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QCDS Past President Dr. Chad Gehani Selected New NYSDA President-Elect



Swearing in: Drs. Chad Gehani, Deborah Weisfuse and Robert Doherty.

By William Bayer

Former QCDS President Dr. Chad Gehani was elected president-elect of the New York State Dental Association at the historic first session of the House of Delegates, which took place in Chicago last month.

In another historic first, he is the first president-elect of Indian descent in the long line of NYSDA presidents dating back to 1868.

In accordance with the NYSDA Constitution and Bylaws, Dr. Gehani will succeed

to the office of president without another election at the next annual meeting of the House of Delegates, to be held in June, 2011, succeeding the current NYSDA president, Dr. Robert Doherty. Dr. Gehani brings a wealth of experi-

ence to the position, having served in committee and leadership positions at various tripartite levels. He was the Queens County Dental Society president in 2003 and is a long-standing member of the QCDS Board of Trustees, in addition to holding numerous committee positions at QCDS. He served on the Board of Directors of the Greater Long Island Dental Meeting from 1998-2005 and has been a mentor and adviser to the leadership of the Society.

His election to the NYSDA President-Elect position is the culmination of a life-long record of service to NYSDA, having served on the Board of Governors, Executive Committee, as EDPAC director, on Council on Nominations, as chair of the Council on Membership and Communications, member of the Board of Trustees of the New York State Dental Foundation and other positions within NYSDA. Dr. Gehani is well respected on the national level at the American Dental Association, where he has served as a delegate, on the Council on Membership, the New York State Grassroots Membership initiative, the Committee on International Programs and Development and, most recently, as a representative to the National Diversity Conference sponsored by the ADA. He is generally recognized as one of the foremost advocates promoting diversity in the dental community and has been honored by many of the ethnic dental associations for his work. He remains active in the Indian Dental Association, where he served as president and was a founding member.

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A First-Hand Report On The House of Delegates meeting

By Bijan Anvar, D.D.S.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Bijan Anvar is currently the QCDS treasurer, as well as a NYSDA delegate, and QCDS chairman for the Council on Dental Practice. This is his personal report about the just concluded House of Delegates meeting.

I just returned from the 2010 House of Delegates meeting, a truly historic event. For the first time in New York State history, NYSDA has a House of Delegates.

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Among those in attendance were, from left to right, Drs. Robert Shpuntoff, Stephen Quarcoo, Burt Wasserman, Joseph Caruso, Rekha Gehani, Jay Ledner, Prabha Krishnan, Bijan Anvar, QCDS Executive Director William Bayer and Dr. Viren Jhaveri. Missing: Dr. Chad Gehani, Dr. Mitchell Greenberg



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New Man On the Job

By Boris Arbitman, D.D.S.

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that I have assumed the position of editor for our Queens County Dental Society Bulletin. This publication has served as a unique vehicle for reflecting the diversity and richness of our professional community. Previous editors and contributors have covered a broad range of topics, delivered keen insights into organized dentistry at the state and local levels and have generally set the “quality bar” pretty high for our Bulletin. I am grateful for the support I have received from the prior editors and from many of the active members of the society. Their support and assistance has certainly eased my transition into this position. This is probably a good time to also thank prior editors and all of you in advance for your future support—I have some large shoes to fill!

Being a relative newcomer to the Queens County Dental Society, I’d like to provide a little background information to introduce myself. I practice orthodontics in Forest Hills, with two wonderful partners whom I joined upon graduation from my specialty program in Florida in 2005. I was raised in Forest Hills, attended college at the University of Michigan (Go Blue!), studied Dentistry at NYU and furthered my clinical training at Long Island College Hospital and St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx.

Outside of dentistry, I love to spend time with my beautiful family—my wife

and three daughters. The Mets are my team and Queens is where my heart is.

I became a member of the Queens County Dental Society in 2006 and continue to be impressed by our outstanding member programs and services, the community service initiatives we have created, our education and professional development opportunities and the culture of camaraderie that we share.

