

Dr. Richard Yang Becoming New QCDS President Plans to Build Membership, Encourage Members to Be More Active

By Marc Katz

Dr. Richard Yang, who becomes the new president of the Queens County Dental Society in January, plans to encourage members to take on a more active role in QCDS during his tenure. In addition, he plans to implement a five-year plan to build Society membership.



Dr. Richard Yang

"I plan to encourage members to volunteer to a greater extent to educate the public about oral health. And, we will be working on building membership, because membership is our future," Dr. Yang said.

The new president, who has an office in Flushing and another in Manhattan, has been in practice for 20-years. He has held numerous positions within

QCDS and has served on the Board since 2003.

Also taking office this month at the QCDS Gala Installation and Dinner Dance, held at Chateau Briand Caterers, Westbury, is Dr. Craig Tischler, president-elect; Dr. Prabhakar Koppikar, vice president; Dr. Arelys Santana, secretary; Dr. Milan Gandhi, treasurer; and Dr. Hemali Ajmera, historian.

New officers of the Institute for Continuing Dental Education are Dr. Robert Shpuntoff, president; Dr. Adam Lighter, vice president; and Dr. James Kouzoukian, secretary/treasurer.

QCDS Past President Dr. Mitchell Greenberg is the recipient of the Emil Lentchner Distinguished Service Award, presented at the installation by QCDS Past President Dr. Charlene Berkman, who is a past recipient of the same award.

The Art of Dentistry

Dr. Yang called dentistry "a lot of fun." He said, "Dentistry is an art. You have to use your hands like a surgeon uses his."

He said what makes his work fun is that each case is different. "You have to use your professional skills to provide the best possible outcome for your patients. You have to be both artistic and practical—and the results have to be esthetic and functional. You don't want each result to be ordinary; it has to be extra-ordinary.

That's the challenge of craftsmanship, especially to full-mouth restoration," Dr. Yang explained. "Only you and your patient know the difference. Nobody else will understand if the result of a procedure is working. You have to develop a trust with your patients, and an intimate relationship with them. That is something really special!"

Dr. Yang said he plans to ask many members active in previous years to continue to serve, especially the past presidents. "We become like family," he said, "and we need to support each other."

Dr. Yang has served on the QCDS New Dentist Committee, Membership Committee, Peer Review Committee, —Continued on page 19



Incoming President Dr. Richard Yang, right, discussed QCDS with ADA President Dr. Joseph P. Crowley at the recent NYSDA meeting.



New QCDS President Dr. Richard Yang working with a patient.

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3 Participated in national dental legislation for the public. The Action for Dental Health Act of 2017, calling for Congress to authorize additional oral health promotion and disease prevention programs, was passed by the House's Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Health by a unanimous vote. Also, the EPA published a final rule governing discharges of amalgam waste which closely follows the ADA's best management practices for amalgam waste and meets the nine principals established by the ADA House of Delegates as a condition for supporting a national rule. In addition, the ADA has been pressing Congress to take an active role in addressing opioid abuse, including helping convince the FDA to institute a prescriber education and outreach strategy to deal with the category of short-acting opioids that dentists sometimes prescribe for acute pain.

4 Participated in national dental legislation for your dental practice and the dental profession. The ADA continues to work towards reform regarding Medicare enrollment requirements and section 1557 regulation through active lobbying efforts. In addition, the ADA testified before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee in support of the medical credentialing system provision, calling for the Indian Health Service to implement a centralized system to credential licensed health care professionals who seek to provide health care services at any IHS facility.

5 Streamlined online CE offerings. The ADA offers hundreds of online continuing education options, and our new CE tool enables you to keep track of the CE you take, and print out the certificates you need. Learn more at ADACEonline.org.

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9 Developed even more support for your practice. The ADA Center for Professional Success created new resources for dentists on topics including preventing and dealing with identity theft, disaster preparedness and recovery, how to comply with the amalgam separator rule, and various webinars targeting common practice needs, such as how to use social media to promote your practice.

10 Offered new materials to help educate your patients. The ADA Catalog released a new brochure on tooth erosion and updated 20 existing brochures, including its top-seller on periodontal disease. The catalog has also updated its CDT reference guide and many other professional resource products. Visit ADACatalog.org to find out more.

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From the President

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Know Your In-House Services

By Dr. Richard Yang, D.D.S.

