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Dr. Bijan Anvar Leads a New Slate of QCDS Officers With Aspirations To Build a Stronger Dental Society

By Marc Katz

To the cheers of colleagues, friends, and family, Dr. Bijan Anvar was installed as the new president of the Queens County Dental Society along with a slate of new officers at the QCDS Annual Dinner, held last January at Leonard's of Great Neck.

"Our profession will be facing some serious challenges in the coming years," Dr. Anvar told the audience following his installation. "Now more than ever, it is imperative that we come together... that we make our voices heard...and that we protect our patients and our profession. Tonight I invite you to involve yourselves. I call on all of you...to stand together and help build our ranks, to make us a force.

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Officers installed along with Dr. Anvar were Dr. Sudhakar Shetty, president-elect; Dr. Ronald Garrett, vice president; Dr. Eric Huang, secretary; Dr. Richard Yang, treasurer; and Dr. Craig Tischler, historian.

American Dental Association President-Elect Dr. Maxine Feinberg, taking time out of her busy schedule as she prepares to assume the leadership of the ADA, congratulated QCDS on being one of the most diverse components in the entire country as evi-



Incoming QCDS officers being sworn in by Dr. Chad Gehani: left to right, Drs. Sudakhar Shetty, Ronald Garrett, Eric Huang, Richard Yang and Craig Tischler

denced, she said, by the diverse nature of the installation guests.

NYSDA President Dr. Joel Friedman installed the ICDE officers, including Craig Tischler, president, Kathryn Schirmer, vice president, and Dr. Prabha Krishnan, secretary/treasurer. Upon taking office, newly installed President Tickler presented outgoing President Jay Lender with a certificate of achievement, recognizing his outstanding efforts during his term.

Dr. Krishnan served as the evening's master of ceremonies, keeping the program moving smoothly, as she has done for a number of years. Dr. Rekha Gehani introduced each of the dignitaries and thanked them for their support of QCDS. Special guests at the installation included Congresswoman Grace Ming and her husband, Dr. Wayne Kye. Congresswoman Meng presented newly installed President Anvar with a Congressional Proclamation, recognizing his service to the

community and declaring the day of his installation "Dr. Bijan Anvar Day in Queens." Presenting Dr. Anvar with New York State recognition was State Senator Jose Peralta.

Representing organized dentistry, dinner guests included NYSDA Immediate Past President Deborah Weisfuse, NYSDA Executive Director and ADA Past President Mark Feldman, ADA Trustee Steven Gounardes, and several component presidents and executive directors.

ADA Trustee-Elect Dr. Chad Gehani, a past QCDS president, introduced each of the newly installed QCDS officers, including Dr. Anvar, who immediately recognized Dr. Al Orlian "for his love and support" since Dr. Anvar was in dental school and for giving the new QCDS president his first job as a resident at Flushing Hospital. "I will always remember the... advice you gave me," Dr. Anvar said.

Immediately upon being installed, President Anvar presented a plaque to outgoing President Doran Kalman in appreciation for his service and leadership. —*Continued on page 12*

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By Dr. Bijan Anvar

EDITOR'S NOTE: This column, by newly elected QCDS President ing me my first job as a resident at Flushing Hospital. I will al-Dr. Bijan Anvar, contains excerpts from his installation address. ways remember the advice you have given me, and it is especially true today. Thanks to all my friends at the ADA and NYSDA, friends who I can count on when I need them. I have I see so many people who have had a profound effect on learned quite a bit from all of you, and I am still learning. I my life, so many people who have set examples for me to follow, so many people who have advised me, and so many peoam grateful for your example, your tolerance and patienceple who have helped me. It makes me happy to see so many in short, your friendship. I would especially like to thank our executive director, Bill Bayer, and his assistant, Guadalupe, friends come together to help celebrate our installation. I am for putting all this together and working so hard to make sure very touched, indeed a little overwhelmed by the honor be-

stowed upon me to be your president. Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought I would be standing before you as your president, delivering a speech. Dentists are often thought of as thoughtful and intelligent people, and it is for this reason that I am so totally shocked at the complete lack of judgment from my colleagues in electing me. I really wonder what they were thinking. So, this year I am president of QCDS, last year I was presidentelect. The year before I was vice president. Next year, people say, I will be nothing. But I would say to them that I am always a member, and that is always something. And, I would remind them that membership has its privileges. Look around. Everywhere you look there are people who are volunteers, mentors, friends, teachers, and more. It has been my privilege to

meet and know you all and for me, that is a big part of organized dentistry. I cherish the friendships I have made.

