

QCDS Shows Appreciation for Life Members At Its First 'Life Member Appreciation Night'



QCDS toasted Life Members at its first "Appreciations Night" recently.

QCDS held its first ever Life Member Appreciation Night on June 18th to the delight of all in attendance. More than 70 people, including QCDS Board members, active Life Members, retired Life Members, and their guests crowded

the QCDS headquarters for the event.

Dr. Sudhakar Shetty, QCDS president and active Life Member said: "This was a wonderful event.. What a wonderful opportunity for us to show our appreciation to our Life Members for their commitment to organized dentistry."

QCDS Immediate Past-President Dr. Bijan Anvar came up with the concept for the evening. Dr. Hemali Ajmera, QCDS member and New Dentist Committee Chair, helped coordinate the event. She worked hard to organize a casino themed night, including roulette, blackjack and craps. Attendees of the event mingled, munched on the catered food, listened to music, and gambled the night away for raffle prizes, which included wine and a multitude of gift cards.

Near the conclusion of the evening, the attendees gathered in the dining room where the Life Members were thanked for their dedication to organized dentistry. Dr. Chad Gehani, ADA Trustee, thanked the Life Members and urged them to "continue to stay involved with organized dentistry as their lifetime of experience is integral to the future of the profession. Dr. Shetty urged the members to "continue their work by mentoring the next generation of

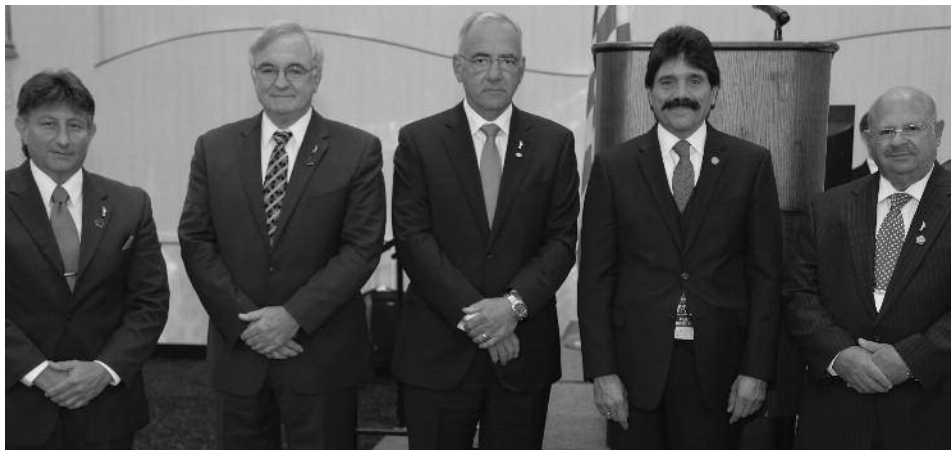
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House of Delegates Holds Annual Meeting

NYSDA's House of Delegates 2015 meeting convened at the Turning Stone Resort in Verona, New York marking the conclusion of Dr. John Liang's term as president. At the conclusion of the meeting, Dr. David Miller assumed the presidency.

Dr. Jay Ledner, chair of the Standing Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order opened the first meeting on Friday, June 12. Afterwards, various reports and resolutions were discussed and refined at Reference Committees, which heard testimony for or against proposed actions, with the chair of the Reference Committees presenting their recommendations to the delegates at the Saturday session.

Prior to the beginning of the Satur-



Meet the newly inducted NYSDA officers: Drs. David Miller, Richard Andolina, Lawrence Busino, Steven Gounardes and Mark Weinberger.

day session of the House, each of the 13 components met in caucus meetings beginning at 8 a.m. to discuss items before

the House, so that each delegate had an understanding of the issues and its con-

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Volunteerism in Dentistry

By Sudhakar Shetty, D.D.S.

Dentistry is a demanding profession that allows little time for much else. Yet dentists have made time for volunteering, be it in their local schools and community centers or in crises stricken regions of the world.