After 13 years of serving as a board member of QCDS, I have spotted some odd things about our membership. For example, some members pay their dues, but never physically visit QCDS. Some members only take continuing education courses, but miss out on other nice events. Some members call us in November telling us they don't have enough CE credits and they need to register for all the remaining classes through the end of the year. Some members believe that the Society is just the QCDS Bulletin and it has no other functions.

As the president of the Society, I'd like to give everyone nine recommendations. You have to know your in-house service. QCDS operate a lot of services you just have to know what they are and use them! We offer more service than any other components in New York. You just don't know about them.

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QCDS Bulletin and Website

After our ADA and NYSDA representative have their meetings, they will come back and report their findings in the QCDS Bulletin. Problems and solutions will be discussed in those reports along with many other interesting articles on clinical and legislative updates. All of the events, meetings, and study club information, can be found in the Bulletin and on our website.

Party and Social Events
You don't need to dress like 007 and play games in Monte Carlo, we host an annual casino night at our New Dentist/Resident Night. If you are a baseball fan, come to the Mets oral cancer screening event at Citi Field. If you like to dance, the installation of officers' celebration is your best bet.

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We constantly promote the interests of our members and the public on the local, state and national level. Our way of life is being guarded by watchdogs and our lobbyists constantly promote policies, which benefit dentists.

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You don't need to sentence yourself to your own office. Go out and smell the roses! You can enjoy the freedom of volunteering by screening elementary schoolchildren in the Colgate van, or help with dental cleanings for new immigrants in downtown Flushing or become a mentor and let a student shadow you. QCDS runs all of these programs.

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NYSDA Trustee Report



Look Where Dr. Gehani's Hat Is!

By Prabha Krishnan, D.D.S.

As I write this, we are rapidly winding down a very successful 2017, the perfect moment to sit back and reflect on the accomplishments of the New York State Dental Association, even as we look forward to continued prosperity in the new year.

Perhaps the most exciting development that has occurred over the last year is that our very own trustee, Dr. Chad Gehani, has put his hat into the race for ADA president-elect, a campaign that will culminate with an election at the 2018 ADA House of Delegates meeting in Hawaii. As you know, Chad is a formidable candidate, but is facing steep opposition by no fewer than three other candidates. The Second Trustee District has a long and reputable history of presenting excellent candidates—and proven winners—so hopefully, with everybody's backing and support, we will once again have a NYSDA member at the helm of the ADA.

And speaking of the broader picture, the NYSDA Board authorized donations of \$10,000 each to the Texas, Florida and Puerto Rican dental associations, in the aftermath of this fall's devastating hurricanes.

Legal/Legislative
NYSDA won a crucial victory earlier this year when it, working with the Eighth District Dental Society leadership, successfully oversaw defeat of a local law proposed by the Erie County Legislature that would have required dentists to identify and inform patients of the country of origin of all dental devices and materials in the patient's mouth and would have made it a criminal offense to fail to do so. In addition to being both impractical and impossible to administer, this proposal was beyond the legal authority of a local government to impose on interstate commerce or on dental practices with respect to patient care.



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The new dental anesthesia regulations took full effect on January 1. The State Education Department has promised to promulgate explanatory materials and develop a targeted website about these regulations. SED is also working with NYSDA to change the title of "certified dental assistant" to "registered dental assistant" because of continuing confusion over assistants "certified" by the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB).

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(As of December 11, 2017)

QCDS's Dr. Caruso Is Meeting and Greeting Politicos

QCDS Past President and EDPAC Treasurer Dr. Joseph Caruso attended a fundraising event for State Assemblyman Edward Braunstein. The assemblyman provided QCDS with a citation last year from the New York City Council. Dr.

Caruso also had an opportunity to speak with City Councilman Paul Vallone and other political leaders about the Queens County Dental Society and services it provides for Queens residents.



EDPAC Treasurer Dr. Joseph R. Caruso talked about the dental profession with State Assemblyman Edward Braunstein.



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New York's New Earned Sick Time Act

By Oleg Rabinovich

On November 6, 2017, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio signed into law an amendment (Intro. 1313-A) to the Earned Sick Time Act (the "Act"). This amendment:

- expands the Act to require New York City employers to allow victims of family offense matters and their family members to use earned "safe time" in connection with such abuse,
- expands the list of covered family members for whom sick and safe leave can be used,
- amends existing provisions of the act to address safe time use, documentation, confidentiality, and notice.

