survey respondents about the cost of finding new coverage. A total of 109 dentists answered the question. The cost of a new plan compared to the MDA health insurance plan broke down as follows:

Answer Choices	Responses	Percentage
Much Higher	7	6.42%
Higher	12	11.01%
About the Same	6	5.50%
Lower	8	7.34%
Much Lower	4	3.67%
No Participation	73	66.97%
Answered	109	
Skipped	12	

Continuing Education

We asked survey respondents to rate statements about the MDA's CE program. Below are the results indicating the percentage of respondents and how they rated the various aspects of the MDA's Continuing Education Programs.

Overall quality of the Annual Meeting: 46.74% Excellent; 36.96% Good; 15.22% Fair; 1.09% Poor; 92 responses

Overall quality of the CE Package Plan: 38.71% Excellent; 33.33% Good; 24.73% fair; 3.23% Poor; 93 responses

Quality of Speakers: 40.22% Excellent; 40.22% Good; 17.39% Fair; 2.17% Poor; 92 responses

Relevancy of Topics:

37.63% Excellent; 32.26% Good; 26.88% Fair; 3.23% Poor; 93 responses

Location/Venue:

23.66% Excellent; 39.78% Good; 27.96% Fair; 8.60% Poor; 93 responses

Quality of Exhibitors:

22.62% Excellent; 54.76% Good; 19.05% Fair; 3.57% Poor; 84 responses

Networking Opportunities:

25.29% Excellent; 47.13% Good; 24.14% Fair; 3.45% Poor; 87 responses

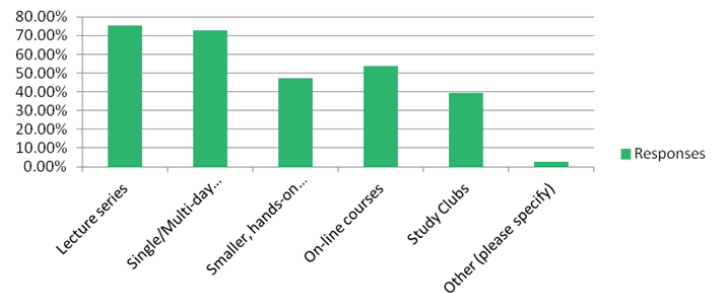
Value for the price:

39.78% Excellent; 41.94% Good; 13.98% Fair; 4.30% Poor; 93 responses

We asked survey respondents if they had attended the MDA Annual Convention in the last two years. 54.1% said YES and 45.9% said NO. Additionally, we asked survey respondents to indicate if they had attended the CE program at Togus VA in the last two years. 43.8% said YES and 56.2% said NO.

The survey included a question about their preference for format of CE offerings. Respondents indicated that they are open to other learning opportunities than conferences. Online courses and smaller hands-on courses appeal to 53% and 39% of the respondents, respectively.

Please check off all formats that you are interested in receiving MDA Continuing Education Programming:



We also asked participants to provide us with speaker and topic suggestions. This information will be used to inform the Continuing Education Planning Committee's work as we make changes to MDA continuing education offerings.

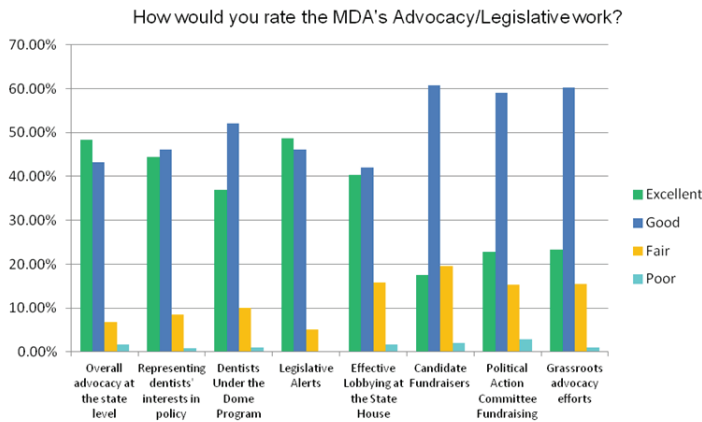
Advocacy/Legislative Efforts

Members were polled to rank the MDA's advocacy and legislative work on a scale of excellent to poor. Over 94% of survey participants said that the MDA's legislative alerts are excellent or good. Overall advocacy at the state level was rated by 91.5% of the respondents as excellent or good. Candidate fundraisers was rated as fair by 19.5% and poor by 2%.