In the past, volunteer experience did not feature in a dentist's portfolio. Even if people made time for an unpaid internship or volunteer for a cause close to their heart, their experience was not seen as something that led to a better job. While unpaid internships have helped recent graduates to gain advantage in strengthening their resume, it is not the case for mid-career skilled professional dentists. Their volunteer work was featured in a line at the very bottom of the resume, near hobbies. Fortunately however, more recently there has been a change. Most employers are looking at volunteer work in evaluating candidates for jobs. LinkedIn, the largest professional networking site, has now added a field for members to list their volunteer work in their profiles.

A survey conducted by LinkedIn found that 41 percent of survey takers said that they considered volunteer work as important as paid work, and that 20 percent said they made a hiring decision based on volunteer work.

The American Dental Association has provided ample opportunity for dentists to use their skills to provide dental services to those who cannot afford it. Programs such as Give Kids A Smile, Mission of Mercy, and Donated Dental Services pro-

vide avenues for dentists to work in their local communities, while Health Volunteers Overseas and the ADA International Volunteer Website offer international volunteer projects.

During my recent vacation, I had the opportunity to serve at a residential center for the disabled in Hyderabad, India.

This non profit organization housed 130 disabled children along with 30 seniors. The children are taught skills such as soap and candle making. A strong bond is created between the children and the elderly through the practice of shared recreation and mealtimes. I enlisted the help of a local dentist to volunteer along with me in not only conducting oral screenings and teaching proper oral hygiene, but also in directing people to valuable resources for free dental work. This experience made my vacation time meaningful and fulfilling.

So, how can you get started volunteering? It's simple! Visit the American Dental Association website and look for volunteer opportunities. Additionally, post your intentions on

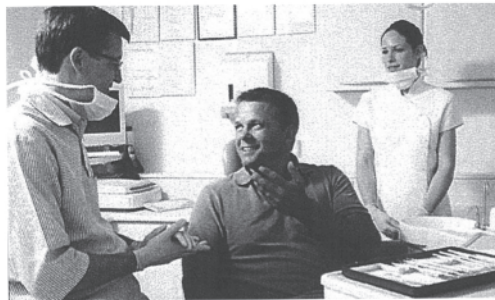
Facebook and/or LinkedIn to get connected to an organization in your network. LinkedIn's For Good program, Catchafire or VolunteerMatch are some other sources to find local opportunities and MovingWorlds.org to find international skills-based volunteer projects.

"In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it." – Marianne Williamson.

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ADA Trustee Report

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The Board of Trustees Meeting

By Chad Gehani, D.D.S.

We had a very productive meeting of the Board of Trustees. We started on Sunday morning by having conversations with the New Dentist Committee. The NDC is key to our ability to understand the wants and needs of new dentists, generally. The NDC provided us with a series of insightful case studies that offered this perspective to us in a useful way. Jobs, electronic communications (e.g., ADA.org), student debt, monthly dues processing, job boards and career and business guidance were some of the key themes from our time with the NDC.

We then turned our collective focus on how the NDC and Board members work together to make a difference on our common goals. This was also a focus of our small group dinners on Saturday. Among the ideas generated were to take the idea of a simplified application and dues payment process back to our states; address the licensure portability issue; better communications among the NDC member, trustee and state leadership; support membership by Group Practice Dentists; the "Easy Button;" and to make the membership dues value measurable in dollars and cents. Thanks to the NDC for this important opportunity to meet and collaborate my special thanks to our own Dr. Kendra Zapia for giving me so many new ideas.

Our main item of business at this meeting was completing work on the budget submission to the House of Delegates. I am especially pleased that we were able to propose a budget with a zero dues increase again while still investing in our priorities for the next year. The deficit in our budget will be funded through our anticipated 2015 surplus and, if necessary, ADA reserves, which at 59 percent remain above our target level of 50 percent of annual budgeted expenses.

We began our work on matters going to the House of Delegates. As part of this work, we have taken the first steps to tackling the issue of added sugar consumption by presenting a proposal on this to the House.

We forwarded to the House our nominations for our councils, committees and commissions. Congratulations to Dr. Richard P. Herman (CAPIR), Dr. Lauro Saldana Medrano (Office of the Governmental Affairs) and Dr. William H. Karp (Council on Communications). I also wish to Congrat-

ulate Dr. Maria Marenga and Dr. Richard F. Andolina. Both were elected to be Vice Chairs of Council on Membership and American Dental Political Action Committee.