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As editor, I hope to help sustain and enhance the value QCDS creates for our members, our communities and our profession. This organization—and the Bulletin in particular—are truly a collaborative effort. I invite and strongly encourage everyone’s input and suggestions. Please send me comments about

your general interests, any article ideas you have, editorials, or just constructive feedback, my e-mail address is drarbitman@foresthillsorthodontics.com. Although editorial tasks are an exciting and challenging new endeavor for me, I most look forward to meeting new QCDS members and working with you to bring news, knowledge, innovative ideas and practical tips to the pages of the Bulletin.

Please enjoy this edition at the beach, in your back yard or as you await your tee time on the golf course—i.e. wherever you do your summer reading. And, as you sip a cold lemonade, please consider what we should include in our future editions.

Thank you. Have a great summer!

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From the President

Our Strength: Your Involvement

By Ashok Dogra, D.D.S.

The New York State Dental Association will begin a new chapter in its history in June, as its newly formed House of Delegates meets for the first time in Chicago. In the past year, NYSDA has changed the way it is governed. Ninety-two percent of the members voted to change from a system of a Board of Governors to a system comprised of a House of Delegates and a Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will be the administrative body and will be made up of a trustee from each component society and the Executive Board. The House of Delegates will be the governing body of NYSDA and representation will be based on each component society’s member population. QCDS will be well represented at the state level with eight delegates and one trustee. Holding this inaugural House of Delegates in Chicago reinforces the importance of our tripartite structure and shows the ADA our support.

The state of New York is currently facing a budget crisis and economic uncertainty that mirrors the financial problems that the rest of the nation faces this summer. One of the measures recently passed by the state legislature to keep the government running has been a reduction in healthcare spending. In an effort to make ends meet, the state has cut \$775 million in healthcare spending from its \$137 billion annual budget, a budget which at this time is over three months late. These cuts were passed as part of an emergency spending bill designed to ensure continued operation of the state government and primarily focus on Medicaid and hospitals. These cuts will mean lower reimbursement for a variety of providers, especially those who provide care in a hospital setting.

We, as healthcare providers, must stand united with our colleagues and impress upon the politicians that while we understand that the choices that they must make

during the budgeting processes are difficult, we can no longer continue to do more with less. We have already seen hospitals in Queens close in the last year and many more are under pressure. The New York State Dental Association is looking for the support of its constituents as the situation develops. The support we show our fellow healthcare professionals and the advocacy for the care of our patients is a responsibility we all must shoulder together. Organized, and as a united voice, there is a chance we can be heard over the current political clamoring.

I have always been proud of the way the different ethnic dental associations come together to support QCDS and each other. I would like to appeal to our members to reach out to the other professional associations they may be a part of to show greater support to NYSDA. While we all come from different backgrounds, we have common goals and the best way to achieve these goals is to work together through organized dentistry.

Organized dentistry is the best way for our profession to address the many issues we face. Organized dentistry’s greatest strength is its membership and their participation. The changes made by NYSDA encourage increased participation by members at all levels of organized dentistry.

I would like to appeal to our membership to get more involved. There are many opportunities for member participation, including general membership meetings and continuing education courses. A full schedule of upcoming events is available at <www.qcdis.org>.

I would also like to extend my sincerest thanks to all the members who helped make the full-day continuing education event on June 6 a great success. A special thank you goes to Drs. Gehani, our vendors and the 160 members who attended.

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He is a member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy as well as the International College of Dentists and is the chair of the Department of Endodontics at Flushing Hospital Medical Center and is an associate clinical professor of en-

dodontics at the New York University College of Dentistry.

When not serving as a volunteer within the tripartite, he works in private practice as an endodontist in Jackson Heights with his wife, Rekha, who conducts an orthodontic practice.

Dr. Gehani said he looks forward to working with Dr. Doherty in addressing many of the important issues facing the dental community and is grateful to the NYSDA delegates who have voiced their confidence in him by selecting him for this crucial leadership position.



