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WHO IS CSPD?

Dr. Jonathon E. Lee

IT IS OUR MEMBERS.

Our members put children first in everything they do, and at the highest standards of ethics and patient safety. As such, CSPD is THE leading advocate in the State of California dedicated exclusively to children's oral health. CSPD is the embodiment of our members' expertise as the authorities and experts on pediatric oral health. They are the unsung heroes of our

Specialty and without their support our Society would not exist.

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Loyalty - Dr Mitchell Poiset: *"The CSPD has always been very important to me... been a member for 30 years, I'd be happy to help."*

Mitch is a 30-year member of CSPD who has been active in both private practice and organized dentistry.



Mitch Writes:

"When our President, Dr. Jonathon Lee, asked [me] to write a few words about my career and my involvement with the CSPD, I realized

how quickly the years have flown by. I started dental school at UCLA in 1980, and had the good fortune to be instructed by giants in our profession: Tom Barber, Steve Blain, Larry Luke, Joe Jedrychowski and Don Duperon, to name a few. I then went across town to USC and Children's Hospital of Los Angeles for my pediatric dentistry residency to be taught by more legends: Ron Johnson, David Good, Hugh Kopel, John Groper, and Dick Mungo.

In addition to being in full time practice, I have been fortunate to pursue many other facets [of] pediatric dentistry. I have been on staff at Rady Children's Hospital of San Diego for over 25 years. Besides treating patients in the OR and the ED, being on staff at Rady's has allowed me to care for children with special needs and complicated medical issues. This has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my career. I have also had the honor of serving as Chairman

of the Pediatric Dentistry and Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Section, and Vice Chair of the Department of Surgery. I would strongly encourage any young practitioner to maintain staff privileges at their local children's hospital.

Another interesting aspect of our profession I have pursued over the past 25 years is serving as expert witness in legal cases involving pediatric dentistry. The majority of my work has been for the Dental Board of California, but in recent years [I] have served for the defense in Board cases as well as criminal and malpractice cases. Besides being challenging intellectual exercises, I have learned something important about the safe and ethical practice of dentistry in every case I have reviewed.

I have also enjoyed my commitments to organized dentistry. I have served as Media Spokesperson for the AAPD, as well as Local Arrangements Chair for the annual meeting. I'm on the Peer Review Committee for the San Diego County Dental Society, and I'm an adjunct professor at the UCSD School of Medicine. On the political front, I'm the ADPAC Action Team Leader for Rep. Scott Peters, and have attended the Washington leadership conference as well as many political events with the aim of supporting our profession. And closer to home, I have served on the Board of the CSPD.

The CSPD has played an important role in all phases of my career. As a resident and recent graduate, the CSPD helped me connect with potential employers. In earlier and mid-

career, the educational resources kept me informed [in] the latest techniques and materials, as well as changing rules and regulations that affect all our practices. As an owner of a growing practice, the CSPD enabled me [to] meet potential associates. Most importantly, throughout my 30 years as a member, CSPD has helped [me] to stay in the touch with the close friends I have made - other pediatric dentists who truly understand the joys but also the challenges of the career we have chosen. We have all been blessed to have the opportunity to pursue this unique and rewarding profession. As a tribute to those that have come before us and in gratitude for all pediatric dentistry has given us, we need to support the CSPD so our profession can grow and thrive for the benefit of our fellow members and the children of the communities we serve."

Stepping Up to The Tee - Dr Neil Katsura: "The meetings and membership bring a lot of great practitioners together to learn and connect with each other. I feel it's important to build camaraderie in the organization; the vibrant energy will enable us to tackle the challenges of tomorrow-strength in numbers."

I would like to share with our members that Neil has always gone above and beyond and CSPD is Thankful to Neil for arranging the Golf Event for CSPD's 2018 Annual Scientific Session in Torrey Pines.



Neil Writes:

"Thank you for your kind comments and I really appreciate all that you and other officers have done for CSPD. It's really a labor of love right?"

I became interested in dentistry after spending a summer internship with Joe Wampler-pediatric dentist in Berkeley, CA. Witnessing him developing rapport with children and his remarkable ability to alleviate dental fears motivated me to pursue a dental career. I attended UCSF School of Dentistry and graduated in 1984. After working a year in private practice, I decided to return to UCSF to become more knowledgeable about children's dentistry and treating special needs children. After graduating in 1987, I joined Joe Wampler and now we have a group practice in Berkeley and Orinda known as Aloha Pediatric Dentistry. I also enjoy being part time faculty at UCSF in the department of pediatric dentistry; being able to mentor residents and help strengthen the department is vital to the future of our profession. It's wonderful that there is generous support so the residents can attend the CSPD meetings and network with their colleagues. So what does CSPD mean to me? The meetings and membership bring a lot of great practitioners together to learn and connect with each other. I feel it's important to build camaraderie in the organization; the vibrant energy will enable us to tackle the challenges of tomorrow-strength in numbers. Thank you for your inspiration and leadership."

Definitely, it all starts with the residents! - Greg Rabitz:

Currently, Greg Rabitz serves on the CSPD Nominations Committee. For those who know Greg, he has a magic way of making people comfortable. At the CSPD meeting in Torrey Pines, he did something so welcoming that I want to share- he generously bought a round of Refreshments for the Residents and made them feel included.



Greg Writes:

"After graduating Dental School from UOP, Ray Stewart (who I met through CSPD), recommended that I work in a mobile dental office that stopped at different elementary schools for 2 or 3 months. I had a staff with an attorney running the business end of things. I was able to concentrate on patient care. This experience confirmed my desire to pursue Pediatric Dentistry. I went on to UCLA for residency and had a great experience. The all-star faculty at UCLA headed by Dr. Don Duperon was invaluable. We residents were immediately plugged into CSPD activities and encouraged to participate. I was lucky to have amazing co-residents in my class and in the years before and after. The CSPD meetings we attended as residents opened a new door of appreciation. The practicing doctors who we attended the CSPD annual meeting with were very welcoming. They introduced me to one of the most important aspects of our profession; collaboration. After a great dinner with a group of residents and practicing doctors, I thought it was a very nice gesture when John Delorme (a practicing doctor at the time) picked up the tab for the residents. I think it's a great idea to continue to take care of the residents when the situation presents itself. Collaboration is still one of the greatest assets of CSPD. After graduating from UCLA, I went on to serve on the board and was inspired by watching a succession of members I admire go through and complete the Presidential obligations they chose to take on. Shortly after I completed my CSPD Board years, I started looking for an associate. I came across a resume of a CSPD Board intern so it was an easy call to my friends who were still on the board to get a breakdown of this possible future business partner. Fast forward a few years and I can say that I met one of the best personalities I know through CSPD and now this person, Suzy Tavarna, will be our next CSPD President. I enjoy the tradition of CSPD and value the volunteer time our members put into our organization. Supporting CSPD should be a high priority."

Thank You to Mitch, Neil, Greg and All the Members of CSPD for your Support, Loyalty and Service to the Profession.

The CSPD Nominating Committee is beginning its role to create a nomination slate of candidates for the 2019-2020 terms of Officers, Board of Directors and Appointed Officers very soon. The Nominating Committee requests your help in seeking candidates. If you are interested or know anyone who is interested please forward their names to our Executive Director, Lonnie Lovingier at lrlov@aol.com.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NOTES

— Dr. Lonnie Lovingier

Our Nominating Committee Needs Your Support

It is that time of year when our Nominating Committee moves full swing into their responsible role. It has been described as the most important of all committees because it sets the path of leadership. We have a terrific

committee with the structural contributions of IPPs David Okawachi and Jacob Lee, our president and chair, Jonathon Lee, and Members at Large, Jose Polido, Greg Rabitz and Eric Dixon.