Some of you may not know that I grew up in Southern California, about 10 miles from the Mexican border. When I was in high school, my counselor told me I wasn't college material, and if it wasn't for a humble and wise history teacher, I probably wouldn't be here. So my first thanks goes to Mr. Klueger. He made me turn right when I might have turned left. For that, I am forever grateful. If I thanked everyone who deserved to be thanked, we would be here for longer than any of us planned or wants, but the evening cannot go without some special thanks. I would like to thank every past president and every volunteer of every dental society and association, as it would be impossible for me to be here without them. I would like to thank everyone at QCDS for their trust and their support.

up by a handful of volunteers in a short amount of time. It I have made so many friendships, and I am so grateful for was a two day event that people are still talking about. I was honored to be involved and look forward to carrying on the that because for me that is priceless. Thank you Dr. Rekha Gehani for being a part of this installation and thank you Dr. event and providing our membership with the value they are looking for. I look forward to serving and strengthening our Krishnan for being an awesome MC as well as a great friend. membership and I hope that I can count on all of you to help I would especially like to thank Dr. Jay Ledner and Dr. Chad and advise me. Gehani for their guidance and support and Dr. Al Orlian for -Continued on page 19 his love and support since I was in dental school and for giv-

On Becoming Your New President

that everyone has a great night. I would also like to thank my office staff, who I think of like my sisters.

solicit you. We are a volunteer organization. I

come before you in the hopes that you will not

only get involved, but will make an effort to in-

volve your friends and colleagues. Our profes-

sion will be facing some serious challenges in

the coming years, including our continued bat-

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lations, electronic health records and

So, now that I thanked you, I am going to

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e-prescribing, hygienists, and more. Now more than ever, it is imperative that we come together, that way make our voices heard, and that we protect our patients and our profession. Tonight I invite you to involve yourselves, I call on all of you, my friends, my colleagues, to stand together and build our ranks-to make us a force. I would like to strengthen our society by not only increasing membership, but also by empowering and engaging

others so that they know that they do make a difference and that they are valued, not for the membership, but for their friendship and their participation. I want every member to feel like his and her opinions count and have meaning and importance.

We also need to engage new dentists. This has been something very dear to my heart, and with the help of Dr. Gehani and Mr. Bayer and many others, I created the first New Dentist Conference in New York State. In the first year following the event, I believe five others were held throughout the state. Last year, our past president, Dr. Kalman, held the first annual World's Fair of Dentistry, a wildly successful event set-

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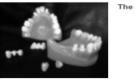
By Gina Cucchiara, D.D.S.

I would like take this opportunity to introduce myself as Hospital Campus in Brooklyn. I opened my private practice the new co-editor of our QCDS Bulletin. Along with Dr. Boris in January 2012, and Dr. Arbitman now practices just down the street. I am also an Attending Physician in the Depart-Arbitman, I hope to continue to share the events and news of ment of Dentistry at Lutheran Medical Center. Many of my our chapter in a meaningful way. I encourage all of you to contribute to our endeavors with your announcements. colleagues at the hospital are active in the Second District I am a relatively new member of QCDS and look forward Dental Society, where I hold an associate membership as well. to getting to know my colleagues. I was born and raised in I enjoy working with the residents one-on-one on the clinic Howard Beach, Queens. Like many of you, I am a first-genfloor. I hope to encourage the new generation of dentists to eration American; my parents emigrated from Sicily, Italy in remain active in organized dentistry, to give back to the prothe early 1960s. I have remained close to my roots by setting fession through teaching, and to never stop learning.

up my practice in the neighborhood in which I was raised. When I am not busy working, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and exploring different areas of New York City.

It was actually the great experience I had at my orthodontist growing up that motivated me to become a dentist. I attended Columbia University for my undergraduate studies and dental school training. I completed my General Practice Residency at Lutheran Medical Center, Long Island College





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We hope that you enjoy what is in store for you in the current issue!

Be Aware of the Statute of Limitations for **Dental Malpractice in New York State**

By Eric J. Ploumis, D.M.D., J.D.

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Every dentist should be aware of the statute of limitations for dental malpractice. A statute of limitations is a law passed by the legislature that sets a time limit on when a claim may be brought. Once the statute of limitations has expired on a plaintiff/patient's claim, the patient loses his or her remedy

at law and the defendant/doctor has an affirmative defense against an allegation of malpractice.

