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What's Up? SBVCDS Events

Day/Date	Event/Speaker	Fee
Apr 5	Shred Day - Santa Barbara (Call to Register).....	\$10 a box
Apr 16	CPR Renewal - Hybrid Course.....	\$60
May 21	CPR Renewal - Hybrid Course.....	\$60
May 31	CE - Dr. Marc Geissberger @ Oxnard Marriott - Call to sign up ...	\$185
Jun 18	CPR Renewal - Hybrid Course.....	\$60
Jul 12	MBD: IC/DPA & CPR Renewal @ Oxnard Marriott	\$75

We also offer monthly Radiology Safety Certification courses – Call for details

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Daniel Nobel, DDS
President 2024, SBVCDS

Dear distinguished members of the Santa Barbara Ventura County Dental Society,

I hope this letter finds each of you in good health and high spirits. I am delighted to share with you some of the exciting developments that have taken place within our dental society since my last communication.

Revamped and more purposeful communications: We have recently completed relaunching our sbvcds.org website. The new web site should make access to resources the dental society provides more available. Past issues of the Island View newsletter, job listings, calendar of events and so much more! Also, we have heard from many of you that email communications are getting lost in your over-stuffed inboxes. We have made some backend changes to prevent communications from getting placed in the wrong categorization but also encourage you all to add your personal email addresses so you can get your communications directly. Make sure to add the dental society on Instagram & Facebook and interact to ensure that you receive the latest news when it is happening.

Refreshing / renewing our continuing education opportunities: One of our primary goals has been to expand and diversify our continuing education offerings. I am pleased to report that we have successfully organized a calendar of exciting in person continuing education meetings covering a wide range of topics, from the latest advancements in dental technology to best practices in patient care. We have a slate of outstanding speakers and experts in their fields coming and are committed to further expanding these educational opportunities in the coming months. In addition, we have also added free online CE courses on our website for learning opportunities on your own schedule.

Legislation and policy: CDA's legislative efforts have been critical in advocating for dentists and dental care in California as well as the nation. Our recent successful resolution to limit insurance companies' ability to unilaterally decide to sign up dentists for virtual credit cards has been introduced as SB 1369 in our California legislature. Once ratified and implemented, this policy advocated and introduced by SBVDS members, will hopefully eliminate a significant administrative nuisance for many of our practices. Proposals for new resolutions are due soon, so we encourage any of our members who would like to "be the change" to reach out and see how we can be a positive force for our profession and community.

As we reflect on these achievements, it is important to recognize that none of this would have been possible without the dedication and support of our members past and present. Passion, expertise, and commitment to excellence of individuals coming together are the driving forces behind our success, and I am deeply grateful to be a part of a team that are so inspired. We are always looking for members who are eager to look for a role, big or small, to help guide positive change in our communities.

Looking ahead, there is much more work to be done, and I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. Together, we will continue to strive for excellence in all that we do and remain steadfast in our mission to advance the field of dentistry and improve the oral health of our communities.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication. Here's to a bright and prosperous future for us all.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Nobel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daniel Nobel, DDS
President 2024, SBVCDS

BOARD OF COMPONENT RELATIONS REPORT

April 2024



Lisa E. Beck-Uhl, DDS

Dear Colleagues,

Happy Spring! I hope you are all enjoying the longer days, as I have been. My husband and our dog and I have been enjoying walks in the beautiful green hills of our Santa Barbara-Ventura component.

My BCR Committee (Board of Component Representatives), one member for each of the 32 Components in CDA, met in Sacramento in January. This meeting was a joint meeting with the CDA Board of Directors, designed to help the BCR members convey to the CDA Board what is happening in the dental world of each CDA component, and where our component could use the help of CDA. They had us set up at several round tables, and each table had at least one CDA Board member. My table included Bob Hanlon, our CDA Secretary, and Max Martinez, a CDA Board Director, seated with myself and a few other BCR members. I had met both Bob and Max at previous CDA and ADA events, but both of them went out of their way to be welcoming to us BCR members. There definitely seems to be a different feel under the leadership of Carliza Marcos, our new CDA President, who practices in San Marcos, and I greatly appreciated it. Last year's joint board meeting felt like the BCR members were only invited because the new leadership structure required a joint meeting.

So, it feels like CDA is really doing its best to serve our 27,000 member dentists, in various communities and practice modalities. One focus area is reaching out better to early career dentists, starting with making relationships at the Dental School level. One of CDA's current members on the Board of Directors is Dr. Nader Nadersahi, the Dean of UOP's Dental School in San Francisco, where my favorite student intern is in her 2nd year of dental school. CDA is also helping components train dental assistants, and continuing the ongoing battle to make insurance work for dentists and patients.

Thank you for letting me know how CDA can serve you and your practice better.

Lisa

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COVER STORY:

CDA-SPONSORED BILL PROTECTS CALIFORNIA DENTISTS FROM PREDATORY VIRTUAL CREDIT CARDS

DENTAL PLAN PAYMENTS WITH PROCESSING FEES COULD NO LONGER BE THE DEFAULT METHOD UNDER THE BILL

CDA this week made the next move in its broad-reaching, long-term campaign for dental benefit plan reform with the introduction of sponsored legislation for 2024.

