

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello everyone,



My name is **B. Ardi Pribadi** and I am your new 2020-21 Snohomish County Dental Society President. When I graduated dental school in '05 from UOP, I had absolutely no idea that a pandemic of this magnitude would affect us so forcefully. The SARS epidemic of '03 was only an afterthought in microbiology class but it was important enough for us to be mindful of infection control. Some of you may remember a time where “wet-finger dentistry” was the norm and had to adjust to new infection control guidelines; we dentists are a resilient bunch and adaptive and we will come out of this dark time much better and stronger than we had ever been.

I want to briefly thank Alexis Apatoff and Judy Bangs for their hard work and long hours leading the SCDS during this pandemic and working with the WSDA, ADA, DOH and DQAC in representing each and every one of you and allowing your voices to be heard. Your membership in the tripartite is never more important and never more appreciated than it is right now. Your membership dues were vital in petitioning the ADA to push for dentistry inclusion in the CARES Act, obtaining PPE in our wildly successful PPE drive and is currently at work negotiating with DOSH (WISHA) regarding the mandatory wear and fit testing of N95 masks. So, thank you for your continued membership to our organization and helping us benefit each other.

Normally this newsletter would be in your mailbox right now but times have changed and we are moving forward to a new digital age. Our website www.scdentists.org is very much active and should be first resource for all things dentistry in the Snohomish County. Also, if you haven't yet joined our SCDS Facebook page you can do so [here](#).