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Similarly, Political Action Committee (MDPAC) fundraising was rated as 15.24% fair; and 2.86% poor.



In conclusion, the MDA is the professional home for Maine's dentists. We represent nearly 90% of all Maine

licensed dentists. The benefits of professional membership associations across many disciplines often focus on professional development, education, and advocacy.

Our survey results zeroed in on three reasons why Maine dentists belong to the MDA. They include: support of the profession, advocacy on behalf of the profession and our patients, and professional credibility.

The MDA Executive Board and staff will use this data to help build more robust and diverse continuing education offerings in new and different formats, and we will also work to address areas such as broader member benefits and fundraising for political action purposes.

Again, we thank the membership for taking the time to participate in our survey and with grant support from the American Dental Association, we will be holding some listening sessions across the state this fall to hear more from young dentists and non-members about what would appeal to them in a statewide dental association.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the membership survey results, please do not hesitate to contact

2018 Brush & Floss Challenge: You're Up!

The Portland Sea Dogs are looking for children 12 and under, along with dental offices, to participate in the 2018 Brush & Floss Challenge. Participants



who successfully complete the challenge will receive a free ticket to a specified Sea Dogs game.

Forms will be given to patients at participating practices. Children will then keep track to show they've brushed twice and flossed once per day for a week. Parents of patients are being encouraged to monitor their children's progress and send in the completed form.

Each practice that participates in the program will be part of a "welcome" public address message during the four specified Brush & Floss Challenge games.

For a Brush & Floss Challenge form, go to the home page of the MDA's website, www.medental.org. To register your practice for the challenge, or for more information, call or email John Muzzy, Portland Sea Dogs Account Executive, at 874-9300 or jmuzzy@seadogs.com.

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UNE ASDA/MDA Mentorship Program - UPDATE -



Approaching the end of the program's pilot year...

We are pleased to share that the UNE ASDA/MDA Mentorship Program has had a successful first year! The program was launched in Bar Harbor last June at the MDA Annual Convention, where 35 Maine Dentists and 39 dental students were paired together for a year full of fun. Over the course of this year Mentors and Protégés have enjoyed dinners and coffee together, protégés have had opportunities to shadow their mentors in action, as a group we embarked on a Fall hike, and the annual Life After Graduation panel took place in January. Also, several committee members have begun a research project focused on the value of the experiences in a mentorship program.

We are very excited to welcome new dentists and students who would like to participate!

<https://www.uneasda.com/mda-mentor-program.html>

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It's Oral Cancer Awareness Month, and Dentists Play a Role

By Michelle Manchir
ADA News

April is Oral Cancer Awareness Month and a good time for dental professionals to consider their role in screening head and neck cancers and making referrals when appropriate.

The ADA offers resources on the topic of head and neck cancers based on the best scientific evidence.

In 2017, the ADA released a clinical practice guideline for the evaluation of potentially malignant disorders in the oral cavity.

It offers clinicians an overview about the potential use of adjuncts as triage tools for the evaluation of lesions, including potentially malignant disorders in the oral cavity. The guideline also offers six recommendations, including that all adult dental patients should receive an intraoral and extraoral conventional

visual and tactile examination when visiting their dentists.

To download and read the entire guideline, go to ADA.org/OralCancer.

The ADA Science Institute maintains a webpage on ADA.org about oral cancers, with data about incidence and mortality; information about risk factors, signs and symptoms; as well as links to other resources, including an instructional video demonstrating the patient intraoral and extraoral conventional visual and tactile examination for oral cancer.