From The Executive Director

Saving Money and Other News

By William Bayer

I have received a number of calls inquiring about the Defensive Driving Program that we previously offered at the Society, which entitles participants to a substantial discount on their auto insurance over a three year period. This course is now offered on-line and full details can be obtained by visiting the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles website www.nysdmv.com, where there is a link to internet providers who offer the course at a very modest fee. The course can be completed over a period of time, rather than in one sitting, and the savings will more than offset the inconvenience. You will save 10 percent of your base rate of liability, no-fault and collision premiums for three years.

While on the idea of saving money, all practitioners should also consider completing an approved Risk Management course, which will also offer you a reduction in your malpractice insurance. We will be offering this course on October 22 at QCDS. In these times or in any times, keeping money in your pocket, rather than an insurance carrier's, seems like a sensible thing to do. Check with your malpractice carrier for applicability.

We continue to offer dental screenings in our community schools, but in order to continue this service it is crucial that we have a sufficient number of volunteer dentists to effectively conduct the program. I ask each of you to consider, if you have an hour or two during the week, to make yourself available so that we might continue this valuable community service. Please call me directly if you think this might be of interest to you.

I'm sure all members of QCDS join with me in congratulating our own Dr. Chad Gehani on his election as the NYSDA president-elect, which took place at the June House of Delegates meeting. It is a well-deserved honor for a man who has exceptional accomplishments on all levels of the tripartite system of organized dentistry. Although his new position will occupy much of his time, he has assured me QCDS remains his "home" and he intends to remain active at the component level. Our NYSDA delegates also handled themselves quite well at the House meeting, as did our trustee, Dr. Joseph Caruso.

The summer months of July and August are usually relatively calm here at QCDS. However, we continue to schedule Continuing Education programs for after the summer. Please visit our web site, www.qcds.org to view the programs already scheduled. We ask that you support these programs, many of which are sponsored by companies seeking potential business opportunities. Sponsor support allows us to offer Continuing Educa-

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In the never ending saga of the "Red Flags Rule" and identity theft protection, the Federal Trade Commission has once again extended the enforcement date until December 31, 2010. Hoping that Congress can ultimately clarify those entities that are exempt from the provisions of the rule and hopefully will exclude dentists.

The New York State Education Department is implementing a new on-line registration application for all dentists, dental hygienists and certified dental assistants. After June 1, paper registration applications will be eliminated. The department states that the on-line registration process offers a timely, convenient and secure alternative for renewals. The department will notify licensees about the change via regular mail, with instructions for accessing renewals online. No additional processing fees will be charged for online registration renewals paid with a credit card. If required, licensees may request a paper renewal application.

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QCDS Well Represented at Recent GLIDM Meeting

By Mitchell Greenberg, D.D.S.
and Jay Ledner, D.D.S.

This year's Greater Long Island Dental Meeting (GLIDM) was held on April 20 and 21 at the Hilton Hotel, Melville. The meeting had a successful turnout and Queens County Dental Society members were especially well represented.

GLIDM is a collaborative meeting between the QCDS, Nassau and Suffolk County Dental Societies. In addition to a selection of CE courses covering all dentistry disciplines, the exhibit hall was open from Tuesday evening through Wednesday night and was a tremendous resource for doctors and staff to take advantage of the sponsor and vendor offerings. Tuesday kicked off with the Women's Dental Conference and several continuing education offerings. The evening program featured a cocktail party in the exhibit hall. Wednesday's CE courses were well attended. Among QCDS Directors in attendance were Drs. Bijan Anvar,



Component Executive Directors get together at GLIDM: Nassau's James Garnett, Suffolk's Jane Meslin and Queen's William Bayer

Jay Ledner, and Mitchell Greenberg.

NYSDA VIPs at the meeting included: President Michael Berault, Vice President Chad Gehani and Executive Director Mark Feldman.

Atlantic City Study Club Draws Big Turnout



Dr. Dogra and the lucky QCDS members who participated in the May Video Study Club trip to Atlantic City.

House of Delegates Meeting First-Hand Report

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We were all expecting the worst, prepared to deal with the kinds of glitches, that one would expect when completely revamping a system. I think it went relatively well, and we were all very happy to see things run so smoothly. The NYSDA staff, including our elected officials, worked very hard and did a tremendous job to make it go as smoothly and easily as it did.