The amended law, renamed the "Earned Sick and Safe Time Act" (ESSTA), is scheduled to take effect on May 5, 2018.

As was the case under the act, under ESSTA New York City employers who employ five or more employees must provide paid sick and safe leave, while employers with less than five employees must provide unpaid sick and safe leave, to employees and their family members. ESSTA expands the definition of "family member" to include for both safe and sick leave a child, spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, grandchild, grandparent, the child or parent of an employee's spouse or domestic partner, any other individual related by blood to the employee, and any other individual whose close association with the employee is equivalent of a family member.

For employees covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement (CBA) in effect on May 5, 2018, ESSTA will apply when the CBA terminates or a new CBA is executed. Once one of these two events occurs, ESSTA will apply to CBA-covered employees unless the CBA expressly waives ESSTA's requirements and provides employees with a comparable benefit in the form of paid days off.

Under ESSTA, earned safe time can be used for any of the following reasons:

- To obtain services from a domestic violence shelter, rape crisis center, or other shelter or services program for relief from a family offense matter, sexual offense, stalking, or human trafficking;
- To participate in safety planning, temporarily or permanently relocate, or take other actions to increase the safety of the employee or employee's family members from future family offense matters, sexual offenses, stalking or human trafficking;
- To meet with a civil attorney or other social service provider to obtain information and advice on, and prepare for or participate in any criminal or civil proceeding, including but not limited to, matters related to a family offense matter, sexual offense, stalking, human trafficking, custody, visitation, matrimonial issues, orders of protection, immigration, housing, discrimination in employment, housing, or consumer credit;

- To file a complaint or domestic incident report with law enforcement;
- To meet with the district attorney's office;
- To enroll children in a new school; or
- To take other actions necessary to maintain, improve or restore the physical, psychological, or economic health or safety of the employee or the employee's family member or to protect those who associate or work with the employee.

While ESSTA imposes an additional set of circumstances in which employers must permit employees to take leave it does not add to the total amount of leave an employee is entitled to take. Thus, employers with five or more employees are still required to provide a minimum of one hour of safe/sick time for every 30 hours worked by an employee, to equate to not less than 40 hours of safe/sick time in a calendar year.

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Finally, ESSTA contains specific provisions for safe time use as it relates to employee notification, documentation, and confidentiality. Under ESSTA, an employer can require an employee to provide up to seven days' notice of a foreseeable absence. For unforeseeable absences, notice must be provided as soon as practicable. For an absence of more than three consecutive workdays, reasonable documentation demonstrating that leave was used for a covered purpose can be required.

Information concerning victim status obtained solely for utilizing leave must be treated as confidential and cannot be disclosed unless the employee consents in writing to such disclosure. Employers, however, may consider the information regarding a request for reasonable accommodation pursuant to the New York City Human Rights Law.

With ESSTA scheduled to take effect in less than a year, employers should:

- Update their employee handbooks and any existing leave policies and procedures to comport with ESSTA to include safe time;
- Provide employees hired on or after May 5, 2018 with notice of their paid sick time rights, including their right to safe time under ESSTA. This notice should be provided to employees upon commencement of employment in English and in the employee's primary language if the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs has created a notice in that language; and
- Provide notice to current employees of their right to safe leave by June 4, 2018.

Please note that this is a general overview of developments in the law, and does not constitute legal advice. Nothing herein creates an attorney-client relationship. If you have questions regarding these provisions, or any other aspect of employment law, please contact an attorney



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Richard Yang
President

Dr. Richard Yang graduated from Columbia University, School of Dental and Oral Surgery. He was later trained as a general dental resident at Bronx Veteran Hospital, and an oral surgery fellow in Mt. Sinai Hospital. Dr. Yang started his private practice in 1997 and has managed two private dental clinics ever since. In addition to his professional dedication, Dr. Yang also volunteers with community services and international outreach programs. He served as the president of the Chinese American Dental Society, New York Chapter, from 2006 to 2008. He has been an active member of the Queens County Dental Society since 2004 and served on the New Dentist Committee, Membership Committee, Education Committee, Peer Review Committee, and Budget and Finance Committee. Since 2013, he has been a QCDS officer, serving as treasurer, secretary, vice president, and president-elect.