After much work by CAPIR and its workgroup, we approved at this meeting five science-based statements as part of the Choosing Wisely Campaign. We also took the necessary steps to insure effective oversight of this campaign going forward.

Our Foundation is an important part of the work of the Association. The Volpe Research Center is the home within the Foundation for basic research. Because of important recent changes there, Gene Wurth and Dr. Thomas Hart, the new director of the research center, made a presentation to us on the important work being done there and plans for the future. We thank the Foundation and Dr. Hart for the important work being done for the future of the ADA and the profession.

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From The Executive Director

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NYSDA House of Delegates

By Oleg Rabinovich

I recently attended the 2015 NYSDA House of Delegates. This was my second House of Delegates meeting. When I attended in 2014, I had just started as the QCDS executive director and felt pretty overwhelmed meeting all these people for the first time. This time I went in with a little more experience and knew what to expect. It was a truly wonderful experience. I had the pleasure of witnessing Dentists from all over the state coming together to focus on the issues that affect all dentists in New York. The delegates to the meeting took their job very seriously. They may not always have agreed on the issues, but they worked very hard on them and real results were achieved. I also had the opportunity to sit in for the first time on an Executive Director's Meeting during the House of Delegates. Though I had met many of the other executive directors before, this was my first opportunity to discuss the issues that affect us all. One of the main topics of discussion during our meeting was member benefits. We need to show our members how their membership benefits not just the profession as a whole, but also how it benefits them on an individual basis. That is something that we discussed at length with NYSDA Executive Director Mark Feldman, who also attended the meeting. This meeting was also a great opportunity to learn what the other executive directors had learned in their years of experience. I definitely got some good ideas from this meeting that I would like to see implemented locally here at the Queens County Dental Society.

I also wanted to tell you how proud I am of the way our members step up. One of the resolutions at the House of Delegates was the creation of a Medicaid sub-committee. Each component was to nominate two members for this sub-committee. We sent out an e-blast asking for volunteers and right away we had many members volunteering their time and energy to participate in the work of this important sub-committee. That truly shows the quality of our members and their willingness to help their chosen profession.

Be sure to check the QCDS website for the latest Society events and news:
www.qcqs.org

World's Fair of Dentistry

The next major event we have is our World's Fair of Dentistry on September 26 and 27. It is shaping up to be our largest event ever. We are going to have over 50 sponsors, dozens and dozens of raffle items and it looks like we will have over 400 people in attendance each day. If you have not yet registered for it, please do so by calling us at 718-454-8344 or by going to worldsfairofdentistry.com and registering there. In two days you can earn 16 credits for only \$160. Take advantage of this opportunity. We are going to be hitting our seating capacity fairly soon, so register as soon as you can or you could get left out.

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We are going to have a very busy fall after that, with lots of events going on. Please take a look at our calendar at qcqs.org to see everything we have planned.

I hope everyone had a great summer.

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NYSDA House of Delegates Holds Annual Meeting, Dr. David Miller Becomes President

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sequences. QCDS President Dr. Sudhakar Shetty, chaired the Queens caucus meeting, attended by the QCDS delegates as well as ADA Trustee Dr. Chad Gehani. The group met and discussed all of the resolutions and finished almost four hours later.

The second session of the House began promptly at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker, Dr. Robert Peskin. The three candidates for the position of ADA president made their presentations to start off the session. Resolutions were presented, amended, discussed, and ultimately voted upon by the 102 delegates, resulting in dispositions of the resolutions.

An evening dinner dance in honor of outgoing president Dr. Liang concluded a full day of activity.

Sunday began bright and early with delegates voting on the final issues at 8 a.m. leaving little rest for the weary.

The major outcomes of the three days of voting were:

- A vote not to lower the size of the House of Delegates to 60 from its current 102 members. The feeling seemed to be that most people did not want to decrease their membership representation.
- A vote to increase NYSDA dues by \$12 a year. There was testimony and discussion by several, including the NYSDA treasurer and executive director that the increase is needed to maintain the budget and not run at a deficit.
- A vote not to limit the location of future House of Delegates meetings to the Albany area. The delegates thought it was best to leave that decision to each year's president.
- A vote to create a special sub-committee to review Medicaid issues.
- A vote to recommend that executive directors sit with alternate delegates at the annual ADA conference, not in the guest section.
- A vote to add a student member to the Council on Ethics.
- A vote that the Board of Trustees of the New York State Dental Association be authorized to seek legislation to amend the

“PGY1” statute to allow for initial licensure in New York upon the successful completion of a Curriculum Integrated Format exam and one year of a CODA-approved post graduate program.