QCDS delegates, including Drs. Rekha Gehani, Mitchell Greenberg, Viren Jhaveri, Prabha Krishnan, Jay Ledner, Robert Shpuntoff, Burt Wasserman, and I, as well as alternate delegate Dr. Stephen Quarcoo, were present, as was our executive director, William Bayer. We met with QCDS NYSDA Trustee Joseph Caruso and were honored to support, and be guided by, our NYSDA president elect, Dr. Chad P. Gehani.

QCDS can be proud of their NYSDA president elect, trustee and delegates. They worked very well together and with the other components to help make this meeting a great success. Members will be proud to hear that we were one of the few components with unanimous membership to EDPAC's Capitol Club (and probably the only component whose executive director is also a member)! This shows everyone on the State the level of the dedication we have towards our profession and towards protecting our patients!

This was three days of intense work and debate, discussing many new resolutions, and working to shape the fu-


ture of our profession and our organization. NYSDA Trustee Dr. Caruso led the QCDS caucus efficiently and expeditiously. We were very effective in getting our points across and making ourselves heard. There was some spirited debate, but for the most part, everything was very constructive and for this writer, a wonderful experience.

For those members who have never attended one of these meetings, I would urge you to attend. It is truly eye-opening to see all of your representatives in action. The first meeting I attended was an amazing experience to sit in on, and I highly recommend it to everyone at least once. The future of our profession is a concern to all of us, and your representatives are working very hard on your behalf to ensure that you know that your trust is well placed.

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Bill with Sen. Chuck Schumer

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CRESO Corner: Be Prepared for Radiation Facility Questions

By Martin Schnee, Big Apple Radiation Safety

There is an alarming situation in many dental offices. There are many dentists and dental assistants who don't have familiarity with the radiation regulations in Article 175 of the New York City Health Code.

Section 175.04 requires that the owner of a radiation facility instruct all workers in the operating procedures applicable to work under the registration and in the health protection problems associated with exposure to radiation, and in precautions to minimize exposure.

The code section further states that a record of these instructions shall be maintained and is required annually. One portion of the regulation even states that a Health Department representative can privately interview a worker to see if they are familiar with these rules.

How many of you know the regulations for pregnant workers? Under what conditions should the x-ray unit not be operated? Have you instructed your staff where to stand during the x-ray exposure? Do you know that you have to see and hear that an exposure is being made? Have you instructed your staff how to position the cone? Have you instructed the staff about setting the proper techniques based on patient size? What about holding of patients during exposure?

These and many more items need to be addressed and documented in order to comply with regulations. During a typical inspection by a CRESO or the City Health Department this topic will not be addressed. If a situation should arise at your facility, especially with a worker, this regulation will come up and if you have no documentation indicating that you have trained your staff at least once in radiation safety and the regulations, you will be dead in the water.

If you have any questions concerning this topic contact Mr. Schnee by phone at (718) 986-4996. His email address is Scientist004@aol.com and his web page is NYCRESO.com.

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QCDS Members Volunteer For Screening at Jackson Developmental Center

QCDS volunteers have once again shown their commitment to access to dental care by conducting a dental screening program at the Jackson Developmental Center located, in Jackson Heights. The center provides services for 3-5 year olds including special education classes, counseling services and speech, occupational and physical therapy. On May 21, Executive Director William Bayer headed a team of volunteer dentists, including Drs. Chad Gehani, Mercedes Mota-Martinez, Prabha Krishnan and Arelys Santana. The QCDS volunteers partnered with Colgate, who supplied a two operator recreation vehicles as part of their “Bright Smiles, Bright Future” campaign.

The children seemed quite excited at being screened in dental chairs on the van. For many, this was their first dental experience. In a school of approximately 200 children, virtually all of the parents had completed the parental consent forms authorizing their child to participate in the screening. A number of children were found to be in need immediate dental care and appropriate referrals were made.