If you can, please help these committee members locate individuals who wish to serve others, and will sacrifice personal time, office time, and notoriety for the sake of CSPD and others. The Board of Directors meets four times a year, and the board members sacrifice a Saturday for that. One of those meetings is at the Annual Meeting and all volunteers are expected to attend. We are looking for individuals who are kind and considerate and willing to learn the roles of leadership.

If you are reading this and believe that you would like to volunteer to serve, please contact one of the individuals above who can explain further the requirements and expectations of board members. You may also access a volunteer application form on our CSPD website at <https://www.cspd.org/page/VolunteerLeadership>.

Get Ready for the Disney Parks and the Grand Californian Hotel and Spa

Our 2019 Annual Scientific Session and Annual Meeting will be held at the Disney Grand Californian Hotel and Spa. The Annual Meeting Committee is working hard trying to build into the program more social time to enjoy each other and the parks. It is looking to be a good program and the facilities are outstanding. This is a return to a more familiar Annual Scientific Session and Annual Meeting structure during the spring rather than during the fall.

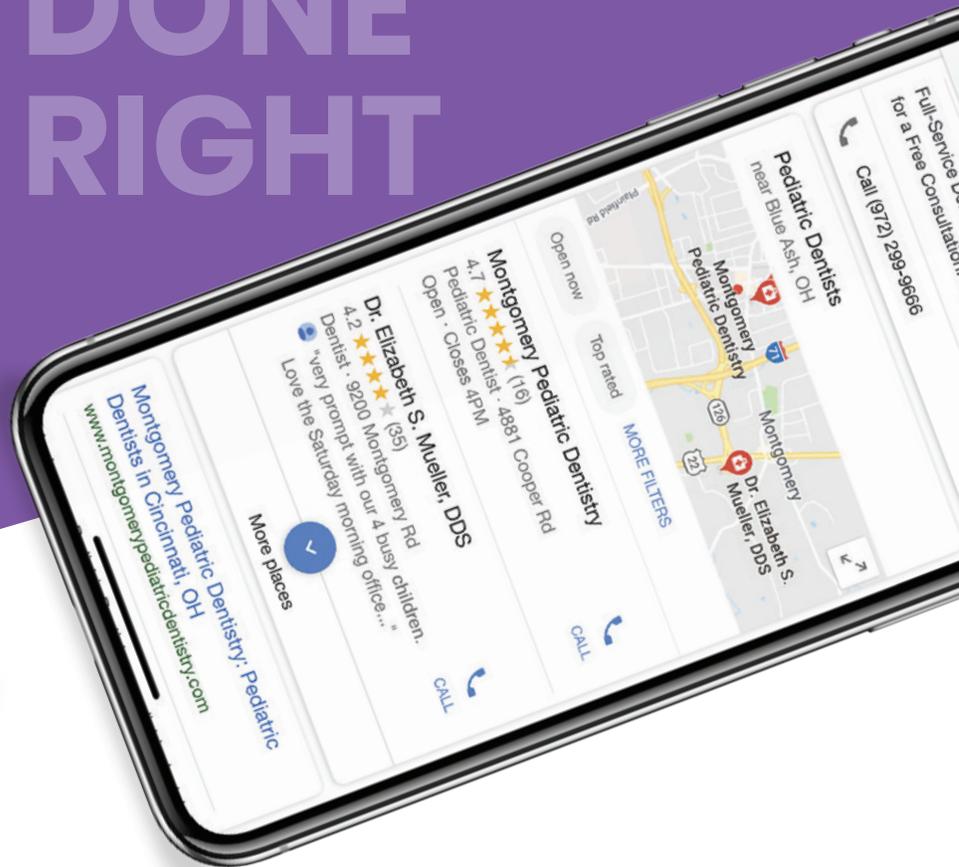
There is a lot of excitement about this meeting. Recently, we have emailed members an announcement of registration opening for this event. There will be limited space and staying onsite by Downtown Disney is a real plus. Many doctors are talking about taking the families earlier or staying afterward. Many offices are talking about taking many staff members and the rooms will fill up fast. If we run out of space early, we might be able to beg for more room space, but if people do not sign up early and we run out of space close to the meeting, people will be walking to the hotel and area. We hope to see you there!





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— Dr. Oariona Lowe - Annual Meeting Chair

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- Avoiding Sedation Tragedies: The Black Box Analysis
- Update on the California SB501 Sedation Legislation
- Pediatric Airway Health: Myofunctional, ENT, and Dental Perspectives
- Ethical Dilemmas that Face the Dental Team
- Minimal Invasive Restorative Treatment for Pediatric Patients

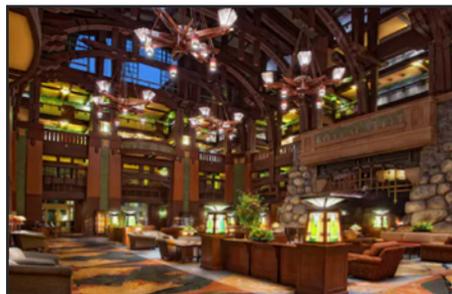
Enjoy a fabulous time with us at Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa (also known as the Grand Californian). The magnificent Grand Californian Hotel is located in the [Disney California Adventure](#) theme park. As a guest of the hotel, you are in the “Middle of the Magic,” which has new meaning since the hotel is part of the experience.

The Grand Californian has its own private entrance to Disney California Adventure and is also within a few steps of Downtown Disney making it a prime location for easy access to the Downtown Disney District and the Disneyland Resort.

This stunning hotel offers premium accommodations and rich dining experiences in American Craftsman style and elegance. Enjoy a massage in the world-class **Manadra Spa** and enjoy a workout with its state of the art fitness equipment. Guests have a wonderful selection of dining choices which include the Storytellers Café where you can begin the day with Mickey's Tales of Adventure character breakfast or brunch (make your reservations now: <https://www.mydisneygroup.com/gccd19c>).

White Water Snacks offer self-serve breakfast, lunch and dinner in a casual setting. The **Hearthstone Lounge**, located inside the main building, is a comfortable spot to enjoy a continental breakfast in the morning and cocktails or coffee later in the day. Finally, dining at the award-winning, elegant **Napa Rose Restaurant** is not to be missed!

Guests of the Disneyland Resort hotels are eligible for an Extra Magic Hour. Visit Disneyland on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and check out Disney California Adventure on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays up to one hour prior to regular park opening. *Note that the availability of the Extra Magic Hour and offered attractions is subject to change.*



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PROPOSITION 56 AND THE EXPANSION OF DENTI-CAL

Dr. Natalie Mansour



TODAY, 13.7 MILLION LOW-INCOME CALIFORNIANS – ONE-THIRD OF OUR STATE’S POPULATION – RELY ON MEDI-CAL FOR HEALTH CARE AND DENTAL COVERAGE.

There have been less dental providers over the years wanting to participate in the Denti-Cal program due to the low reimbursement rates. Prop 56 is helping the state of California change that.