Arelys Santana
Secretary

Dr. Arelys Santana completed her undergraduate education and received her dental degree from the Universidad Central del Este in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic. Dr. Santana received her Doctor of Dental Surgery certification from the New York University College of Dentistry. She continued her post-graduate training by completing a GPR residency at Brooklyn's Woodhull Hospital. During her residency, she received an Outstanding Knowledge Award for her service and many contributions to the hospital's HIV clinic. After completing her training, Dr. Santana has been in private practice for more than 20 years. She has served as member and trustee of QCDS, as a member of the New York State Dental Society, the American Dental Association, the Dominican Dental Association, and the Puerto Rican Dental Association. She was also the president of the Spanish-American Medical Dental Society of New York and the Hispanic Dental Society Chapter of New York.



Craig Tischler
President-Elect

Dr. Craig Tischler graduated from the SUNY Buffalo School of Dental Medicine in 1985. He completed an advanced training fellowship in oral pathology and oncology. Dr. Tischler is also a fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the International College of Dentists. He has maintained a private practice in Rego Park for the past 29 years. In addition to his practice, Dr. Tischler enjoys teaching and has been involved in training new dentists at Maimonides Medical Center and Flushing Hospital, where he currently holds an attending position.



Milan Gandhi
Treasurer

Dr. Milan Gandhi came to America as a young dentist from Bombay when he was only 21 and graduated at age 24 from New York University. He finished his residency at Seaview Hospital on Staten Island. Dr. Gandhi has been in private practice in Richmond Hill for the last 25 years.



Prabhakar Koppikar
Vice President

Dr. Prabhakar Koppikar is a 1979 graduate of Bombay University Dental. He is also a 1996 graduate of the New York University College of Dentistry. Dr. Koppikar has been involved with residency teaching programs since 1998 and is currently in private practice in Flushing.



Hemali Ajmera
Historian

Dr. Hemali Ajmera is a graduate of Bronx High School of Science. She is a member of the ADA and the New York State Dental Association. She attended New York University's accelerated seven year B.A.-D.D.S. Program. Dr. Ajmera completed her general practice residency at Flushing Hospital Medical Center in 2009 and is practicing general dentistry in two family-owned and operated private practices. Dr. Ajmera is chairwoman of the New York State Dental Association New Dentist Committee.

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Basic Cardiac Life Support Certification 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 someday become a reality to someone you know or care for. Be prepared to help save a life.

Instructor: Eric Zalewski, BLS Instructor

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

Pre-registration is required. Call 718-454-8344 to register. Class begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. A \$15 late fee will be assigned to those who pay and/or register on the day of the event. A light dinner is included.

Tuesday, Feb 6 7:00 p.m.

General Membership Meeting 2 C.E. Credits
Topic: Use a Mobile App to Improve Your Practice Management

Mobile technology is reshaping the world we live in. According to the Pew Research Center in the second quarter of 2015, close to 2 billion mobile users use their devices to search for products and services, social media and for interaction. Is your dental practice or clinic taking advantage of this trend? This presentation will address using mobile technology to increase patient engagement, further patient education, increase recall appointments, improve collection rates, offer new products and use social media to benefit your practice. The discussion will also touch on using the mobile app to improve search engine rankings for your website and basic things that Google looks for to rank your website higher.

Speaker: Peter Outar

Sleep Medicine for the Dentist 8:00 p.m.

Oral appliance therapy is becoming a popular therapy for sleep apnea patients. There are many courses on dental sleep medicine and how to make an oral appliance. The best way to treat this condition is with a collaborative multi-disciplinary approach. This lecture will show how to screen for sleep apnea, work with physicians, and understand sleep studies. Dr. Lown, a sleep physician, and Dr. Feigenbaum, a sleep dentist, will lead the discussion.

Speaker: Dr. Arthur J. Feigenbaum and Jonathan S. Lown

Free admission to all members; Non-QCDS Members by invitation only. Dinner included.

Friday, Feb 9 9:00 a.m.

Video Study Club: Easy Crown Lengthening 3 C.E. Credits

You routinely face frustrating challenges in your practice in situations such as: teeth in the smile zone that have uneven and unsightly gingival levels; teeth for which you are planning crowns that do not have adequate clinical crown length to provide optimum retention of crowns. Simple laser or electrosurgery soft tissue removal solves some of the problems. However, what is the solution to those clinical situations where removal of soft tissue is judged to be inadequate? Crown lengthening is a simple surgical procedure that should be incorporated into every practice. You need only determine the most acceptable level of the periodontal supporting structures, make a few easy incisions, make a flap, remove the appropriate amount of osseous tissue, reposition the gingival flap, and await healing. Crown lengthening, including needed recontouring of underlying osseous tissue, should be a part of every restorative practice.