- A vote to update the NYSDA Risk Management course.
- Dr. Steven Gounardes was elected as the 2016 Speaker of the NYSDA House of Delegates.

The Sunday session concluded with an award being presented to Dr. Joseph Caruso, whose terms as NYSDA trustee had concluded. Dr. Prabha Krishnan was sworn in as the new NYSDA Trustee to serve her 4 year term.

The following QCDS members were appointed to NYSDA Councils: Dr. Prabhakar Koppikar, Council on Dental Practice; Dr. Mitchell Greenberg, Council on Ethics; Dr. Joseph Caruso, Council on Governmental Affairs; and Dr. Robert Shpuntoff, Council on Nominations.

The following QCDS Members who have retired from their NYSDA Council were acknowledged with appreciation for their service: Dr. Bijan Anvar, Council on Dental Practice; and Dr. Prabha Krishnan, Council on Governmental Affairs. They are both recognized as leaders and contributors in the dental society, and were honored by the acknowledgement. Speaking after the meeting, they both were grateful for the opportunity and thanked QCDS as well as their fellow Council members.

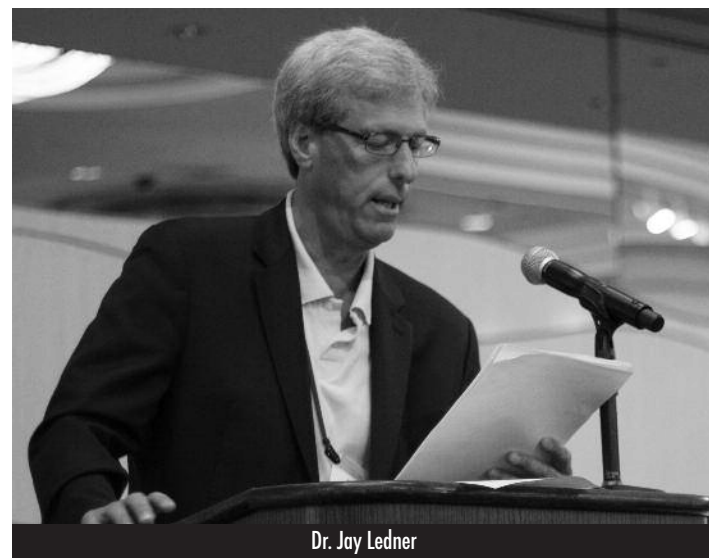
The NYSDA officers installed and assuming their positions immediately are: President Dr. David Miller, President-Elect Dr. Richard Andolina, Vice President Dr. Lawrence Busino, and Treasurer Dr. Mark Weinberger.

Dr. Chad Gehani, ADA Trustee of the Second District, was present at all the events. The elected delegates representing QCDS at the annual meeting were Drs. Viren Jhaveri, Prabha Krishnan, Jay Ledner, Bijan Anvar, Burton Wasserman, Robert Shpuntoff, Beatriz Vallejo, and Rekha Gehani. They were joined by QCDS Executive Director Oleg Rabinovich. Alternate delegate Dr. Sudhakar Shetty also attended.



The QCDS attendees at the House of Delegates.

Photo courtesy of Dr. Mark Burman



Dr. Jay Ledner



Dr. Prabha Krishnan being sworn in as a Trustee.