Proposition 56 is a California ballot proposition that passed on the November 8, 2016 ballot. It increased the cigarette tax by \$2.00 per pack, with equivalent increases on other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes containing nicotine. As a direct result of the Prop 56 tax increases, new resources and funding have become available to improve dental provider participation, expand access to care, and improve oral health. In addition, the 18-19 budget will allocate \$30 million from Prop 56 to help recent dental graduates with their loan repayments in return for working in areas of greatest need.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has launched Smile California, a statewide campaign to increase utilization of the Medi-Cal Dental benefit. The campaign aims to bring all of the state’s oral health activities and initiatives under one big umbrella, a single campaign that sends a simple and reassuring message to the more than 13 million Californians enrolled in Medi-Cal.

Denti-Cal is now offering its members new services. These include understanding your full benefits, assisting members in finding a general or specialist dentist, scheduling an appointment, as well as offering transportation services. These new services can be found on the smilecalifornia.org website.

Provider Services include submitting documents, such as claims, treatment authorization requests, notices of authorizations, and claim adjustments through the electronic data interchange (EDI). A new website aids providers in looking at claim Status and History, Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) Status and History, weekly Check Amounts, monthly payment totals and year-to-date payments. The provider website application is available at <https://www.denti-cal.ca.gov/RSO/provider/signon> and under the Provider tab on the Denti-Cal website <https://www.denti-cal.ca.gov> homepage.

Some streamlined provider incentives include full restoration of Adult Dental benefits, treatment authorization requests in less than five working days, new reimbursements to CDT codes not covered, expedited treatment including no prior authorizations and radiographs for root canals under age 21 and office visits for observations no longer require documentation, and reduced restorative radiograph submissions.

For the underserved population of California, the hope is that through the funding provided by Prop 56, Denti-Cal benefits can continue to grow. California needs to continue to innovate and create a sustainable Denti-Cal option for both members and providers.



THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

— Dr. Jacob K Lee

**“COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING.
KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS.
WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS”
— HENRY FORD**

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry hosted the Second Chapter Leadership Summit and Public Policy Advocates workshop on Sept. 28-29, 2018. This forum was pursuant to the initial meeting held in the spring of 2017.

The summit-workshop represented a momentous milestone that fostered enhanced communication and collaboration on issues many states are facing today and may deal with in the future. In attendance were chapter leaders from 42 states and the District of Columbia, 31 state public policy advocates, and the AAPD leadership. Representatives from CSPD included Drs. Gila Dorostkar (Secretary), Nancy Hsieh (Vice-President), Natalie Mansour (Interim PPA), and Jonathon Lee (President).

Attendees heard several presentations and discussed topics, including: handling media relations and coordinating responses with AAPD, understanding the ADA CERP program, PPA outreach to organizations, Medicaid issues, dental therapist challenges, and silver diamine fluoride third-party payor’s coverage. Dr. Jonathon Lee’s presentation, “Effective collaboration: Chapter development

of key policy statement,” was well-received, as demonstrated by the spirited discussion that ensued. See the CSPD Policy Statement on Sedation and General Anesthesia in the [Summer 2018 CSPD Bulletin](#). This was a unique opportunity for chapter and district leaders to share various strategies in dealing with challenges. By doing so, we continue to rise above our own conflicts and not be satisfied merely with coexistence.

We look forward to the next summit, to be held in the autumn of 2020.

*Executive Committees of the WSPD and AAPD:
(Back row, from left to right) Ernest Nehrer,
Christine Roalofs, Jean Beauchamp, John Liu,
Jessica Lee, Kevin Rencher, John Gibbons, John
Rutkauskas, Stephanie Cook, and Kevin Donly.
(Front row, from left to right) Jacob Lee, Jonathon
Lee, Nancy Hsieh, Tina Ptacek, Jessica Robertson,
Jessica Blanco, Natalie Mansour, Anu Tate, Joe
Castellano, Gila Dorostkar, Julia Richman, James
Nickman, and Patricia Benton.*

▼ *Photo Credit: Ms. Margaret Bjerklie, AAPD*



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Meena Adami, PhD, DDS was born and raised in Baghdad, Iraq. She graduated from the University of Baghdad/ Iraq School of Dentistry in 2002 where she met her husband Dr. Mustafa Adami, who graduated the same year. In 2006, she moved to the United States and began her work at the Center of Integrative Nanotechnology Sciences as a Ph.D. student. She accepted a post-doctoral research position upon graduating from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 2011 and worked there for three years. Dr. Adami's research focuses on biological applications of nanotechnology, the treatment of cancer, and tissue regeneration. Dr. Adami moved to California to join the International Dentist Program at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. In 2018, she earned her DDS degree with honors in Pediatric Dentistry and was inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU). Dr. Adami decided to further her dental education in Pediatric Dentistry, and continued into the advanced education residency program at Loma Linda University.



Mona Dousti earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Tehran Azad University in 2009. Dr. Dousti continued her education at University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), obtaining a Pre-Medical and General Science Studies Certificate with honors in 2014. Dr. Dousti was awarded her Doctor of Dental Surgery from University of Southern California (USC) in 2018, and she is currently a Pediatric Dentistry Resident at Loma Linda University (LLU).



Vera Kenderian's passion for caring for children and answering their myriad of questions started at a young age after a positive experience with a pediatric dentist. Vera is Armenian, but was born and raised in Baghdad, Iraq and eventually moved to Amman, Jordan. She earned her first DDS degree from the University of Jordan in 2010. Vera then relocated to California to earn her second DDS degree from Loma Linda University in 2015. Upon graduation, she worked at a nearby clinic for two years where she was able to expand her technical competence.

Vera got married and moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota where she worked at one of the very few offices that treat the underserved community. Public service and community outreach are areas of profound interest to Vera.

After finishing the Pediatric Dentistry Program, Vera plans to return to Minnesota and continue her passion in providing dental care to kids and getting involved in teaching. Moreover, Vera hopes to develop a program that will improve early access to dental care in underserved communities.

When she's not engaged with dentistry, Vera likes to cook, dance, and play violin. Vera also loves to travel and explore the world and its different cultures.



Abhishek Batra, DDS, was born in Mumbai, India and moved to Canada in his early teens. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology-Psychology from the University of New Brunswick. After graduation, he worked for the Canadian federal government for several years. During this time, in addition to realizing his calling to dentistry and serving his community, he got married to his beautiful wife, Saba, and had a handsome little version of himself, Aman. He moved to California to attend dental school at Loma Linda University (LLU). Abhishek's



very first day of clinic was at the pediatric clinic where he completed his first direct restoration on a 7-year-old patient. He finds working with kids both challenging and rewarding. After completing pediatric rotations, attending journal club meetings and volunteering to provide free dental care to children, his interest and passion for pediatric dentistry has continued to grow. So, it is not surprising that he is starting his Advanced Education Program in Pediatric Dentistry at LLU. In addition to working with children, Abhishek enjoys spending time with his family, surfing and traveling.

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Stephanie J. Vargas

was born and raised on the south shore of Long Island, NY. Stephanie graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 2013, where she obtained her BA in Biological Basis of Behavior and a minor in Hispanic Studies. In May 2018 she graduated from Columbia University College of Dental Medicine in New York City and feels fortunate to further her learning here at UCLA, where she is also pursuing a Master's in Public Health. Stephanie was first inspired to become a dentist by none other than "Miss Tammy," her Lisa-Frank sticker and milky pen gifting pen-pal/Tooth Fairy (thanks mom). To further explore dentistry, Stephanie started working at various dental practices during high school and college, moving up the ranks from office "face-painter" to dental assistant. Aside from teeth, Stephanie enjoys running, meditation, and watching documentaries. Since relocating from the beast coast to the best coast, Stephanie is open to and excited for whatever the future holds!