Since 1975, the basic law in New York State is that an action for dental malpractice must be commenced within two years and six months of the occurrence of the alleged malpractice (CPLR 214-a). An occurrencebased statute means that the statutory period begins to run when the negligent act occurred, not when the patient discovered it. Many states use discovery as the trigger for starting the clock on a patient's right to bring an action for malpractice. Thanks in part to the efforts of the New York State Dental Association, New York still utilizes the more doctor-favorable occurrence standard. (Caveat: The Office of Professional Disciple may bring a disciplinary action against a dentist at any time; the civil statutes of limitations for malpractice do not apply.)

Some dentists erroneously base fee collection efforts or record keeping requirements on this 2.5-year time span, believing that the passage of two and a half years provides a shield of invulnerability. But there are a host of exceptions that must be considered when calculating the expiration of the statute of limitations. For example, if the patient is an infant, the statue is tolled (suspended) until the child reaches majority, which is 18 in New York State. The child does not lose his or her right to sue you for malpractice until two and one-half years after his 18th birthday. You may have treated little Jason when he was 11, but his right to sue you for malpractice does not expire until he is 20.5. It is not unheard of for a malpractice attorney to file a suit the day before a patient turns 20.5 hoping to catch the doctor without adequate records. This "toll for infancy" is especially important for practitioners such as orthodontists and pediatric dentists.

Another significant exception to the basic rule is the continuous treatment doctrine. Any treatment that pertained to the initial therapy prevents the clock from running for statute-of-limitations purposes. In an orthodontic case, for example, it is not until the patient is dismissed after her final retainer adjustment that 2.5 year clock begins to tick down. This is true even if braces have been off for several years.

Foreign-object discovery is yet another scenario that will prolong the time during which a patient may sue for malpractice. An endodontist presents the best example to illustrate this exception to the statute of limitations law. Suppose a patient discovers a broken file tip (foreign object) in a canal four years after having a root canal. The dentist never told the patient about the broken file. Under the foreign-object discovery exception, the patient has an additional one-year extension to sue the doctor. Even worse is the instance in which a practitioner fraudulently concealed the malpractice.

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Failure to disclose an untoward event tolls the statute indefinitely. If the foreign object (such as an implant or surgical fixation device) was intended to be left in the body, the "tolling" provision does not apply and absent any other exceptions the standard 2.5 years applies.

By waiting until the patient no longer has the statutory right to sue for malpractice, the savvy practitioner may think he or she can safely sue to recover an unpaid fee. In New York State, however, a patient who is sued for an unpaid fee may countersue the doctor for malpractice up to the amount of the doctor's suit, even if the statute of limitations for malpractice has long since expired.

Understanding the statute of limitations for dental malpractice is essential to good risk management. Knowing the law will help in developing a collections policy and a record keeping protocol. A working knowl-

edge of the fundamentals of the statute of limitations will allow for the better practice of dentistry with a higher level of comfort, We have discussed only a few of the more obvious exceptions to the rule; the examples cited are by no means a definitive list. To appreciate fully how New York law impacts on dental practices, the prudent practitioner should consider a consultation with an attorney versed in medical and dental malpractice law.

Dr. Ploumis is an attorney, an orthodontist, and an associate clinical professor of orthodontics at New York University. He limits his legal practice to business and transactional issues related to the practice of dentistry, including practice transitions, partnership and employment agreements, office leases and the defense of allegations of professional misconduct. He can be reached at www.DentalPracticeLawyers.com.

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Dr. Bijan Anvar Installed As New QCDS President

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Looking to his new administration, Dr. Anvar said: "Our commitment to our profession and organization can be summarized in three words relevance, responsiveness, and respect.

"Relevance: we need to provide our membership with the critical information they need to best serve their patients and maintain a successful practice.

"Responsiveness: we need to respond quickly and effectively to the concerns of our membership and also to outside forces who may have their own agenda in trying to shape our profession.

"Respect: we are accountable for our work. We are open and transparent in our decision-making. We are committed to bringing integrity into our process and doing what is best for our patients and our profession. My aspirations for QCDS are bold and significant, and more importantly, they are all built on existing foundations. I have a great team of line officers, volunteers, council chairs, Board members and staff that I am confident share these goals and values. Together we will continue to build and strengthen our society.