Instructor: Dr. Al A. Gulum

Tuition: QCDS members: Free
Non-QCDS members (one time): \$100
Non-QCDS members (VSC annual pass): \$350

Pre-registration is required. Call 718-454-8344 to register. A \$15 late fee will be assigned to those who pay and/or register on the day of the event. A light breakfast will be included.

Friday, Feb 16 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Total Health Focus for the 21st Century and Dispelling the Myths About Oral Cancer 6 C.E. Credits

9 a.m.-noon: The dentistry of today is about more than just fixing teeth: it is about maintaining good health, preventing disease and saving lives. The future of dentistry is incorporating a total health focus now for patient care, especially in our large aging population. Learn enhanced oral assessment through an improved health history approach, oral cancer detection, periodontal disease analysis through salivary diagnostics, and sleep disorder diagnosis and treatment. Focus the practice in these four areas to ensure up to date and outstanding patient care. Explore the newest research and approach for educating patients and incorporating important clinical protocols. Beyond awareness, create the "must have" written protocols so that total care is not hit or miss but consistently provided.

1 p.m.-4 p.m.: Dispelling the myths surrounding oral cancer is critical for the profession and for effective patient care. Oral Cancer is an 'epidemic' around the world. As more people become aware of the risks, demographics, and treatments, there have developed many areas of misunderstanding or 'myths' about oral cancer and the new technologies for enhanced detection both by patients and the dentist/entire dental team. A frequent seminar presenter on oral cancer throughout the country, Dr. Bregman cuts through the clutter to expose the facts. The goal of this educational program is to move both patients and dental healthcare providers in a positive direction using the 'facts' as their guide.

Instructor: Dr. Jonathan A. Bregman

Tuition: ADA member/staff: \$60 Non-ADA member: \$160

Pre-registration is required. Call 718-454-8344 to register or go to: <http://qcds.org/events/total-health-focus-21st-century-dispelling-myths-oral-cancer/>. A \$15 late fee will be assigned to those who pay and/or register on the day of the event. Light breakfast and lunch will be served.

Friday, March 2 9:00 a.m.

Video Study Club: Esthetic Gingival Covering of Exposed Crown Margins 3 C.E. Credits

You know the frustrating problem of exposed crown margins. The gingiva around some beautiful crowns in your patient's smile zone has receded, and the unsightly junctures between the crowns and the tooth structure are evident. If the patient has adequate attached gingiva, it is relatively easy to reposition their attached gingiva and recover the crown margins. After a few weeks for gingival healing, the crown margins are once again covered. This presentation includes the indications and contraindications for this procedure, necessary instruments, a close-up clinical demonstration of the procedure, and follow-up of the completed crown margin coverage after normal healing.

Instructor: Dr. Al A. Gulum

Tuition: QCDS members: Free
Non-QCDS members (one time): \$100
Non-QCDS members (VSC annual pass): \$350

Pre-registration is required. Call 718-454-8344 to register. A \$15 late fee will be assigned to those who pay and/or register on the day of the event. A light breakfast will be included.

Tuesday, March 6 7:00 p.m.

General Membership Meeting 2 C.E. Credits
Topic: Estate Planning For Dentists

Estate Planning is normally associated with those who have considerable wealth. However, Estate Planning is for everyone who has family and some wealth. This course explores simple and complex strategies to help plan for today and the future. Discussed will be wills, health care proxies and power of attorneys and go through various strategies to end with Slit Interest Trusts. Paresh Shah and Len Cohen are not attorneys and will be going through all of these from a Financial Planners perspective.

Speaker: Paresh Shah and Leonard Cohen

TMJ Disorders: Recognizing and Managing Them Optimally 8:00 P.M.

The course will cover classification, diagnostics and red/yellow flags for different facial pain conditions. The audience will also learn which disorders should be treated and managed and which ones should be referred to a specialist.

Speaker: Dr. Brijesh Chandwani

Free admission to members. Non-QCDS members by invitation only. Dinner included.

Thursday, March 8 6:00 p.m.

Infection Control 4 C.E. Credits

In the past this course has had an overwhelming positive response from those clinicians and their staff who earnestly want to stay informed of the latest infection control recommendations and does so through the eyes and thoughts of a speaker/clinician who understands the nature and demand of the everyday dental practice. Bring your entire staff and satisfy OSHA's annual staff training requirements. Learn what's new in infection control techniques and what is needed to comply with appropriate infection control guidelines. Course qualifies for relicensure.