The principal, Irene Fernandez-Gomez, expressed thanks to QCDS and the volunteer dentists, noting the value of this screening program to the students. She indicated that the school helps to promote well-child care for students and encourages good health practices reinforced by programs of this nature.

QCDS extends thanks to Janette Tirado and the teaching



QCDS volunteers with school staff and Senator Jose Peralta

staff of the 15 classes who helped coordinate the screening schedule at the center.

The program also served as an opportunity for the school leadership to meet and greet newly elected State Senator Jose Peralta, a longtime QCDS supporter, who showed his support of the program by attending the event and agreeing to a future meeting with school administration to see how he might be of help to the school.

QCDS has partnered with Colgate in offering the screening program at various community schools. Dr. Chad Gehani, NYSDA president-elect, observed that the generosity of QCDS volunteers in sacrificing time away from their private offices is a testament to the member’s concern for their dental community.



Dr. Gehani shares a moment with students



Dr. Santana says "Open wide!"



A class picture of happy dental patients



QCDS Dental Volunteers Drs. Mota-Martinez, Santana, Gehani, Krishnan and Keila, dental assistant

QCDS Continuing Education Awards

QCDS congratulates its newest members to have completed CE hours noted as of the end of last year. NYSDA certificates of recognition have been sent to each member.

QCDS provides CE programs which enhance the clinical proficiency of members and welcomes suggestions for programs of interest.

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Helpful Suggestions for Correcting Plan Document Failures to Avoid IRS Penalties

By Ira Langer, Esq. and Irwin N. Rubin, Esq.
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The old saying that “it’s not worth the paper it’s printed on” is especially applicable in the area of qualified plan documents.

Failure to Properly Sign and Date Plan Documents

All too often, we receive plan documents from clients which are missing signatures or dates. Failure to properly sign and date an original plan document, a plan amendment or a plan restatement is deemed a document failure by the IRS. Any such documents will be rejected by the IRS in the event of an audit or if the plan is re-submitted for an updated IRS approval. In short, such documents are not worth the paper they are printed on.

These problems can easily be avoided by always making sure that plan documents are properly prepared and executed. Conscientious follow-up is the secret to success. Unfortunately, we have come across numerous plan documents from retirement plan practitioners who have not learned this secret.

Document failures will become a major issue in the coming months. All defined contribution plans based on pre-approved documents, including Volume Submitter and Prototype plans, had to be completely restated for the EGTRRA legislation by April 30, 2010. The IRS has announced that there will be no extensions for the April 30 deadline. If the restatement was not timely executed the plan is considered by the IRS to be a non-amender plan which now suffers from a document failure.

Similarly, over the past number of years, there were a number of IRS-required amendments (“Interim Amendments”) which had to be signed and dated at various dates prior to April 30, 2010. Here again, the absence of the required amendment—or an absence of a proper signature or date—results in a document failure.

IRS Penalties

The penalties for a document failure can be severe. The IRS compliance (penalty) fee for an EGTRRA failure discovered during a determination letter application is \$2,500 for plans with up to 20 participants, and \$5,000 for plans with 21-50 participants. The fees are higher for multiple plans or for plans with a greater number of participants. More importantly, the fees are even higher if the IRS discovers the failure during an audit.

IRS Correction Program

Document failures can be corrected under the IRS’s Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System (“EPCRS”).

However, EPCRS can only be used if the existence of the document failure is voluntarily disclosed to the IRS and a compliance fee (contingent upon the number of participants in the plan) is paid to the IRS.

IRS Audit CAP

If the IRS discovers a missing document and/or unsigned or undated document through an audit or other means (i.e., without voluntary disclosure), the document failure cannot be cured under EPCRS and is not eligible for the reduced fees discussed above. Instead, the IRS Audit Closing Agreement Program (“Audit CAP”) must be used under which the IRS will demand a “maximum sanction penalty.”