Nima Moaven

was born and raised in Iran, and spent much of his young life "California Dreamin'." He's spent the past decade as a Washingtonian, studying and working in our nation's capital. Nima earned a B.S in Physiology and neurobiology from University of

Maryland at College Park (Go Terps!), a M.S in biotechnology from the Johns Hopkins University and finally his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Maryland, Baltimore. At the same time, Nima spent much of what little free time he had at the NIH's Medical Genetics Branch (MGB) of National Human Genome Research institute (NHGRI) working on various research projects. And he's finally made it to UCLA! He's excited to meet the challenges of Pediatric Dentistry!



Chloe Meyer

was born in Des Moines, IA. At the age of 18 months, she moved to Oklahoma where she originally aspired to become a meteorologist and a storm chaser. Even though you can still count on Chloe to tell you random facts about weather, that dream didn't last long term. Due to her congenitally missing lateral incisors, she gained interest in another career path. Growing up dancing competitively, Los Angeles and the entertainment world were appealing to Chloe. She got up the guts and moved to the big city of Los Angeles to attend UCLA where she obtained a B.S. in Psychobiology in 2014. After living 20 minutes from the beach, attending award shows, and becoming a UCLA football fan, Chloe knew she would be a bruin for life. Little did she know, she would take that literally. She graduated from UCLA School of Dentistry in 2018 and recently became part of the UCLA Pediatric Dentistry family. When not consumed by studying or clinic, you can find Chloe travelling to see her two nieces in Denver or grandparents in NYC. If you ever need a workout partner whether it be HIIT, pilates or hiking, Chloe is only one call away.



Dan Truong

was born and raised in San Jose, CA. He attended UC Irvine and double majored in Business Economics and Biological Sciences. After college, he moved to the concrete jungle to attend New York University College of Dentistry where he obtained his D.D.S. Afterwards, he returned to California to complete General Practice Residency

at the Northern California Veterans Affairs in Sacramento. Dan is ecstatic to join the UCLA Pediatric Dentistry family and looks forward to starting this new chapter in his life. During his spare time, Dan enjoys traveling, hiking, camping, movies, live music and water sports.



Carlynn Chappell

was born and raised in a tiny beach town right outside sunny San Diego, California. She grew up with her two wonderful, younger sisters and fun-loving parents. Carlynn moved up to the Bay Area for her undergraduate studies at The University of California Davis, where she quickly became fast friends with the cows, chickens, and the wild turkeys that would walk her to class (...Go Aggies!!). Her three-year commitment as a summer camp counselor for UC Davis Camp Kesem solidified the happiness she has when working with children and confirmed her desire to pursue a career in Pediatric Dentistry. She received her Doctor of Dental Surgery from UCLA School of Dentistry, and is so excited to officially become a double bruin and pursue Pediatric Residency at her alma mater! Carlynn enjoys cooking up tasty meals for friends and family, playing tennis, and watching Gilmore Girls. In her free time, you can catch her exploring Los Angeles, hiking the Hollywood hills, and visiting National Parks across the country! She is so happy to have found her own dental home at UCLA amongst an amazing team of Co-Residents, and can't wait for all the challenges, wisdom, and fun that is yet to come in Residency!



Donielle Williams

was born in Honolulu, Hawaii and lived there until she was 3. Growing up as a military brat, she has lived in nine different cities; however, she affectionately refers to the state of Georgia as her "home". Donielle attended Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana where she majored in Biology (and also developed a deep love for Cajun cuisine). She received her D.M.D. degree from the University

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of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry in 2018. Donielle grew up dancing competitively, and she still has an avid love for dance (especially tap dance). In her free time, Donielle also enjoys attending Alabama football games (ROLL TIDE!), fishing, traveling, watching movies, and spending time with family and friends. Donielle is elated to begin this next chapter at UCLA as a part of the pediatric dentistry family.



Anna Shahinian

was born and raised in Glendale, California. In 2013, she received her B.S. in Biology from the University of California, San Diego.

She graduated from the UCLA School of Dentistry in 2018 and is excited to be joining the UCLA Pediatric Dentistry family! She has been playing basketball since the age of five and has played at the collegiate level as well as in Armenia representing the United States. During her undergraduate and dental school years, Anna coached youth basketball which sparked her interest in working with children. During her spare time, she enjoys travelling, spending time with her family, finding new places to eat, and treating herself to a nice spa day.

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Hellene Ellenikiotis

was born and raised in Los Gatos/Saratoga, CA. She graduated summa cum laude from Santa Clara University with a Bachelor's of Science

Degree in Sociology. Hellene earned her Doctorate of Dental Surgery Degree and completed her Hospital Dentistry and General Practice Residency at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She has performed extensive work at UCSF on Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) and its role in caries arrest and prevention including publishing articles, training faculty, and coordinating continuing education.

Hellene worked as a General Dentist in private practice for two years. During this time, she continued her work on SDF and joined the Healthier Kids Foundation, all of which provided inspiration for her to move into pediatric dentistry with the aim of improving both access to and quality of care. Hellene is committed to her patients, and her relationship with them is at the heart of her work. She is grateful for the opportunity to further her education with the UCSF Pediatric Dental Residency Program whose commitment she shares in providing exceptional interpersonal and clinical care, as well as aiding in the discovery of new technologies and therapies.

Hellene currently resides in San Francisco with her husband. She enjoys spending time with her loved ones, whatever they may be doing.



Ida Gorshteyn

grew up in the California Bay Area and graduated from UC Berkeley (Go Bears!) in 2013 with a degree in Integrative Biology and a minor in Music. She

then moved to Los Angeles, where she pursued her dental degree at UCLA. There, she was able to combine her love of teaching, working with children, and public health with dentistry to find her passion for pediatric dentistry. During dental school, she devoted her time to teaching, public health, and the advancement of women in dentistry. She was awarded first place in the ADA Health Literacy Essay Contest for her work on sugar-sweetened beverages and their effects on oral health. Ida is so grateful and excited to be part of the UCSF family and to have the opportunity to learn from leading experts in the field. In her free time, Ida likes to play board games, travel, cook, and try all the delicious food San Francisco has to offer!



David Lee was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA. He received his B.S in Health Sciences from University of Miami in 2011. During his undergraduate years,

David enjoyed playing club sports (lacrosse and golf), embracing the "U" swagger, and volunteering at Miami Children's hospital. He was first exposed to pediatric dentistry on a mission trip serving the underprivileged communities of Costa Rica and Panama. Since undergrad, he has received his M.S. in Biomedical Sciences from Tufts University, worked for Americorps, and received his DMD from the University of Pennsylvania. At UPenn, he served as Class President for all 4 years of dental school, devoted time to clinical research with the pediatric department, was a brother of his dental fraternity, Delta Sigma Delta, and volunteered his time serving the underprivileged community of Philadelphia. Upon graduation from dental school, he completed his General Practice Residency with UCSF where he continued his development as a dental/healthcare provider and where his passion for pediatric dentistry continued to grow. When he is not in clinic, you can find David playing sports, trying out all the amazing food in San Francisco, going on outdoor adventures, and hanging out with family and friends. David could not be more grateful for the opportunity to complete his residency at UCSF.



Joanna Meekay

was born and raised in Sacramento, California. She grew up the youngest of four in a large Armenian household.