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Instructor: Safety Compliance Services

Tuition: ADA member/staff: \$95 Non-ADA member: \$260

Dietary Concerns

QCDS wishes to accommodate the dietary needs of attendees at meetings and programs. Anyone requiring kosher or other specialized foods should notify the QCDS office at the time of registration.

Sunday, March 18 10:00 a.m.

Topic: Actions and Algorithms for Medical Emergencies: How to Save a Life (Including Your Own) 5 C.E. Credits

A crisis situation can—and likely will—occur at some time in your practice.

Many potential medical emergencies can be prevented. Gain a comprehensive command of the essential knowledge and skills needed to handle a life threatening medical crisis. There are more medically compromised patients coming to our offices than ever before. Acquire up-to-the-minute actions for dealing with a medical emergency while challenging preconceived or outdated ideas. Daniel Pompa, D.D.S. discusses the prevention, preparation, recognition and management of medical emergencies. Delivered in an interactive, high energy, multi-media presentation, the course offers a step-by-step medical approach using basic physical diagnostic methods giving a clear understanding of these medical findings. Explore the "Conversational History" and how it will uncover medical issues not revealed by the standard health history form. Additionally, the participant will learn simple, non-invasive critical tests that can reduce overall risks. Clearly delineate indications for emergency drug use and proper dosages, as well as how to assemble and maintain an ideal emergency drug kit. The newest techniques for drug administration will be shown for participants to hone their skills utilizing simulation models and real drugs. Incorporate live demonstrations to enhance the learning experience. Attendees will receive and review color-coded instructional cards depicting the most common life-threatening situations, with algorithms providing an easy to follow action plan for both dentist and team members. Also reviewed are the legal and moral obligations that are presented during a medical crisis.

Emergencies covered include adrenal insufficiency, anaphylaxis, angina, asthmatic attack, cardiac arrest, hyperglycemia, hyperthyroidism, hyperventilation, hypoglycemia and insulin shock, hypothyroidism, mild allergic reactions, myocardial infarction, orthostatic hypotension, seizures and epilepsy, stroke (CVA), and syncope.

Objectives:

- Discover three simple chair-side, non-invasive tests to help avoid an emergency.
- Recognize the most frequent life-threatening emergencies and know when and why they occur.
- Review a systematic approach to treat the most common life-threatening scenarios.
- Learn how to develop a plan for the office team when dealing with a crisis event.
- Determine when to administer the essential "Top 10" emergency drugs.
- Understand legal and moral obligations presented by medical emergencies.

Instructor: Dr. Daniel Pompa

Tuition: ADA member/staff: \$195 Non-ADA member: \$295
Pre-registration is required. Call 718-454-8344 to register. Class begins promptly at 9 a.m. A \$15 late fee will be assigned to those who pay and/or register on the day of the event. A gourmet Sunday brunch buffet.

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STUDY CLUBS

Dr. Fialkoff Study Club

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Feb 7 7:00 -10:00 p.m.
Topic: Jewels You Can Use On Monday
Speaker: Dr. Marc Gottlieb
Location: 47-10 Bell Blvd., Bayside

March 14 7:00 -10:00 p.m.
Topic: Bone Grafting and Implants
Speaker: Drs. Steve Wallace and Bernard Fialkoff
Location: 47-10 Bell Blvd., Bayside

Kalman Study Club

CONTACT DORIS 718-897-6400

April 12 6:30 -9:00 p.m.
Topic: Treatment Considerations For Immediate Load Full Arch Implant Patients: The Teehxpess Concept In Your Office
Speaker: Dr. Andrew Ferrier
Location: 6070 Woodhavn Blvd., Unit C-2 Elmhurst

NYSDA Trustee Report: Dr. Gehani's Hat

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Good and Welfare

One area that continues to concern your trustees and leadership is that of finances. Based on NYSDA's second quarter year-to-date financials, dues were \$160,000 less than budgeted through June. Clearly, our financial well-being is closely tied to a robust and growing membership. NYSDA staff is working with the ADA and component dental societies to mount a year-end push for membership, including the new Find-a-Dentist national campaign.