Dentists can use the Patient Page in JADA to help facilitate a discussion about lesions that might be oral cancer. To view this, visit JADA.ADA.org and search for "Oral Cancer: What To Do If Something Unusual Shows Up."

Dentists can also refer patients to the ADA's consumer website, MouthHealthy.org.

ADA.org, for general information about oral head and neck cancer and human papillomavirus. Check ADA News in April for more information about oropharyngeal cancer and HPV.

An ADA CE course about HPV-related oropharyngeal cancer is available online.

Dental professionals can also purchase brochures for their patients related to oral cancers.

Get the Facts About Mouth and Throat Cancer (W151) includes information about the causes, signs, symptoms and risk factors for both oral and pharyngeal cancer, along with the HPV connection.

Tobacco and Oral Health (W190) discusses the effects of tobacco and tobacco-related products on oral and overall health. Receive a 15 percent off discount using code 18114 until May 21 at ebusiness.ADA.org.



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Dental Providers Encouraged to Check Reports on Water Quality

Dental professionals are encouraged to check their community's annual Water Quality Reports or Consumer Confidence Reports, which water suppliers nationwide are required to make available each year prior to July 1.

The reports give consumers the chance to check on the status of their community's water, including its fluoride levels and details about quality and content of the water.

Annual Consumer Confidence Reports are the easiest source on actual fluoride levels that dentists can reference, according to Kip Duchon, national fluoridation engineer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"A provider needs to understand a patient's total fluoride exposure and fluoride in drinking water is the largest contributor to total fluoride exposure," Duchon said.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires water systems to post these annual reports at EPA.gov/CCR. Consumers can also visit the "My Water's Fluoride" page on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website, CDC.gov, to check on local water system fluoridation status.

The most recent statistics from the CDC indicate that nearly 74.4 percent of the U.S. population on community water supplies — or about 211.4 million people — received the benefit

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of fluoridated water in 2014. However, coverage can vary significantly between states.

The ADA Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention offers resources and training opportunities for dentists

in communities working to initiate or retain fluoridation. For more details visit ADA.org/fluoride or contact Jane McGinley, CAAP's manager of fluoridation and preventive health activities, by emailing mcginleyj@ada.org.

Medical Professionals Health Program

This confidential advocacy program is now available to also support Nurses in recovery! The professional compassionate staff is experienced and trained to help nurses understand addiction, the recovery process, and to help them implement strategies for return to safe practice.



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What is the CDCA and the ADEX Exam? Here's More Information

The CDCA (Commission on Dental Competency Assessments), formerly the NERB (North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners), is a testing agency that administers the ADEX (American Board of Dental Examiners) exam.

Some years ago, the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure and the American Association of Dental Examiners invited all regional testing agencies, as well as independent states, to attend a meeting in Chicago in an attempt to establish a single initial licensure examination. At this meeting, ADEX was developed. ADEX is essentially an examination development committee comprised of one individual from every participating ADEX state, with the sole purpose of developing the content, scoring, and criteria for initial licensure in both dentistry and dental hygiene.