Joanna received her B.S. in Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior from UC Davis in 2013. Joanna then attended dental school in San Francisco at University of the Pacific, where she was involved in various student organizations. Throughout her time at Pacific she was social chair for her class and dental fraternity, Delta Sigma Delta,

attended dental mission trips and was a founding member of an advanced treatment planning study club. Her favorite memories include being the tooth fairy for the annual Give Kids A Smile Day event and being a recipient of the Henry Sutro award for Clinical Excellence in her senior year. After she earned her DDS in 2017 she moved on to complete a general practice residency at NYU Langone - Brooklyn before beginning her residency here at UCSF. Outside of residency, Joanna loves to travel, cook, work out, spend time with friends and family.



Carolynn Vuong was born and raised in Redondo Beach, CA. She received her B.A. in Human Biology from Stanford University, with a concentration in Health Policy and Child Development. She spent her subsequent gap year working with underserved populations at Ravenswood Family Health Center in East Palo Alto, CA. Carolynn went on to receive her dental degree from Harvard School of Dental Medicine. During her time in Boston, she served as Vice President of her class and organized the annual Give Kids A Smile Day. Graduating with Honors in Research, Carolynn spent her time in dental school focusing on research pertaining to preventive and pediatric dentistry and graduated with Honors in Research. Outside of residency, you can find her hiking, on the soccer/volleyball court, traveling the world, or baking desserts to satiate her sweet tooth. Carolynn is thrilled to be back in California and be a part of the wonderful UCSF pediatric dental team.

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Aeen Aflaatuni was born in Tehran, Iran and raised in the San Francisco Bay area. He received his Bachelor's degree in Genetics from UC Davis. After the completion of his dental degree from the University of the Pacific, he did a GPR residency at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx, New York. His areas of interest in Pediatric Dentistry include

academia, special needs patients and oral conscious sedation. Aeen's future plans include entering private practice and teaching.



Katarina Calilung was born and raised in Southern California. She graduated from UC Davis with a degree in Psychology and earned her dental degree at USC. She is interested in community outreach, academia, private practice and hospital dentistry. Upon completion of the program, Dr. Calilung plans to join and eventually own a private practice with community outreach as well as be involved in academia.



Irene Ching was born and raised in San Francisco, CA. She received a BS degree in Biology from Georgetown University ('13), an MS in Global Health Sciences ('14) from UCSF and her dental degree from UCSF. Irene is interested in orthodontics, community health, global oral health, health policy and organized dentistry. She hopes to enter private practice and teach.



Tiffany Elliott was born in Detroit, Michigan but grew up Macomb, Michigan. She completed her pre-dental education at University of Detroit Mercy receiving a BS in Biology and her dental education at University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry. Her pediatric dental interests include working with special needs community. Dr. Elliott plans to become an associate in a private practice.



Oliver Giron was born and raised in So Cal. He received a BS in Neuroscience ('13) and MS in Oral Health Sciences ('14) from Boston University and a DMD from Tufts University ('18). Dr. Giron is interested in community work and medically complex patients. He plans to split time between private practice and academia in the future.



Gary Liu was born in Redlands, CA and raised in Colton, CA. He attended UCLA for his undergraduate degree in Ecology, Behavior & Evolution and in 2017

received his dental degree from Western University. He has an interest in special needs patients and surgical procedures. Upon completion of the program, Dr. Liu plans to teach, mentor and own his practice.



Samuel Russom was born and raised in San Diego, CA. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from UCSF and his dental degree from San Diego State

University. Samuel is interested in Hospital dentistry. He plans to practice Community Dentistry.



Grant Shandler was born in La Jolla, CA and raised in Los Angeles, CA. He received both his undergraduate and dental degree from the USC. Dr. Shandler is interested

in providing dental care to the underserved population and expanding equal access to dental care. His future plans include working as an associate and eventually own a practice as well as teach at USC or affiliated hospitals.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS OF INTEREST TO CSPD

Dr. Natalie Mansour - *Interim Public Policy Advocate*



Our Founding Public Policy Advocate, who defined the term and created the role of PPA, has retired from this position. Dr. Reggiardo was so effective in this

role, our CSPD PPA position was duplicated and spread across the country. We wish him well in this well-deserved PPA retirement. We are excited to introduce Dr. Natalie Mansour as our newly appointed PPA. She has a great interest and wonderful skill set in the area of public policy. She was mentored by Dr. Reggiardo and has already shown to be a wonderful replacement. CSPD welcomes Dr. Mansour.

AB 2643 (Irwin): Dentistry: General Anesthesia Clean-Up Bill

This bill would revise the current required written informed consent statement for general anesthesia, which would be applicable to minors when dental services are provided in order to encourage the exploration of nonsurgical treatment options; clarify that the statement is required only in the case of general anesthesia; and remove current statutory language that limits medical plan reimbursement for general anesthesia when dental services are rendered to a child in a hospital or surgery center.

CSPD: Co-sponsor

Status: Died in Assembly Suspense File

Comment: The bill, if enacted, would require that general anesthesia benefits available under a medical reimbursement plan licensed for sale in California by the Department of Insurance may not be withheld for a child under seven years of age or any person with specified disabilities when dental services are provided in any setting (not just an accredited hospital or surgical center). CSPD is a co-sponsor of the bill with CDA.

SB 501 (Glazer): Dentistry: Anesthesia and Sedation

The bill revises sedation definitions and the requirements for the administration of all levels of sedation in the dental setting. Requires at least three people present when deep sedation/general anesthesia is provided to a patient under 13 years of age, with one person solely dedicated to monitoring the patient. For moderate sedation of a child, requires two support personnel in addition to the dentist, one of whom is trained in rescue and intermittently monitors the patient. For minimal pediatric sedation, one support person in addition to the dentist must be present and capable of assisting in rescue.

CSPD: Oppose Unless Amended

Status: Approved and signed into law by the Governor

Comment: CSPD was successful in seeking amendments to establish a single standard of care across the spectrum of sedation for all patients under 13 years of age (instead of a less stringent requirement for 7 – 13 years of age); added a requirement to the deep sedation/general anesthesia permit which would require a minimum of 20 cases of training/experience as a condition to provide this level of anesthesia to this age group; standardized personnel across the range of deep and moderate sedation to that of two additional auxiliary staff members with specified training and certification, one of which would monitor the patient (solely in the case of deep sedation/general anesthesia); and modified statutory language to allow the administration of secondary pharmacologic agents in addition to the primary sedative agent for minimal (oral) sedation. These changes brought the bill in closer approximation to AAPD guidelines.

SB 707 (Cannella): Denti-Cal Advisory Group

This bill would establish the Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Group in the Department of Health Care Services for the purpose of studying the structure, policies and priorities of the Denti-Cal fee-for-service and managed care programs with the goal of raising the Denti-Cal utilization rate among eligible child beneficiaries to 60% or greater and improving also the adult utilization rate.

CSPD: Support

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

Comment: The bill names a representative of CSPD as one of the 11 designated panel members. It is driven by the findings and recommendations of the Little Hoover Commission in 2014 and 2016. The bill was opposed by the Department of Health Care Services and the Department of Finance as unnecessary and duplicative of existing oversight. The Governor in his veto message said that “not every problem with Medi-Cal needs or deserves a stakeholder process.”

SB 1008 (Skinner): Dental Benefit Plans: Reporting and Disclosures

The bill would require a uniform template across dental plans to disclose a summary of benefits and coverage, including covered services, reimbursement levels, estimated enrollee cost share, limitations, and exceptions.

