NEWSLETTER OF APRIL, 2020



#### **NEXT SCDS MEETING:**

Sadly we are unable to meet in person, BUT we're excited to announce our scheduled speaker will present the course via a Zoom Webinar.

#### DATE:

Wed., April 15th, 2020

#### TIME:

1:00PM—2:00PM WEBINAR — 1 Credit

#### **SPEAKER:**

Alan Yassin, DDS, MS, MSD

**COURSE:** Dental Implants Delayed Complications & Peri-Implantitis "Diagnosis & Management."

This lecture will discuss the possible delayed complications in dental implants after receiving the restoration. A thorough discussion about post loading complications and peri-implantitis onset and treatment.

# View full course details and speaker bio on our website:

www.scdentists.org & click on our Calendar of Events.

We are offering this course in partnership with the WAGD, UW School of Dentistry, Seattle-King County Dental Society, & Pierce County Dental Society, as part of the Stay Home, Stay Healthy CE. The UW will email CE certificates after the course.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
To participate in this Zoom meeting you'll need to register in advance. You can find the registration link on our SCDS website calendar, and it will also be emailed out. Invite your hygienists too!
Free CE for All!

#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER — By Dr. Alexis Apatoff

While my letters to you are usually challenging to write, this one has been the hardest. Over the last few weeks, we have seen our profession come to a virtual stand-still and many dentists have had to make some very difficult decisions. Employees had to be furloughed, including employee dentists. These decisions have likely not even been considered before for most people, let alone at a scale such as this.

Every practice is different and the decision making process will not be the same for us all, but we all are facing the same challenges. First, we are mandated to treat emergencies only, which is certainly not enough to pay the bills through this crisis. Second, with very little scientific data on the behavior of the COVID-19 virus, we have to consider greater protections for ourselves and our team if we do treat patients. Third, as leaders in our offices (whether we are owners or employees), we must mentally support not only ourselves and our families through this difficult time, but also our team members. Though this is not an exhaustive list of the challenges we are facing, we all are feeling a very heavy burden.

I want to assure our members that we are being advocated for at all of our tripartite levels. The ADA, WSDA, and SCDS are doing everything they can to help. In addition, there are many organizations that are offering live and recorded webinars not only regarding the COVID-19 outbreak, but also just regular old dental stuff (remember that?!). Right now is a great opportunity to get some CE hours in and keep your dental skills sharp.

We are members of a great profession. Our care and concern for our team members and patients often overshadows the care we give to ourselves, even in the best of times. I can't tell you stop worrying; I certainly have had no shortage of anxiety of my own recently, but I can encourage you to take care of yourself. Exercise, meditate, and seek out virtual mental health support. We are in this together and if we continue to support one another, we will make it out the other side with a renewed commitment to providing oral health care for our communities.

#### **Important Notice about SCDS NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS**

Our dental society's annual elections normally take place at the April General meeting each year. Because we are unable to meet due to COVID-19, we'll be emailing a ballot to members via Survey Monkey. With one candidate nominated for each position, your SCDS Executive Committee recommends voting FOR the ballot as it stands. Please watch for the emailed survey and respond promptly. If you don't see ballot by April 15th, please email info@scdentists.org to request one. THANK YOU TO OUR NOMINATED CANDIDATES:

Officers:

President: Dr. B. Ardi Pribadi
President-Elect: Dr. Daniel Brady

**Secretary:** Dr. Clio Samia-Lindenauer **Treasurer:** Dr. Andrew Sholudko (thru 5/22)

Past-President: Dr. Alexis Apatoff

**Committee Members**: (2 year terms)

Dr. Nicholas Conley (thru 5/21),

Dr. Jennifer Chan (thru 5/22)

Dr. Ji Won Gwak (thru 5/22)

Dr. Tania Tran (thru 5/22)

Dr. Allan Wattimena (thru 5/22)

WSDA Delegates: (3 year terms) Dr. Naghmeh Izadi (2020), Dr. Greg Fjeran (2020), Dr. Michael Whelan (2020), Dr. Bruce Hawley (2021), Dr. Daniel Brady (2020—one yr as Pres-Elect), Dr. Andrew Sholudko (2022).

watch for the emailed Survey Monkey ballot!

