



Fall 2019

Special Care
DENTISTRY
ASSOCIATION



I hope this message finds you well and you are enjoying fall.

I am pleased to provide you with the following updates:

I. Geriatric Dentistry

At the 2019 American Dental Association (ADA) Annual Session, the House of Delegates considered a report submitted by the ADA's Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL) that had been prepared in response to Resolution 83-2018 from the previous year's House of Delegates regarding the feasibility of establishing accreditation standards for advanced education programs in geriatric dentistry. In response to the report, the ADA House adopted the following resolution:

69H-2019. Resolved, that the findings of the feasibility study conducted by the Council on Dental Education and Licensure be provided to the Special Care Dentistry Association for its consideration in pursuing an accreditation process and accreditation standards for advanced education programs in geriatric dentistry by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

On September 26, 2019, Dr. Linda Niessen, Chair of the ADA's Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL) contacted SCDA President Dr. David Miller informing him of the House's action and providing him the report and findings of feasibility study. The entire subject was discussed at length at the meeting of the SCDA Board of Directors on October 20, 2019.

In particular, the SCDA Board considered possibly expanding the breadth of its response to include the accreditation of advanced education programs in special care dentistry as well. However, the Board also considered CDEL's determination "...that because Resolution 83 specifically addressed the feasibility of development of accreditation process and accreditation standards for advanced education programs in geriatric dentistry, the response to the House of Delegates should remain focused on the accreditation of geriatric dentistry programs."

With that in mind, the board concluded the focus should be limited to geriatric dentistry at this time. Moreover, the Board felt that should this effort be successful, it would provide a useful road map for accreditation of advanced education programs in special care dentistry in the future.

Accordingly, the SCDA Board of Directors adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Council on Geriatric Dentistry of the Special Care Dentistry Association (SCDA) formulate an ad hoc committee limited to SCDA members only, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and be it further

Resolved that the ad hoc committee be charged with reviewing in detail, the feasibility study developed by American Dental Association's Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL) as outlined in ADA Resolution 69H-2019; and be it further

Resolved that upon completion of its review, a final report with recommendations be submitted to the Board of Directors for its consideration no later than January 15, 2020.

Dr. Leonardo Marchini, Chair Council of Geriatric Dentistry submitted the proposed composition of the Ad-hoc Committee to the SCDA Board. The Board has approved the composition. Dr. Ron Ettinger will serve as the Chair and Dr. Leonardo Marchini

as Vice-Chair. See below for complete list of committee members and consultants.

The committee will now begin its charge as outlined in the above resolution.

A successful roadmap in geriatric dentistry will move us closer to our goals of developing CODA approved residency programs for persons with disabilities.

II. Possible geriatric accreditation and the response to new CODA requirements for training dental students to treat patients with special needs are two examples of SCDA's proactive approach to solving challenges in oral health care for our patients

III. Thanks to Dr. Steve Beestra and the Program Committee, planning for the 2020 Annual Meeting in San Diego is going well with an exciting program being fueled by a record number of abstracts received. Get an inside look at the program in this Filling.

IV. Congratulations to SCDA Vice President Stephanie Munz on her appointment as the Swartz Professor of Integrated Special Care Dentistry at The University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

V. Membership renewal invoices will be going out shortly. I encourage you to renew your membership and support SCDA as we continue our promise to make SCDA the recognized go to organization to lead, learn, and innovate how to better serve our patients with special needs.

VI. The Board of Directors met in Chicago on October 19-20, where a half day was spent on a strategy meeting for the new decade. It was led by Jeff De Cagne, Executive Advisor from Foresight First LLC. Specific future work plan items were identified and details are forthcoming soon.

These are exciting times for SCDA! Thank you for your support and commitment to SCDA and your dedication to our special patients. Together, we will continue to make a difference.