NYSDA has a new ten-year lease for its headquarters at 20 Corporate Woods began December 1. Concurrent with that, capital improvements are being made to modernize some office equipment, including an updated telephone system, conference room AV and conference room chairs. Many of you have had the opportunity to meet at the headquarters and to see first-hand the hard work of the staff, which we all benefit from.

The next meetings of the NYSDA Board of Trustees will be on February 11-12 (which will include Student Advocacy Day) and May 2-3, both in Albany. The NYSDA House of Delegates will meet May 30-3 June in Saratoga Springs, during which time there will be a celebratory reception in recognition of NYSDA's 150th anniversary. Here's to another 150 years, and to those of you reading this, a tremendously happy 2018.

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The due date for form 1065 U.S. Partnership Income Tax will be the 15th day of the third month following the close of the partnership's tax year. Previously, partnerships were due by the 15th day of the fourth month. The due date for form 1120 U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return is changed to the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of the tax year. The deadline was the 15th day of the third month.

Both of the above changes are applicable to returns for years beginning after 12/31/2015

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At the start of this year Paid Family Leave provides you with a structure to help employees care for their families. Paid leave has been shown to increase workplace morale and employee retention. New York’s Paid Family Leave benefit is fully funded by employee payroll contributions.

Paid Family Leave provides job-protected, paid time off so an employee can:

- **Bond** with a newly born, adopted, or fostered child
- **Care** for a family member with a serious health condition
- **Assist** loved ones when a family member is deployed abroad on active military service.

What coverage do employers need?

Private employers must have Paid Family Leave insurance in place by this past January 1. Generally, coverage will be added to your existing disability benefits policy. The insurance policy will provide payment of the Paid Family Leave benefit to your employees. Public employers may choose to offer Paid Family Leave to their employees.

How is Paid Family Leave funded?

Employees pay for these benefits through a small weekly payroll deduction, which is a percentage of their weekly wages up to a cap set annually. The employee contribution rate is set every year to match the cost of insurance coverage and you use the employee contributions to pay the insurance premium.

The 2018 payroll contribution is 0.126 percent of an employee’s weekly wage and is capped at an annual maximum of \$85.56. Employees earning less than the New York State Average Weekly Wage (\$1,305.92 per week) will have an annual contribution amount less than the cap of \$85.56, consistent with their actual weekly wages.

For example, in 2018 if an employee earns \$27,000 a year (\$519 a week), they will pay 65 cents per week.

Who is eligible to receive Paid Family Leave benefits?

Most employees who work in New York State for private employers are eligible to take Paid Family Leave. Public employers may opt into the program.

■ **Full-time employees:** Employees with a regular schedule of 20 or more hours per week are eligible after working 26 consecutive weeks.

■ **Part-time employees:** Employees with a regular schedule of less than 20 hours per week are eligible after working 175 days, which do not need to be consecutive.

Employees are eligible regardless of citizenship and/or immigration status.

Can employees opt out?

Employees can opt out of Paid Family Leave if they do not expect to work for their employer for the minimum amount of time required for eligibility. As the employer, you must offer a Paid Family Leave waiver to employees who will not meet the eligibility requirements. The waiver is available at ny.gov/PaidFamilyLeave. *You should keep completed waivers on file.*

If the employee’s schedule changes and they will now meet the minimum eligibility requirements, the waiver is automatically revoked. An employee may voluntarily revoke their waiver at any time. If their waiver is revoked, you may retroactively collect any deductions from the date the employee signed the waiver.

What is the Paid Family Leave request process?

■ The employee will notify you at least 30 days before their leave will start, if it’s foreseeable. Otherwise, the employee should notify you as soon as possible.

■ The employee will contact you, your insurance carrier, or visit ny.gov/PaidFamilyLeaveApply to obtain the required forms.

■ The employee completes the Request For Paid Family Leave (Form PFL-1) and submits it to you.

■ As the employer, you must then fill out your section of Form PFL-1 and return it to the employee within three business days. Make a copy for your records.

■ The employee will submit Form PFL-1, the other request forms specific to the leave they are taking, and supporting documentation to your insurance carrier. The insurance carrier must pay or deny the request within 18 calendar days of receiving the completed forms.

What if you already offer Paid Family Leave?

You must ensure that your Paid Family Leave benefit offers what the law requires, at minimum. However, you may choose to supplement with a more generous leave policy. Covered employers are required to purchase an insurance policy or provide Paid Family Leave benefits directly if approved as a self-insured employer.