CSPD: Support

Status: Approved and signed into law by the Governor

Comment: The bill as introduced would have set a minimum dental loss ratio (the percentage of premium spent on direct patient care) and require an annual rebate to each insured if the loss ratio is less than that percentage. The bill was amended as described above. Data collected under previous legislation found a wide range of premium revenue spent on patient care, raising serious questions about what value these plans provide to consumers. A quarter of all dental plans in California spend less than 50 percent of premiums on patient care, and some plans even fall below 10 percent.

SB 1148 (Pan): Denti-Cal: Silver Diamine Fluoride Benefit

This bill would make the application of silver diamine fluoride as a caries-arrestment agent a Denti-Cal program benefit for children age six and under, persons with disabilities, and adults in assisted living arrangements. It includes provisions requiring specific informed consent and that the service is part of a comprehensive patient treatment plan.

CSPD: Support

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

Comment: The Department has declined to act under its own jurisdiction to make CDT code D1354 a program benefit. Recent amendments clarify the benefit will be applied on a per tooth basis (consistent with ADA CDT Code) and that when all requirements are met (including being part of a comprehensive dental treatment plan), it would be a reimbursable service for Registered Dental Hygienists in Alternative Practice (RDHAP).

SB 1238 (Roth) Patient Records: Maintenance and Storage

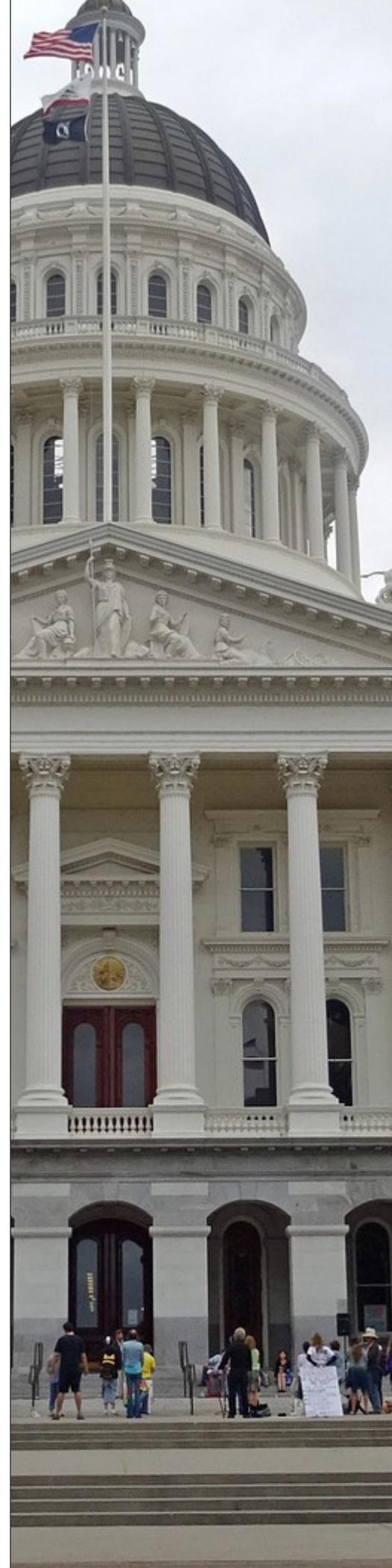
This bill would require health care providers (including dentists), at the time of the initial patient record to inform the patient of the intended retention period for the records, to notify a patient at least 60 days before their medical records are actually scheduled to be destroyed, and to offer to provide the patient with his or her original medical records if the patient makes such a request.

CSPD: Oppose

Status: Died in Appropriations Committee

Comment: The provisions do not extend to hospitals and medical institutions and provides an exemption if the health care provider utilizes electronic health records and those records are stored “indefinitely”.

CSPD follows a number of bills under consideration by the state legislature which potentially impact pediatric oral health. Members having questions or wishing to comment on these or any other legislative matters are invited to contact CSPD’s Interim Public Policy Advocate, Dr. Natalie Mansour, at natalie.usc.trojan@gmail.com.



DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA REPORT

— Dr. Richard Sobel - *Public Policy Advocate Consultant for the Dental Board of California*



Occupational Analysis for Dentists

The Dental Board of California requested that the Department of Consumer Affairs' Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) conduct an Occupational Analysis (OA) of dentistry practice in California. The purpose of the OA is to define practice for California licensed dentists in terms of the actual knowledge and job tasks that new licensees must be able to perform safely and competently at the time of licensure. The results of this OA provide a description of practice that can then be used to review national dental licensing examinations and to develop the California Dentistry Law and Ethics Examination.

After thorough review of the report's content, deficiencies were noted related to the care of children and their oral health. Most importantly the safety of children during dental treatment was discussed. It was emphasized that this is not the same as that which is appropriate for adults. Within the OA report there was no specific mention of knowledge or task data regarding children. This material needs to be demonstrated by the dentist, during the licensure examinations.

For example:

- Best practices in behavior guidance
- Growth and development
- Restorative treatment
- Surgical procedures for the primary or mixed dentition
- Occlusion or space management

The OA report is to be reviewed and modified to include many of these items.

RDA Licensure

The Board reaffirmed that the RDA practical examination is not required for RDA licensure. The requirements are unchanged as of last year; however, the written examination will be a combination of the Law & Ethics exam and the RDA General Subject examination. This has now been implemented.

In addition, it was verified that for sealant certification courses, (for RDAs completing prior to 2010 or from other states) the CE credits from those courses could be applied to satisfy the RDA-CE requirements for licensure.

Registered Dental Assistants in Extended Functions #2 (RDAEF2) - Scope of Practice

A proposal was reviewed by the Dental Assistants' Council to consider extending the scope of functions for the RDAEF2 to include the administration of local anesthesia and nitrous oxide: oxygen during the care of patients.

The background, rationale and indications, and the educational curriculum requirements to fulfill these functions were discussed and evaluated. There was both support and opposition to these proposals from a variety of interested parties and groups. A committee will be formed to further evaluate these issues and to submit a more detailed report for the next Dental Board meeting.

Dental Board Sunset Review

All entities in the Department of Consumer Affairs must provide a full report of each Board's structure, actions, performance parameters and proposals for hearings prior to reappointment legislation. The Dental Board of California's Sunset considerations are slated for review late in 2019.

Subjects discussed by the Board included:

- Structure of the Board
- Staffing and fiscal needs
- Meetings and committees
- Regulatory processes
- Performance measures, including:
 - applications for licensure and permits, candidate successful completion data
 - processing time relative to complaints, findings and actions
 - CE requirements and audits
 - enforcement actions
- Proposals for licensure changes, such as by credentials, residency training, etc.
- Pediatric anesthesia and sedation appropriateness and safety report
- Sponsored or supported legislation

The entire Board and Staff are working toward satisfying this Sunset Report requirement and are considering incorporating a great deal of the input regarding those subjects listed above.

Sedation Report and Consideration of Legislative Proposals

The Board briefly reviewed the Report on Sedation, its general conclusion that California's present laws and regulations are sufficient to provide protection to pediatric patients during sedation and anesthesia. Recommendations were made to enhance the regulations to provide a greater level of protections. They were:

- The Board should continue to research the collection of high quality pediatric sedation and anesthesia related data to inform decision-making.
- The definitions of general anesthesia, conscious sedation and pediatric and adult oral sedation should be updated.
- Changes to the sedation and anesthesia permit (licensing) system should be developed and implemented.
- Requirements for records and equipment should be updated and include the use of capnography for moderate sedation.
- The Board should be provided with additional authority to strengthen the onsite inspection and evaluation program.