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## Save the Date! SCDS Annual Gala

& Staff Appreciation Night Thurs. November 12th 5:30PM-8:30PM at the Lynnwood Convention Ctr.

We'll all be long ready for some fun entertainment! Entertainment is Comedy **Hypnotist Justin James** who has become one of the most requested Hypnotists in America. Justin puts on a hilarious show filled with side splitting Laughter. Comments heard after the show, have ranged from "absolutely amazing" to "I have seen every major comic in America perform and nothing is a funny as this!"

Watching your friend or coworker become a famous movie star and start parading through the crowd or seeing a loved one pick up their shoe and have a conversation with it, is gutbusting funny to see!

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#### YOUR SCDS OFFICERS:

President Dr. Alexis Apatoff Pres-Elect Dr. B. Ardi Pribadi Secretary Dr. Daniel Brady

Treasurer Dr. Shahin Etemadi Past-President: Dr. Peter Pellegrini

#### **Executive Committee:**

Dr. Nicholas Conley

Dr. Jennifer Heming

Dr. Jennifer Meader

Dr. Clio Samia-Lindenauer

Dr. Andrew Sholudko

#### **Executive Director**

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## **CLASSIFIEDS**

Mid-town Everett practice for sale. 4 operatories. Easy access with on-site parking. Legacy practice - This location has been a dental office for over 60 years. Practice for sale has been at this location since 1988. If interested in learning more, call Rod Johnston at OMNI (877) 866-6053.

■Need help with your high fear patients? I have treated over 4000 patients with IV Sedation. I am local, flexible and can accommodate your schedule. You can also refer your patient if you choose not to treat them. Aubrey Carter Jr., DDS (425)501-9555.

■10% Off Handpiece Repair for SCDS Members. NO NEED TO MAIL OR WAIT FOR HANDPIECE REPAIR — We come to you! We're MOBILE — Best Service and Prices, serving Snohomish County and surrounding areas. Campbell's Handpiece Rescue, Call (425)303-9822.

■Looking tor an Associate or to find an Associate position? Or to Buy/Sell A practice? Or for Employees? Or coverage for vacation or medical leave?

Be sure to let Judy at the SCDS office know as we are

often a first point of contact and would love to make connections. Remember, you can also post on our Society's Facebook page. Just the basics, never specifics of pay or benefits. If you haven't joined our FB page yet, just visit our website for the link or search our name on FB.

# BE WELL EVERYONE!

See you soon.

If you have a question you're not finding an answer to, be sure to contact the SCDS office and we'll help get an answer.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶The WA State Secretary of Health has extended health profession license expiration dates for licenses up for renewal between April 1 and September 30, 2020. This extension will allow health professionals to focus on patient care and promote continued patient safety during the COVID-19 outbreak. Because renewal payment won't be required until September 30, 2020, it will also reduce the economic burden on those providers not able to work during this emergency. See details at doh.wa.gov or the post on our FB page.
- ▶ BLS & First Aid Courses Cancelled: The April SCDS courses have been cancelled due to COVID-19 closure of venues. Full refunds have been issued. We are waiting for an answer from WA State Dept. of Health on 90+ day grace periods for expiring cards, which the national testing agencies have already granted.
- ▶HELP AVAILABLE to navigate the COVID-19 issues—Whether you are a practice owner or employee dentist, there's a treasure trove of info that's being updated daily to help you including answers to questions you might not even have considered. Check back regularly at: www.ada.org/virus and www.wsda.org/covid-19. And take advantage of all the FREE CE we are offering as partners with the WAGD, UWSOD, and other Societies in the state. We truly are all stronger together as a dental community. So much info can be overwhelming, but these sites can help. Keep checking back and be sure to ask if our Society can help get answers you need.
- ▶ REMINDER: Help Snohomish County Dental Foundation Earn Cash!
- 1) Fred Meyer Community Rewards Take 2 minutes to link your Rewards card and earn a donation for our Foundation every time you shop. Go to www.fredmeyer.com/community rewards search by our name or non-profit #UJ743 This is an easy way to support our Foundation!

#### 2) SHOP www.Smile.Amazon.com

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THANK YOU FOR BEING AN SCDS MEMBER!