Regards,

David

The Ad-Hoc Committee Members have been appointed by the SCDA Board.
They are:

Ronald Ettinger, Chair
Leonardo Marchini, Vice Chair
Judith Jones
Roseann Mulligan
Janet Yellowitz
Karin Arsenault
Lisa Hou
Phuu Han
Jennifer Hartshorn

Consultants:
University of Minnesota: Steve Shuman
Apple Tree Dental: Michael Helgerson
Boston University: Joe Calabrese, Paula
Friedman, Kady Rawal
Harvard University: Lisa A. Thompson
University of Rochester: Ralph Saunders
SCDA Board: Robert Peskin
SCDA Board: Samuel Zwetchkenbaum
SCDA Board: David J, Miller
University of Kentucky: Robert Henry
Nova Southeastern University: Lina
Niessen
University of Michigan: Elisa Ghezzi
UTHealth School of Dentistry at
Houston: June Sadowsky
University of Florida Gainesville: Alex
Ruprecht
(Canadian Representative) University of
British of Columbia : Chris Wyatt



An Inside look at The 32nd Annual Meeting on Special Care Dentistry

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Special Care Dentistry Annual meeting. After a long winter of shoveling snow and cold weather, your visit to sunny, warm, and beautiful

San Diego on April 3 -5, 2020 will allow you to network with your peers, learn new skills, and thaw.

After a record number of abstract submissions, this year's planning committee is tasked to create a program that is both educational, informative, and pertinent to your daily work activities. The keynote, Max Bramer, Steve Gordon, and the Diplomate board speakers are identified (more to come on these speakers in future fillings) and they promise to entertain and inform. Our abstract submitters included international presenters, nationally renowned health care providers, academic providers, innovative service providers, residents, and students. Spanish language sessions return for its second year. It will feature prominent national and international lecturers, including SCDA editor Pedro diz-Dios, who has authored numerous articles and books in special care.

The Council of Hospital Dentistry and the ABCSD (Diplomate) Board have arranged for two three-hour courses. The first course features a comprehensive health care team that will present the latest information on cardiac devices (TAVRs, Mitral clips...) and treatment along with advances in cardiac assist devices (VADs) and transplantation. The course will also discuss the implications and management of these patients by the dental profession. The second course will focus on the planning and management of the head and neck oncology patients. These sessions will include experts from head and neck surgery, medical oncology, radiation oncology, and hospital dentistry who will discuss the newest and latest treatment techniques and their impact on oral care.

Registration will open in late November. Also, a special poster abstract submission portal will open in December for two weeks for students and residents. It is wonderful to see all the outstanding work they do and allows you to highlight your programs. Oh, by the way, it's always 70 and sunny in San Diego in April, see you there!

Stephanie Munz appointed as the Swartz Professor of Integrated Special Care Dentistry



Congratulations to SCDA Vice President Stephanie Munz who was appointed to a five-year renewable term as the Swartz Professor of Integrated Special Care Dentistry at The University of Michigan School of Dentistry. Stephanie is a clinical associate professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Hospital Dentistry. She is associate chair of Hospital Dentistry and director of its General Practice Residency Program. As the Swartz Professor, she will lead an educational and clinical program that prepares dental and dental hygiene students for collaborative practice and treatment protocols for patients with special needs.

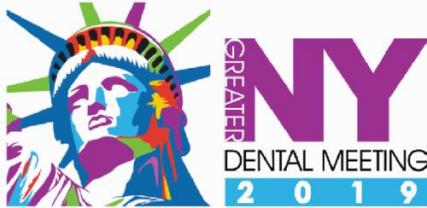
Dr. Brent Ward, chair of the OMFS/Hospital Dentistry department, in his nomination letter, cited her leadership of the General Practice Residency, her mentorship of both residents and DDS students, her skill in teaching various courses, her ongoing research and her interprofessional collaboration across the campus and the country. "As a clinician, Stephanie demonstrates consistent patient-centered care," he said. "Her clinical interests align well with the intent of the professorship: She expertly cares for a wide variety of patients ranging from those requiring oral optimization before cardiac surgery, organ transplantation, systemic or head and neck cancer therapies, dental emergencies, clefts and other craniofacial anomalies, cognitive and physical impairments, and mental illnesses, to name a few."



Application Deadlines for Diplomate is February 1, 2020

Becoming a Diplomate in Special Care Dentistry is a great way to be recognized for the classes you have taken, the training received, the research done, the programs developed, and most importantly the people you have helped by practicing Special Care Dentistry.

The Diplomate certification examination for dentists is the only standardized certification exam currently offered to test the knowledge, skills, and abilities of special care dental professionals. The Diplomate exam is an objective examination consisting of 100 multiple-choice questions. Candidates will have a total of four hours to complete this exam. [The Candidate Handbook is on our website.](#) Applications must be postmarked by **February 1, 2020**. Incomplete applications and applications received after the postmark deadline may be subject to additional fees or review



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PRESENTER: TERRY E. GRANT, D.M.D., D.A.B.S.C.D., F.A.S.G.D.

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