Voluntary Compliance vs. Audit

The differences in exposure between voluntary correction and Audit CAP correction can be very substantial. By way of example, assume that a plan with 10 participants and \$500,000 of assets has a document failure involving the EGTRRA Amendment. If the plan sponsor makes a voluntary disclosure under EPCRS, the compliance fee would be \$375. On the other hand, if an IRS agent discovered the document failure during a determination letter application, the fee would be \$2,500. Further, if the failure is discovered during an audit, the IRS will propose a sanction penalty under Audit CAP (which serves as the opening amount for negotiations with the IRS) which could be in excess of \$10,000. Different fact patterns of document failures will involve different penalty ranges, but the voluntary EPCRS route is always substantially less expensive than having the failure “picked-up” during audit.

Curing the Defect

In cases involving plans that have these problems, we can assist in gathering the needed documentation, or where specific documents simply cannot be located, in preparing currently-dated replacement documents for submission under the IRS correction program. Similarly, in cases involving a plan document failure discovered by IRS during audit, we can assist the plan sponsor in negotiating with the IRS during the Audit CAP proceedings.

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QCDS Continuing Education Forum a Success

By William Bayer

A hot and humid Sunday did not prevent a large attendance at the recent Continuing Education Forum, held on June 6 at the World's Fair Marina Restaurant.

The program drew an enthusiastic crowd of 170 dentists not only from Queens, but from the entire metropolitan area, with three noteworthy speakers who addressed the attendees.

QCDS staff, as well as many volunteer leaders, handled the registration process.

The program opened with a presentation by Dr. Edward Feinberg, addressing the topic of treating teeth with insufficient clinical crowns. He noted that many of these teeth can be saved rather than extracted. He was followed by Dr. Lawrence Volland, an expert on the CDT, who provided many useful insights into the nuances of the proper use of the code in many common dental procedures performed in dental offices. The program concluded with Dr. Rekha Gehani addressing the issue of orthodontics being a factor in patient care and treatment. She noted that well aligned teeth can help achieve goals in the treatment of patients.

Many volunteer leaders were in attendance, including Drs. Chad Gehani, Mercedes Mota-Martinez, Ashok Dogra, Beatriz Vallejo, Prabha Krishnan, Sudhakar Shetty, Eric Huang, and Ronald Garrett.

In addition to the clinical presentations, the forum received support from a number of sponsor exhibitors who reported positive comments on the program as well as the venue, which allowed ready access to the attendees.

QCDS extends special thanks to sponsors Midmark, Henry Schein Company, MLMIC, Conference Associates and the Susan Mason Agency, Colgate, David Lerner Associates, American Express, Astoria Federal, Yodle, Dental Recovery Services and Newport Coast Securities.

As with most QCDS programs, sponsor support makes the programs possible and QCDS encourages members to support those who support QCDS.



QCDS staff, assisted by Dr. Krishnan, at the registration table.



QCDS President Dr. Ashok Dogra with speakers Dr. Rekha Gehani and Dr. Edward Feinberg.



Dr. Feinberg



Attendees packed the room!

CE Courses July - September 2010

Pre-registration is required for all continuing education, except General Membership Meetings

Sunday, July 11 9:00 a.m.
CPR- Certification and Re-Certification 4 C.E. Credits

Topic: Basic Cardiac Life Support

Certification/Recertification will cover 1 and 2 rescuer CPR, Heimlich maneuver, child CPR and AED.

The ability to recognize the signals of a heart attack and provide stabilization of the victim at the scene of a cardiac arrest is a priceless commodity. Life over death may some day become a reality to someone you know or care for. Be prepared to help save a life.

If your CPR certification is two years old or less and you want to re-certify, you must submit a copy of your BLS card, or you will need to take the complete certification course again.

Instructor: Robin Zalewski, BLS Instructor

Tuition: ADA member/staff: \$105 Non-ADA member: \$260

Sunday, Sept 12 9:00 a.m.
Adhesive and Composite Technology Update 4 C.E. Credits

The use of composite resin material as a direct restorative for anterior and posterior restorations has dramatically increased in the market place. What materials will you advocate for use in your practice? What has the literature been revealing on materials in current use? Should practitioners change their current techniques? What preparation design will you utilize?