Dr. Burt Wasserman with his wife



Drs. Chad and Rekha Gehani at the President's Dinner



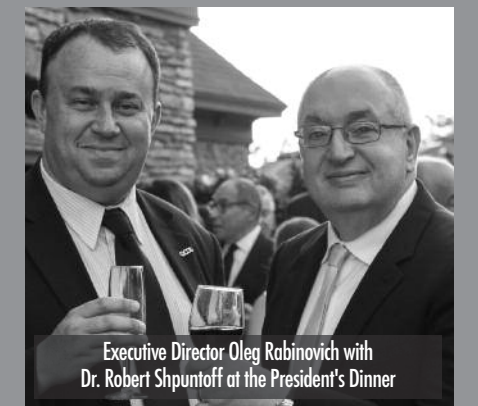
Dr. Viren Jhaveri with Dr. Joel Friedman



Dr. Fredrick Wetzel with Dr. Bijan Anvar



(from l. to r.) Drs. Viren Jhaveri, Chad Gehani, Prabha Krishnan



Executive Director Oleg Rabinovich with Dr. Robert Shpuntoff at the President's Dinner

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dentists."

Attendees were presented with certificates of appreciation from QCDS in grateful recognition of their many years of dedication to organized dentistry.

It was a wonderful evening of mingling, networking and

catching up with friends. At the conclusion of the event, Dr. Beatriz Vallejo, an active Life Member and former past president stated: "What a great evening. I truly hope the Queens County Dental Society can make this an annual event."

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QCDS Historian Dr. Koppikar Joins Fauchard Academy at Delegates Meet



Current Queens County Dental Society Historian Dr. Prabhakar Koppikar was inducted into the Pierre Fauchard Academy at the NYSDA 2015 House of Delegates meeting in Verona, New York. The Pierre Fauchard Academy is an International Honor Dental Organization. It promotes the elevation of the standards and practices of the art and science of

dentistry worldwide. Its purpose is to educate dental professionals with the latest techniques and foster a sharing of ideas to improve the practice of dentistry. "The Queens County Dental Society congratulates Dr. Koppikar on his induction" said QCDS President Dr. Sudhakar Shetty. "We are all incredibly proud of his many years of work supporting dentistry in Queens."

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Course Description:

Business owners have several challenges that they need to overcome to create a successful business. This business is not only their source of income, but often their largest asset. At some point in the future, when the business owner may eventually decide to quit the business, questions may arise:

- Will he or she have adequate income to replace business income?
- Will the business wealth be translated into personal wealth?

This course will help business owners plan strategies today so they can maximize their income and wealth when they choose to step away from their business.

Speaker: Paresh Shah

8:00 P.M. "Interdental Brushing, The New Standard of Care in Oral Hygiene"

Course Description:

How do patients maintain a healthy dentition? Current research indicates that our old standbys are no longer considered effective to maintain implants and protect them against peri-implantitis, maintain a post surgical result in periodontal treatment and effectively treat a non-surgical periodontal case. Our new standards and their dentolegal considerations will be discussed.

Speaker: Dr. Jim Kouzoukian

Free admission to all members. Dinner included.

Friday, October 16 9:30 a.m.

Video Study Club "Successful Fixed and Removable Restorations for Dental Implant" 2 C.E. Credits

This video is the most concise and complete program you can find on the various aspects of implant prosthodontics. Observe many restorative techniques for frequently occurring clinical situations, ranging from single-tooth replacements to full-arch fixed-detachable prostheses and implant-supported overdentures. Be able to plan and produce the best implant prostheses for each situation. Gordon is one of the pioneers in root-form implant surgery and prosthodontics. Share his successes and failures with implant prostheses and incorporate the proven prosthodontic techniques into your practice. Implant prosthodontics can be difficult to understand; this video is directed toward the most simple, predictable, and successful prosthodontic procedures.

Instructor: Dr. Al A. Gulum

Tuition: QCDS member: FREE Non-QCDS members: (one time) \$100 Non-QCDS members (VSC annual pass): \$350. \$15 late fee will be added for same day registration or payment. Pre-registration is required. Call 718-454-8344 to register. A light breakfast is included.

Friday, October 30 9:00 a.m.

Risk Management 4 C.E. Credits
Course Objective:

The course objective is to provide licenses with knowledge of laws and regulations as well as methods to avoid or resolve patient conflicts. Risk Management courses serves the purpose of reviewing the basic legal requirements for office activity, introducing changes, as well as new aspects of the standard of care and discussing the ever-increasing restrictions and requirements placed on a dental practice by governmental and regulatory agencies. Risk Management is a dynamic concept and is always changing. This course, given by Dr. Treitel, whose vast experience in the world of malpractice litigation will provide the dentist with a recipe for office operation and patient treatment, and will minimize the opportunity for dentists to find themselves the object of litigation.