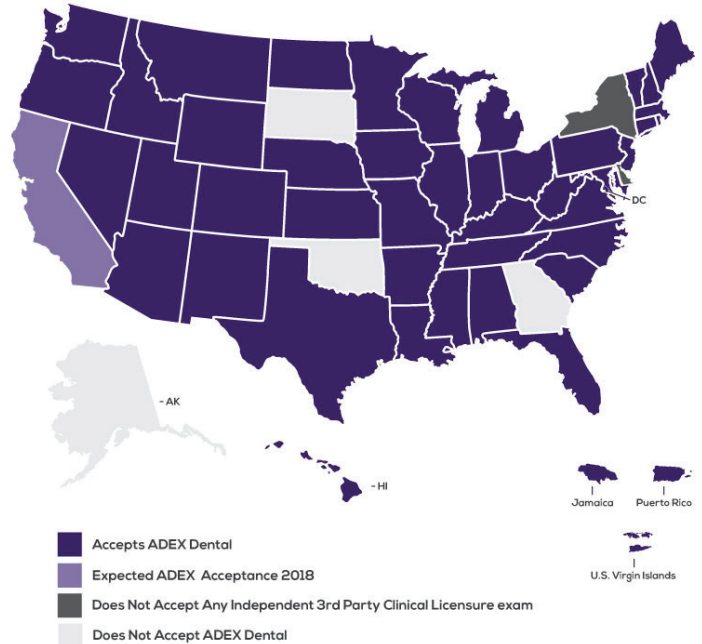
ADEX develops the examinations, and the testing agencies (such as CDCA) administer those exams. The active state boards have direct input into the development of the examinations that they agree to recognize. A state board's only responsibility is to the citizens of their state, and, as such, licensure with examination was developed as a mechanism to protect the public from incompetent individuals.

At present, unlike the original NERB, candidates' work is evaluated independently and anonymously by three evaluators. The ADEX examination consists of a computer-based exam that evaluates an applicant's knowledge of oral pathology,

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radiology, pharmacology, etc. There is also a non-patient-based mannequin portion that evaluates two endodontic procedures, as well as three material-specific crown preparations. And finally, there are three separate patient-based procedures – periodontal scaling, a posterior class II, and an anterior class III preparation and restoration. All procedures must be passed in order to achieve ADEX status. Compensatory scoring allows averaging of scores, so what would be a failing grade by itself can become a passing overall grade when averaged with a second procedure that is not recognized by ADEX.

The ADEX exam is the most universally accepted initial licensure exam, and is presently administered by both CITA (Council of Interstate Testing Agencies) and CDCA. Today, the CDCA has 30 member jurisdictions,



This map is for illustrative purposes and should not be relied upon as a definitive statement. State laws can and do change from time to time. Therefore, prior to registering for any exam, candidates should check with the appropriate state dental boards to verify its current licensing requirements. The map shows the ADEX Dental examination is accepted in 47 jurisdictions for initial licensure as depicted in purple. Jurisdictions not accepting the ADEX Dental examination for initial licensure as depicted in gray include Alaska, California, Delaware, Georgia, New York, Oklahoma, and South Dakota.

and the ADEX exam is accepted in 47 licensing jurisdictions. It has become the national examination.

For more information on both ADEX and CDCA, go to www.adexexams.org and www.cdcaexams.org.



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Convention registration forms are on our website (www.medental.org).

Notice of Annual Meeting

Maine Dental Service Corporation, d/b/a Delta Dental Plan of Maine, will hold its annual meeting of members on Sunday, June 3, at 10:45 a.m. at the Spruce Point Inn Resort & Spa, 88 Grandview Ave., Boothbay Harbor.

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Ribbon-Cutting Celebrates Practice Opening

A ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the opening of Central Maine Dentistry recently. The Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Maine Dental Association, and Androscoggin Bank partnered to organize the event. According to its website, Central Maine Dentistry is “a brand new, modern dental practice providing comprehensive dentistry in a serene dental setting.” Dr. Rohini Badlani, the dentist who owns the practice, helped to design the interior. Central Maine Dentistry is located at 6 Rockwood Drive in Manchester. Dr. Badlani and her husband, an oral surgeon, recently relocated to experience Maine with their son.

Free Bone Marrow Swab Kits Available

In 2012 and again in 2016, the ADA House of Delegates encouraged dentists to promote bone marrow matching programs in their practices, and help in the fight against blood cancers like leukemia and lymphoma.

One way to help is request or promote free swab kits from Delete Blood Cancer (DKMS). Dental patients can be given the opportunity to register as potential bone marrow donors during their regularly scheduled dental visit. The registration takes just a few minutes and a quick, self-administered cheek swab.

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