California legislative bills had been introduced to implement some of these recommendations. However two of these have been withdrawn or did not move through committees. The Board has made recommendations to be incorporated into the remaining bill, SB 501 (Glazer). Input has been sought from many interested parties and associations. There have been negotiations, compromises and amendments to the proposed bill.

Unfortunately, the resultant bill has sedation recommendations and monitoring guidelines not consistent with those of the AAPD, ADA and AAP guidelines and the best practices for managing and monitoring of children to ensure the highest levels of safety. This applies to minimal and moderate sedation for children. Furthermore, recommendations for additional personnel for deep sedation and general anesthesia have been eliminated.

Therefore, although supported by CDA and CaAMOS, the CSPD Board has taken the position to oppose unless amended. The Dental Board of California is supporting the currently amended version and it has been passed and forwarded to the Governor.

CURES Regulations

The Controlled Substance Utilization and Evaluation System (CURES) becomes fully effective in October 2018.

It requires the provider to consult the CURES database prior to ordering, administering or furnishing a controlled substance. However the provider is exempt during:

- Emergency transfers
- Hospice care
- As part of a patient's treatment for a surgical procedure
- Delays, if consulting CURES, would adversely impact the patient's medical condition

In the last two categories for exemption, the order is limited to a 5 day, non-refillable supply of the controlled substance.

Dentists, and their Place of Practice, are included as part of the patient's treatment for a procedure, within the supply limitations. Therefore treatment by a dentist is exempt.

Oral Conscious Sedation Renewal Certificate

Approval of the Oral Conscious Sedation Certificate Renewal by an Online CE curriculum satisfies the current regulations. This has been reviewed, documented and approved by the Dental Board's Legal Counsel.



FALL ANNUAL MEETING, OCS PERMIT RENEWAL & BULLETINS

— Dr. Steven Niethamer - Website Editor

The Fall Annual Meeting

Preparation for the Fall Annual Meeting in La Jolla included rebuilding the meeting website agenda page to allow it to display better on handheld devices. Also added was an Eventscribe meeting application that helps attendees to view an even better agenda, download lecture slides, make notes and even communicate with fellow attendees. To receive a CE credit certificate, we all needed to sign in to a survey site, answer some questions about the meeting and the lecturer before receiving the CE certificate. This system is similar to the one AAPD uses. Depending on the comments received, the Annual Meeting Committee will decide whether these changes should be continued.

A number of programs were recorded and will be placed on the CSPD's OCE site as soon as the editing is completed. These newly recorded programs include:

- "New Trends in Dental Caries Management and Restoration Including Non-invasive Treatments"
- Presented by: Dr. Jung-Wei Chen
- "Silver Diamine Fluoride, the Science and Clinical Evidence"
- Presented by: Dr. Jung-Wei Chen
- "Rethinking Formocresol Pulpotomy in Primary Molars...What Else is Out There?"
- Presented by: Dr. Daniela Rodrigues Pereira da Silva
- "Keynote: Tooth Decay and Liver Decay – The Nexus of Physicians and Dentists"
- Presented by: Dr. Robert H. Lustig

Also available in the CSPD's website [Latest News](#) are photos taken at the meeting. Enjoy!

CSPD and CDA were successful in correcting mistakes on DBC's Online BreZE System regarding OCS Permit Renewal

If you have recently reapplied for a Dental License and an Oral Conscious Sedation (OCS) for Minor Patients Permit, you might be surprised with a statement saying, **"No more than 3.5 CE hours can be completed through home study or other non-live instruction."** It goes on to say, **"Interactive courses such as live videoconferencing, live lecture and live workshop demonstrations may be used for all of the required units except for Basic Life Support course."** This is the first time any of us who follow California CE requirements have read about limiting acceptable **OCS permit reapplication credits** to only half from online CE sources. The "only half from online sources" refers to the total CE requirements. Dr. Paul Reggiardo has sent an excellent letter to the DBC about this problem asking for a written clarification. Since this issue affects other CDA members with OCS permits, CDA joined in with CSPD to have this incorrect statement removed from the BreZE system.

In the meantime, CSPD has received a request for a refund from one OCE user saying that non-live CE was not acceptable. We also noticed that a private company that promotes their own sedation lectures has used this incorrect statement as a ploy to sell their live lectures. Incorrect information has its own life!

Mary McCune is a *Regulatory Analyst/Advocate* for CDA and has been extremely helpful following up with this matter. The following is a quote from her letter:

"I checked in with the Executive Officer and DBC legal counsel during the past few weeks and have received confirmation that the 50% distance learning threshold requirements will only be applied to the total number of units required to renew a license and not additionally to individual unit requirements for permits. This means that the CSPD OCS distance/online courses provided to licensees are in compliance with current laws and regulations."

"DBC staff is aware of this corrected interpretation and will be reflected in any CE audits (FYI, no licensees were cited for this incorrect interpretation in the past). The problematic message Dr. Reggiardo found on the BreZE website will be removed, although I do not have a timeframe on that. Unfortunately, there is a long backlog of system change requests from the dental board to the BreZE IT department, so it may be a matter of months before the notification is changed. If CSPD or CSPD members have any trouble related to this issue with the dental board in the future, please let me know."

CSPD's OCE knows how much leaving this incorrect statement would have affected CSPD's bottom line and appreciate our friends who helped in this matter. They are, Paul Reggiardo, Mary McCune, Gayle Mathe and Richard Sobel. Our website editor has also offered to help with editing the BreZE website if their backlog persists.

Earlier CSPD Bulletins added to Website

With the help of Dr. Lonnie Lovingier, the earlier *Bulletins* were copied and are added to the archived *Bulletin* collection in the Members Only section. I invite all our members to read and enjoy some of these classic *Bulletins*.

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IT'S TIME TO TAKE OUR PROFESSION BACK

— Dr. Kristine Grazioso

DENTISTRY AS A PROFESSION IS UNDERGOING MAJOR CHANGES. UNLESS EACH DENTIST IS AWARE OF THIS, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY GETS INVOLVED, WE WILL BE LEFT WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Gone will be the days of the independent private practice and the close doctor-patient relationships that have been formed. We dentists need to do what we can to preserve these very important aspects of our profession.

It is my belief that the Dental Service (Support) Organization (DSO) model is in direct conflict with the best interests of our patients, our staff members, and us. Many dentist owners could likely sell their practices to a corporate entity and make a large profit, but they have chosen not to do this because they care too much about their employees and their patients and believe that those relationships are worth far more than individual profit. "It is imperative that treatment decisions are only made by a dentist who is acting in the best interest of his or her patients and is not subject to the bottom line of a corporate manager" wrote pediatric dentist Bernard Larson in *The Seattle Times*.¹ Anecdotally, I have yet to meet a dentist in Massachusetts who has worked for a DSO that has much positive things to say. Most transition as soon as they can to a more independent style of practicing, whether they open a new practice or purchase an existing one, or associate with an independent group practice. Unfortunately, our dental schools promote the DSO model as a way for new graduates to help pay off their astronomical educational debt, and some new dentists have no idea that there are other options. Those of us in independent private practices need to be more proactive in mentoring these young graduates in order to teach them how our profession has historically functioned.