If you pay full wages to your employees while they are on Paid Family Leave, you may seek reimbursement from your insurance carrier for the amount payable under your Paid Family Leave policy.

What actions should employers take now?

■ Ensure your company has Paid Family Leave coverage.

Most private employers with one or more employees are required to obtain Paid Family Leave insurance. Contact your broker or insurer for information about available policies as well as options for paying your premium (e.g., whether it can be paid semi-annually, annually, or annually on a retrospective basis). NOTE: *This insurance is generally added to an existing disability insurance policy.*

If you are self-insured for disability, you may purchase a separate Paid Family Leave policy or apply to the NYS Workers’ Compensation Board to self-insure.

For a list of insurers offering Paid Family Leave policies, visit the Paid Family Leave section of the Department of Financial Services website at dfs.ny.gov/PFL.

■ Inform your employees about Paid Family Leave.

Update appropriate written materials distributed to your employees, such as employee handbooks, to include Paid Family Leave information.

If you do not have a handbook, provide written guidance to employees concerning their Paid Family Leave benefits.

Model language for handbooks or other written guidance is available to download in the Employer section of ny.gov/PaidFamilyLeave.

■ Prepare for employee payroll contributions.

Update your payroll processes to collect the employee contributions that pay for this insurance.

It is strongly recommended you notify employees before withholding any contributions. A model notification is available in the Employer section of ny.gov/PaidFamilyLeave.

The employee contribution rate is set every year to match the cost of insurance coverage. For 2018, payroll contribution rate is 0.126 percent of an employee’s weekly wage and is capped at an annual maximum of \$85.56. Employees earning less than the New York State Average Weekly Wage (\$1305.92 per week), will have an annual contribution amount less than the cap of \$85.56, consistent with their actual weekly wages.

To assist you, a deduction calculator is available at ny.gov/PFLcalculator.

■ Inform ineligible employees about waivers.

Identify employees who will not meet the time-worked requirement for eligibility, and offer them the option to waive coverage.

Provide these employees with a waiver form, which is available at ny.gov/PaidFamilyLeave.

Keep a copy of all completed waivers on file.

■ Post an employee notice.

Your insurance carrier will provide you with a Notice Of Compliance (Form PFL-120) — also known as “Notice to Employees” — stating that you have Paid Family Leave insurance.

If you are self-insured, you can get this notice by contacting the NYS Workers’ Compensation Board at certificates@wcb.ny.gov

Post and maintain this notice in plain view, similar to how the signage for workers’ compensation and disability insurance is displayed.

For more information, including Paid Family Leave forms and other resources for employers, visit ny.gov/PaidFamilyLeave or call **(844) 337-6303**.

What are the Paid Family Leave benefits?

Benefits phase in over four years. During 2018 employees can take up to eight weeks of Paid Family Leave and receive 50 percent of their average weekly wage (AWW), capped at 50 percent of the New York State Average Weekly Wage (SAWW). An employee’s AWW is the average of the employee’s last eight weeks of pay prior to starting Paid Family Leave. The SAWW is updated annually.

YEAR	WEEKS OF LEAVE	BENEFIT
2018	8 weeks	50% of employee’s AWW, up to 50% of SAWW
2019	10 weeks	55% of employee’s AWW, up to 55% of SAWW
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Dr. Richard Yang Becomes New QCDS President

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Education Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, and Honors Committee, as well as having served as the Society historian, treasurer, secretary, vice president, and president elect.

He graduated from Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery in 1997 and later trained as a general dental resident at Bronx Veterans Hospital for one year and an oral surgery fellow at Mt. Sinai Hospital for two years.

Dr. Yang started his private practice in 2000 and has managed two private dental clinics ever since.

Active in the greater dental community, he served as the president of the Chinese American Dental Society, New York Chapter, from 2006 to 2008. He volunteers with community services and international outreach programs.

He also regularly treats patients, along with other QCDS members, using the mobile dental units from the Tzu Chi Foundation. He has done cleanings, fillings and extractions as part of dental outreach programs in Brooklyn, Queens and on Long Island. Following an earthquake in Mexico, he joined a dental/medical team treating disaster victims. "I like to think that my practice is not confined to borders," he said.

Dr. Yang has been married to his wife, Vivian, for 21-years. The couple has two daughters, Isabel and Madaline, a high school senior and sophomore, respectively, and a son, Christopher, who attends middle school. "Hopefully, they will go into dentistry, too," he said.

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