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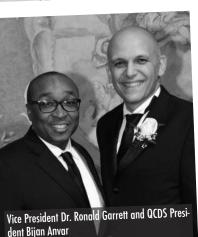


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Drs. Bijan Anvar, Doron Kalman and Stever



Dr. Chad Gehani congratulates Dr. Bijan Anvar following his installation as QCDS president as past QCDS President Dr. Prabha Krishnan looks on

The Anvar family: Bijan and Jennifer, and their children, Bijan and Isabella

Financial Independence in Challenging Times

Bu: Paul Palazzo, CFP®, COA

I like to tell people that retirement planning is a little like playing golf. You begin in your earlier working years, with a general idea of where you are going-the equivalent of aiming for the fairway—and become more exact as you get closer and closer to the target. And, you adjust, be-

cause nothing ever goes entirely as planned.

Here are some things to keep in mind for creating your own financially independent retirement.

• Visualize It: Many of you are extremely busy caring for patients, running your office, living your life. It is understandable if you haven't found time to visualize your retirement, but you owe it to yourselves to do so. So here's a goal: before Mother's Day, find a quiet hour or two to think about this. Be specific. If you retired tomorrow, how would you spend the next 30 days?

• Know your expenses: The best way to do this is by actually tracking and itemizing expenses for three to six months. The next-best way is to get a year-over-year estimate by determining your after-tax pay and adjusting for net deposits or withdrawals to bank and investment accounts and a net increase or de-

determining how much you will need in retirement. But be skeptical of simple benchmarks, such as needing 80 percent of pre-retirement income in retirement. Everyone will be different. When will the mortgage be paid off? Will you be moving? How many children are you supporting, and when will they be on their own?

• Take what they give you: Did you know that investing in a tax-deferred retirement account can yield a third to a half more in after-tax money down the road? Such is the power of the "loan" you receive from the government and have the opportunity to invest, combined with the likelihood of your tax rates going down in retirement. Being self-employed gives you far greater tax-deferral opportunities than enjoyed by the typical employee. Take advantage of them.

• Invest with different risks in mind: When most people talk about risk in connection with financial independence, they focus on investment risk—the chance that their stocks will lose value. The focus, while understandable, is too narrow.

Other risks should be considered:

There is the inflation risk: In 1987, The New York Times wrote about the coming Broadway opening of "Phantom of the Opera," and the possibility of prices topping out at \$50. In the mid-70s, you could still get a gallon of gas for a buck and a box seat at Yankee Stadium for \$5 and change. Times change, and prices go up. If inflation averages 3.5 percent per year, prices will roughly double in 20 years. Your portfolio will have to be designed to withstand the attack on purchasing power.

And, there is the longevity risk: Dentists, more educated

than the average citizen and with access to better health care, also have longer than average life expectancies. But, those potential extra years cost money. And, inflation continues to raise the cost of living. Here again, your portfolio should be built to last.

And, there also is the withdrawal risk: Let's say that in

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1,000 shares of Stock XYZ at \$50 per share to help cover expenses. The only problem is that the stock price falls to \$40. Now, you have to sell an additional 200 shares to make up for the 20 percent price drop. While you were working and saving money, the loss didn't matter-in fact, it may have helped by enabling you to buy low. Not now! The 200 extra shares that you've sold are gone forever; you don't benefit when the market goes back up. Dentists can potentially reduce withdrawal risk by continuing to work part-time before retiring, reducing the need to dip into their portfolios. A good financial advisor can help manage your portfolio against withdrawal and other risk.

vour first year of retirement you plan to sell

• Social Security: These are several of the risks to financial independence that are important. Now, for the good news: Social Secu-

crease in debt. Your current expenses can serve as a guide to rity is not among them. Yes, anything can happen. But remember this: Seniors vote. Any reduction in Social Security benefits is likely to be gradual and have little impact on the typical dentist's retirement plan.

The future awaits. Now is a great time to begin creating a future of financial independence.

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State of State Estate Tax: Lower Rates, Exemptions

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Each case is

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By Michael Markhoff, Esq.