The corporatization of medicine is nearly complete, but the same is not true for dentistry. In most states, the corporate model has not yet taken over in a significant way. According to the ADA's Health Policy Institute in 2016, nationally 61.2% of dental offices were solo practitioners, 36% were non-DSO group practices, and 3.8% were DSO affiliated solo or group practices.²

There are some problematic issues in the DSO model. Dr. Michael Davis notes that there are a number of DSOs that have already failed, and that financing issues are becoming a problem. He speculates that it could be the large private equity owned DSOs that survive as they overtake the mid and small DSO market.³ There are also the very important legal considerations. "Federal lawmakers and state regulators are trying to determine whether a popular dental practice model funded by Wall Street is having a destructive influence on dentistry in the U.S." writes Jim Du Molin in a recent

The *Wealthy Dentist* blog.⁴ It will be interesting to see how this all turns out, and we should all stay tuned!

Independent dentists have the opportunity to resist the fate of our physician colleagues, who are now mostly employed by hospital corporations and have lost their independence in the way they practice medicine. Dentists must have a strong unified voice to resist corporate influence in our profession, not only from the DSO model but also from the influence of dental benefit companies. Third parties should never be able to dictate treatment and interfere with the doctor-patient relationship. Dentistry at its core is about delivering safe, high quality health care services focused on a patient's needs and health concerns. Disrupting this very important relationship is counter to everything we hold sacred in our profession.

If you are interested in joining a group of private practicing dentists in Massachusetts and other states in our quest to remain independent, please consider becoming a member of the Association of Independent Doctors, www.aid-us.org which has recently formed the first national dental chapter and has written a few articles on dentists' behalf⁵, or visit www.madentists.org to learn about the organization we developed to advocate for our profession and our patients on the state level. Our future depends on all of us!

Kristine Grazioso, DMD is a private practicing pediatric dentist on the South Shore of Boston. She has been advocating for our profession and the patients we serve with the AAPD and her state organizations for many years. She is a founding member of the MA Dentist Alliance for Quality Care and remains involved at the Massachusetts Dental Society.

¹<https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/dentists-prioritizing-patient-care-over-corporate-dentistry/>

²HPI analysis of the ADA masterfile and the Association of Dental Support Organizations (ADSO) membership list. Based on data from 2016.

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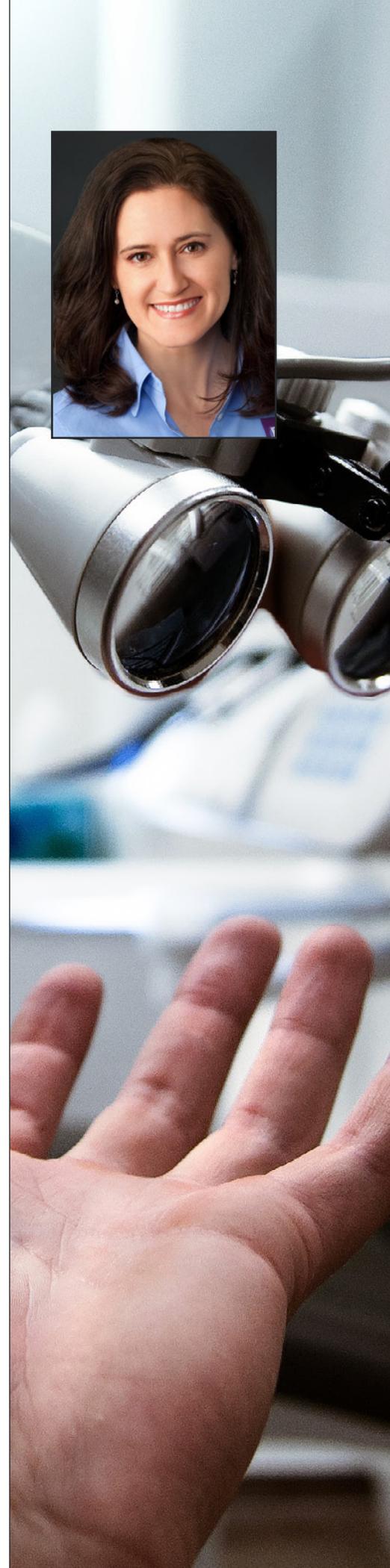
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PEDIATRIC DENTISTS AND CURES 2.0 REGULATIONS

Dr. Gila C. Doroskar

- If you have a DEA number, you must register for CURES. Use this link: <https://oag.ca.gov/cures>
- Beginning October 2, 2018, all licensees authorized to prescribe, order, administer, furnish or dispense controlled substances in California must, with some exceptions, check a patient's prescription history in CURES 2.0 before prescribing a Schedule II-IV substance.
- CURES 2.0 aids prescribers and dispensers in identifying fraudulent activity and is intended to reduce prescription drug abuse and diversion without affecting legitimate medical practice or patient care.
- Examples of Schedule II-IV drugs sometimes used in pediatric dentistry are Demerol, Tylenol with Codeine, Valium and Versed.
- **A dental provider is exempt from consulting CURES when using sedative agents for treatment in their place of practice or as part of a surgical procedure as long as the agents do not exceed a non-refillable, 5-day supply.**
- **A dental provider is exempt from consulting CURES if the prescription is limited to a 5 day, non-refillable supply of the controlled substance.**
- A study published in the November 2015 Pediatrics journal, "Prescription Opioids in Adolescence and Future Opioid Misuse," found that early exposure to prescription opioids can lead to future opioid misuse among adolescents who have little drug experience and disapprove of illegal drug use. Eliminating first exposure within this vulnerable group (usually following third molar extractions) may have a substantial potential to reduce future opioid misuse among these individuals, according to the study.
- Researchers have concluded that the most effective pain relief with the fewest side effects comes from a combination of ibuprofen (Advil and other brands) with acetaminophen (Tylenol). No opioid or opioid-containing medicine or any other combination of drugs was more effective.
- Bottom line is that we should register for CURES 2.0 if we have a DEA number, be aware of the rules and exemptions, and know how and when to use the ibuprofen/acetaminophen combination pain medications.
- An outstanding resource and comprehensive explanation of CURES 2.0 and the opioid crisis in the United States can be found online in the September 2018 issue of the CDA Update. This CURES fact sheet is another good resource: <https://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/pdmp/cures-mandatory-use.pdf>



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MOTIONS

Recorded October 11, 2018.

- **Schmitt:** Motion to approve the Agenda for today's Board meeting. **Motion carried.**
- **Tavana:** Motion to approve the Agenda. **Motion carried.**
- **Nichols:** Motion to approve the July 14, 2018 Board Minutes. **Motion carried.**
- **Mansour:** Move to provide funding for the Executive Director for the opportunity to attend the AAPD Leadership Summit and PPA Workshop biennially. **Motion carried. (2 Nays)**
- **Guijon:** Move to send a CSPD delegation comprised of the Executive Director, President, President Elect, and Public Policy Advocate to the biennial AAPD Leadership Summit and PPA Workshop with a budget line item of up to \$1,500 per person. **Motion carried.**
- **Dorostkar:** Move to approve the Constitution & Bylaws Committee's proposed revisions to the CSPD membership categories and dues structure to mirror the membership categories and dues structure of AAPD. **Motion failed.**
- **Dorostkar:** Move to approve the Constitution & Bylaws Committee's proposed revisions to the CSPD membership categories and dues structure to mirror the membership categories and dues structure of AAPD. **Motion failed.**
- **Schmitt:** Move to accept the Treasurer and Finance Committee Report as submitted. **Motion carried.**
- **Mansour:** Move to appropriate the critical response protocol and contact list under the Patient Services Committee, and allow the Patient Services Committee to develop a description for the Administrative Policy and Procedure Manual subject to discussion and approval by the Board. **Motion carried.**



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