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Course Objectives: At the end of this lecture, each participant should understand:

- Proper placement techniques that maximize clinical outcomes and esthetics
- The mechanisms of bonding systems and how to control sensitivity
- The differences between the various composites available to clinicians

Instructor: Dr. Ara Nazarian

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Sunday, Sept 19 9:00 a.m.
Infection Control 4 C.E. Credits

Topic: Infection Control

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Instructor: Safety Compliance Services

Tuition: ADAMembers: \$85, ADA member staff \$70
Non-ADAMember: \$260

Friday, Sept 24 9:00 a.m.
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This course will review bone grafting to prepare edentulous sites for implant placement and subsequent prosthetic rehabilitation. The use of autogenous bone, allogenic, xenogenic and alloplast materials as they relate to use in sinus grafts, socket lifts, onlay grafts, ridge split, and socket preservation techniques will be discussed and illustrated with clinical cases. Temporization, utilizing transitional mini-implants, during the time of graft healing will also be presented.

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Topic: "Dentistry -- How to Deliver It Easier, Cheaper, Faster, Better"

Speaker: Dr. Ira Cohen, D.D.S.

Location: Laterna Restaurant
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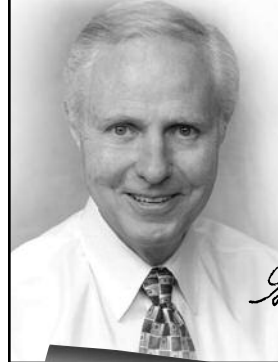
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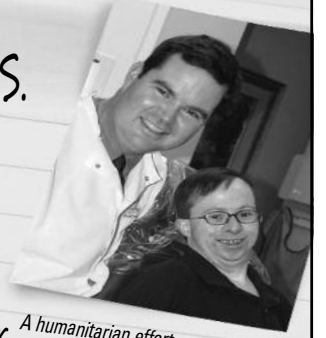
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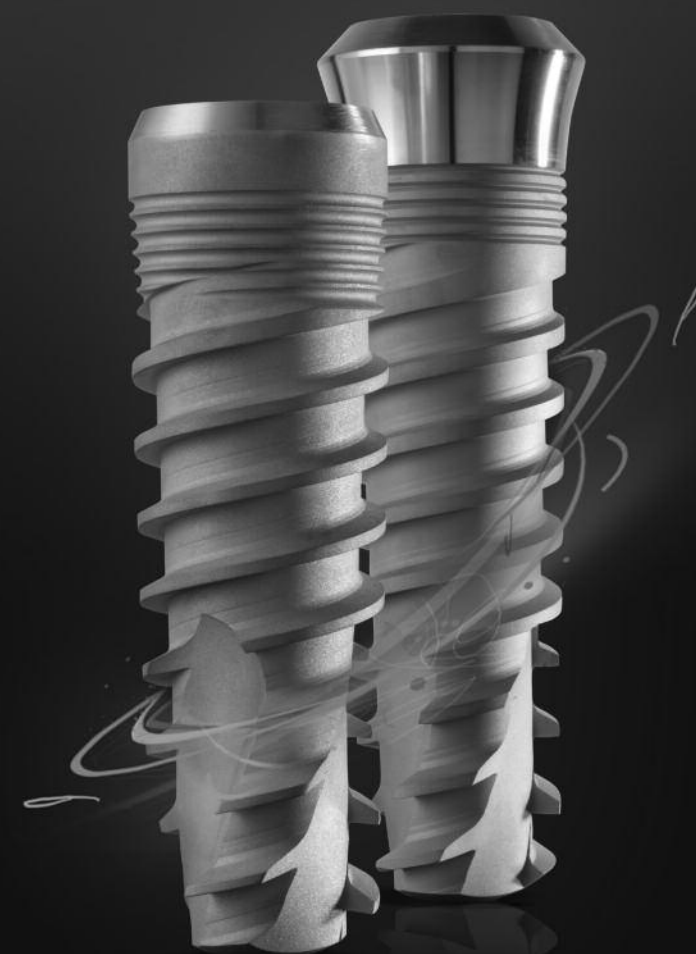
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