For a few years, we lived in a period of uncertainty with should be analyzed accordingly. regards to the federal estate tax. Once the dust settled and the fiscal cliff was averted, Congress compromised on a \$5,340,000 federal estate tax exemption, which is permanent life insurance owned by an Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust (or as permanent as can be in Washington) and will be indexed for inflation. Most taxpayers are now in the clear and

will avoid this hefty tax (which is 40 percent on the amount exceeding the exemption), however all is not without a cost. To date, 19 states plus the District of Columbia assess a separate state estate or inheritance tax based on where you reside when you die and where you own real estate. As you might imagine, a majority of these states are located in the northeast.

State estate taxes have lower tax rates, but also have lower exemptions. New York has a \$1,000,000 exemption, Connecticut is better with a \$2,000,000 exemption and New Jersey is worse with a \$675,000 exemption. The rates in these states are very similar and range from approximately 5 percent to approximately 16 percent. Keep in mind that, like for federal

spouse for state estate tax purposes (assuming your spouse is a United States citizen).

Since most people in the tri-state area will be subject to this tax, what is there to do to avoid or minimize this tax?

• Vote with your feet and move: The reason you will begin to see the great mass exodus of cars to Florida this time of year is that the "Sunshine State" has no estate tax, as well as no income tax. Locally, New Hampshire has a similar situation. This is not for the faint of heart. You should consult with us and your accountant to discuss the numerous requirements in order to become a Florida domiciliary.

• Continue planning with "credit shelter trusts:" This is still the backbone of most estate plans. It involves creating a trust for the surviving spouse of an amount equal to the estate tax exemption. The surviving spouse can live on this trust by receiving the income and have access to principal and when he or she dies, the trust will pass estate tax free to the children or other heirs. For estates under \$5,340,000, you should consider creating this trust for your spouse for \$1,000,000 (for New York residents), \$675,000 (for New Jersey residents) or \$2,000,000 (for Connecticut residents) to help minimize state estate taxes.

For estates over \$5,340,000, credit shelter trusts are more significant because they will reduce or even eliminate the more onerous federal tax, but they will also trigger a state estate tax. For example, New York and New Jersey will collect \$431,600 and Connecticut will collect \$259,800 in exchange for saving approximately \$2,100,000 of federal estate tax upon the death of the surviving spouse. While no one likes to pay estate tax at the death of the first spouse, it often makes sense to do so in order to save at the second spouse's death. Each case is unique and

• Create Irrevocable Life Insurance Trusts: There is a special estate tax rule for life insurance which provides that any will pass to your family free from federal and state estate tax. Life insurance owned by you counts as an asset subject

> to estate tax, so consider gifting your life insurance policies to this trust if it would otherwise cause you to trigger a federal and/or state estate tax. This is also a great opportunity to consult with your life insurance professional to determine if the policy is performing as anticipated and promised.

• Gift: You can gift \$14,000 per year (or \$28,000 if you are married) each year to each beneficiary and if you gift more, you will use a part of your \$5,340,000 estate and gift tax exemption. Payments of medical and/or education expenses directly to the institution do not count against these exemptions. New York and New Jersey have no gift tax, so individuals with estates under \$5,340,000 should consider gifting to get under your state estate tax

purposes, you can leave an unlimited amount to your threshold. Connecticut residents aren't so lucky. Their \$2,000,000 estate tax exemption is also their gift tax exemption. In any case, be very careful about gifting because once you gift, you can't get it back.



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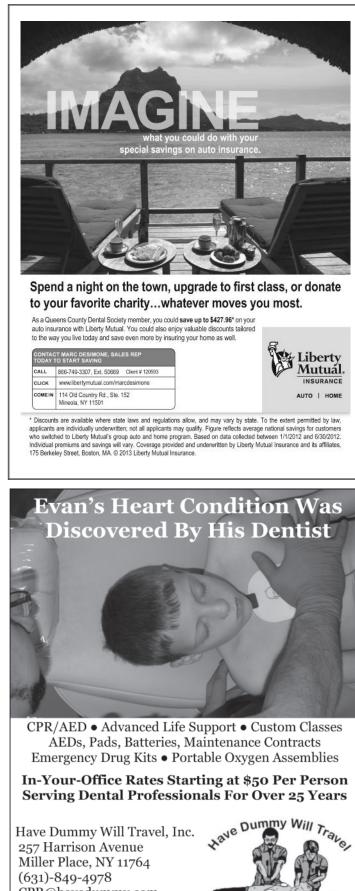




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From the President On Becoming the Newest **Dental Society President**

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I would like to close by thanking my family, my father and his wife, for their love and support. Dad, you are my inspiration, and I thank you for everything you have ever done for me. I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of you. This is the closest I will ever get to being able to properly thank you. I bet you never thought your son would be the first Iranian-American president of the Queens County Dental Society. My mother, wishes she could be here tonight, but due to health reasons was unable to attend. My mother is an amazing woman, and I got a lot from her, but one of the things I am most grateful for is for getting her nose.