Topics covered will include:

- The current status of the malpractice insurance marketplace
- A review of the basics (i.e. recordkeeping, medical histories, legal responsibilities of practice, prophylactic medications, etc.)
- An analysis of the types of cases currently being brought against dentists
- A review of techniques that can be used to assure good relationships with patients and address problems that might arise.
- A discussion of governmental and regulatory guidelines that have been placed on dental practices
- What is new or anticipated in new challenges facing the dental practitioner that will require changes in office procedures?

Participants who successfully complete this seminar will receive a certificate of completion and four CE credits with NYSDA Continuing Education

Instructor: Dr. Kenneth Treitel

Tuition: ADA member/Staff: \$135 Non-ADA member: \$260
 Pre-registration is required. Call (718) 454-8344 to register. A \$15 late fee will be assigned to all those who pay and/or register on the day of the event. Includes breakfast.

Study Clubs

Dr. Fialkoff Study Club

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Oct 14 7:00 -10:00 p.m.
Topic: "Patient Management and Obtaining Case Acceptance"

Speaker: Dr. Bernard Fialkoff
Location: 47-10 Bell Blvd., Bayside

Nov 11 7:00 -10:00 p.m.
Topic: "Lateral Incisor Interdisciplinary Treatment Planning"

Speaker: Steven H. Langsam, D,M,D,, P.C
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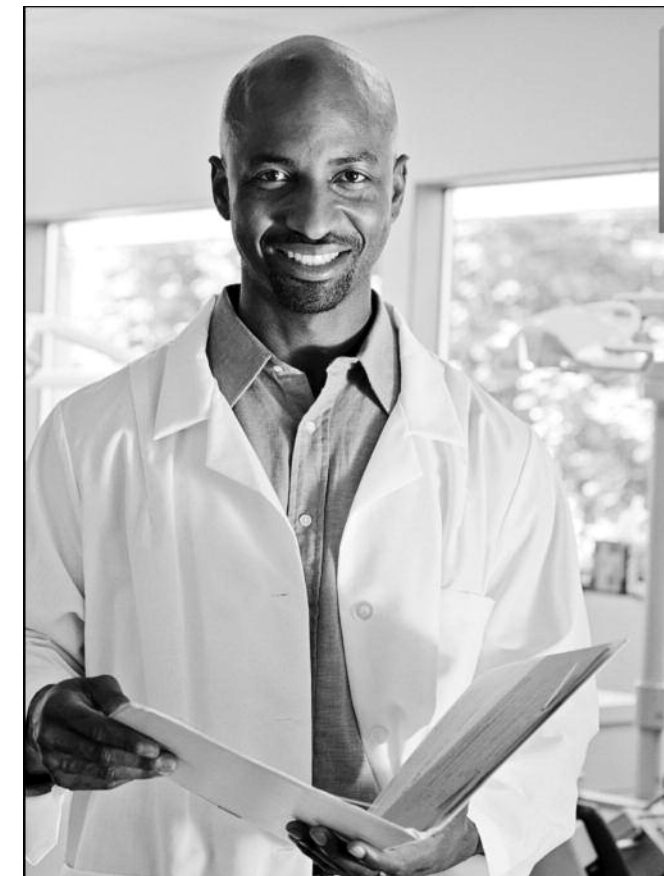
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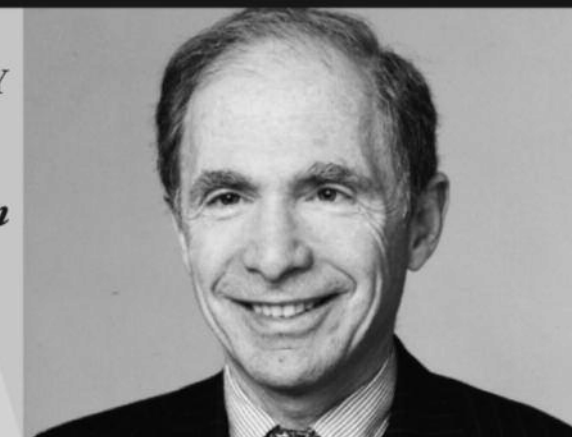
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