And, saving the best for last, I would like to introduce you to my family. They have allowed me to take time out of their lives to serve and I am truly awed by their understanding and support. My son, Bijan, is an amazing baseball player, singer, and all around great guy. I couldn't imagine a better son. My daughter, Isabella, is a great lacrosse player and fashion designer in her own right and all around great daughter. I couldn't imagine a better daughter. My two children are two of my greatest blessings, and they each have a heart of gold. I am so proud of them and who they are. As much as they are the fruit, my wife, Jennifer is the tree from which they fell. Some of you may not know, but Jen and I met in dental school, in gross anatomy, and for me it was love at first sight. When I saw her wearing her Jets sweatshirt, I knew I would marry her-and I knew it was love because I'm a Giants fan. At that time I had long hair, and next to a dead guy, I looked pretty good. We were married after our residency. Again, it seems I have a knack for getting people to make bad decisions, as I fully admit to getting the best part of this deal. Jen, I couldn't imagine a better wife. I have never met such an amazing person and I have never had a friend so true. My life changed when I met you, and I thank God every day for you. Not only do you complete my life, but you are my life. This is one of those times where "Thank you" just doesn't cover it, but there is nothing else that can, so: Thank you. I love you with all of my heart.

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CE Courses

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

| Tuesday, April 1 | 7:00 p.m. | Friday, April 25 |
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| General Membership Meeting | 2 C.E. Credits | Prosthetic and Surgical Cons |
| 7:00 pm: Valplast and Flexible Partials | | for Dental Implants |
| Instructor: Justin Marks 8:00 pm: Electronic Health Record Adoption and Meaningful Use Incentive Program | | Course offers a simple and p training |
| | | Instructor: Dr. David Chong |
| | | Tuition: ADA member/Non-A |
| Speaker: Victoria Pascoe | | Turtion: ADA member/ Non-A |
| New York City Dept. of Health a | nd Mental Hygiene | Friday, May 16 |
| Friday, April 11 10:00 a.m. | | Video Study Club: |
| Video Study Club: | 2 C.E. Credits | Placing Mini Implants Simple, Safe and Effective |

Clinical Failures and How to Avoid Them

Yes! Gordon has failures as much as or more than you, but he identifies and avoids the failing techniques! The first edition of this video had high demand, and we hope that we helped avoid some ridiculous techniques and costly failures. Since producing that video, many new concepts, techniques, and materials have been introduced. Many of them are excellent but, as in the past, many are not working well! Continental breakfast included

Instructor: Dr. Al A. Gulum Tuition: ADA member: Free

| Friday, April 25 | 9:00 a.m. |
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| Prosthetic and Surgical Consideration for Dental Implants | 3 C.E. Credits |
| Course offers a simple and practical w training | ay to begin implant |
| Instructor: Dr. David Chong Tuition: ADA member/Non-ADA mem | ber – \$35/\$70 |
| Friday, May 16 | 10:00 a.m. |
| Video Study Club: Placing Mini Implants Simple, Safe and Effective | 2 C.E. Credits |

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| Friday, May 23 | 9:00 a.m. |
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Tuition: ADA member/staff: \$135 Non-ADA member: \$260

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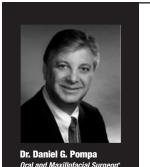
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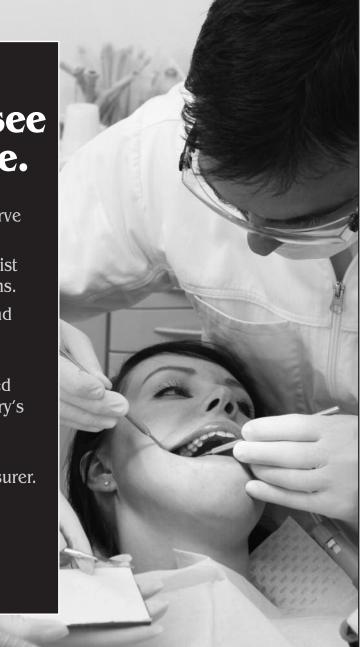
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