Following last year's two successful CDA-sponsored bills that provide increased consumer protections, require review of premiums charged by plans in certain cases and require plans to disclose whether they are state or federally regulated, CDA's newest legislation, SB 1369 by Senator Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara), addresses another top concern for member dentists across the state: dental plans' coercive collection of fees associated with virtual credit card payments.

Chiefly, the new bill seeks to reduce the predatory practices of dental plans and virtual credit card companies, requiring that the plans and the VCC companies provide a clear and easy process for opting in and out of VCC payments to ensure dentists receive the full payment for dental services they provide.

DENTISTS PAY UP TO 10% PER TRANSACTION WITH NO GUARANTEED OPT-OUT

Dental practices that accept virtual credit card payments, which are issued by third-party companies in contract with dental benefit plans, commonly pay service fees of up to 10% per transaction on every payment the dental plan owes them. Dentists are paying not only the standard merchant transaction fee imposed for processing the payment through the practice's credit card terminal but also additional processing fees of 2% to 5% charged by the virtual credit card companies.

While dental practices can opt out of VCC services, the opt-out process is not often easy – and not always permanent. VCC companies have been known to reinstitute the payment method with its excessive fees after the provider opts out – even as soon as the next owed payment. VCC payments in many cases become the default payment method.

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Yet, requesting an alternative payment method can delay receipt of that payment, waste administrative staff time and create challenges for office accounting.

These predatory practices ultimately increase the dental office's overhead costs by requiring staff to spend more hours repeatedly opting out of VCC payments or often making the choice to accept the VCC payment with the high fees to keep the practice running most efficiently.

Dental offices' increased overhead can in turn delay or affect patients' access to care due to reduced office hours and limited scheduling.

DENTISTS SHOULDN'T BE 'DEFAULTED INTO PAYMENT METHODS THAT NICKEL AND DIME THEM'

"Providers and dental plans agree to contracts that set the fees the plans will pay and the providers will accept for different procedures," said CDA President Carliza Marcos, DDS. "Dentists are entitled to fully understand and opt in to a payment method that includes these types of fees rather than being defaulted into payment methods that nickel and dime them."

CDA's sponsored bill would solve the problem by:

- Mandating that any payment to a provider that includes a process fee cannot be the default payment method.
- Mandating that providers must opt in to the payment method via signature before the payment is sent.
- Requiring plans to provide notice of any fees associated with a particular payment method.
- Requiring plans to advise dentists of alternative methods of payment with clear instructions on how to select an alternative method.
- Requiring plans to notify dentists if its VCC vendor is sharing any part of the profit, fee arrangement or board composition with the plan.

"Coercive or sneaky tactics that lower the amounts paid to dentists while lining the pockets of third-party entities hurt providers and pull important dollars out of the health care system," Dr. Marcos said. "Our bill includes key mandates to prevent the use of these tactics and ensure dental practices know what fees they're paying, opt out of accepting a payment method with excessive fees and continue operating efficiently."

DENTAL PLAN REFORM: CDA'S LONG-TERM STRATEGY

SB 1369 follows CDA-sponsored AB 1048 and AB 952 signed into law last October by Gov. Gavin Newsom as part of CDA's multi-year, multi-pronged dental plan reform strategy that also includes legal action.

Over 15 years, CDA-sponsored bills have successfully required dental plans to be more transparent in their network leasing, required a uniform disclosure of dental benefits, prohibited plans from capping fees for noncovered procedures, required plans to notify contracted dentists of changes to coverage and fees and more. Read CDA's recap of dental plan reform legislation.

CDA will keep members updated on the latest bill's progress as it moves through the Legislature. Watch the newsroom and weekly member newsletter, Inside California Dentistry.

LIVE EVENTS SCHEDULE

2024

MAR
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DR. LANE OCHI
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NEW REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR MOST DENTAL PRACTICE OWNERS UNDER CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY ACT

Owners of dental practices and other small businesses with fewer than 20 employees are newly required to report their ownership information to the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network in compliance with the federal Corporate Transparency Act. The purpose of the bipartisan act, enacted with bipartisan support in 2021, is to curb illicit finance, such as money laundering, drug trafficking and corruption.

The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, or FinCEN, began accepting the reports, called beneficial ownership information reports, from employers at the start of the new year, but businesses that existed prior to 2024 and are currently operating have until Jan. 1, 2025, to submit the reports. Businesses that form in 2024 or subsequent years have 90 days from business creation or registration to comply with the reporting requirement.

Sole proprietors are not required to comply with the Corporate Transparency Act. Certain other entities, including government authorities, banks and public utilities, are exempt from the act's reporting requirements.

REPORTING IS OPEN NOW AND IS NOT AN ANNUAL REQUIREMENT

Business owners will only submit the beneficial ownership report one time unless they have a change of ownership, in which case they are required to file an updated report within 30 days after the date of ownership change.

Information required on the report includes the owner's name, date of birth, address and identifying number and

issuer of a permitted form of official identification.

Current dental practice owners can take steps now to learn more about the requirement and submit a report. Use these resources:

- **Beneficial Ownership Information:** File a required report online through the website of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.
- **FinCEN's FAQ on the Corporate Transparency Act's reporting requirement:** Get details on the reporting requirements and process, qualifying exemptions, how to submit an updated report and more.
- **Dental Incorporations – What You Need to Know:** Understand all the considerations of forming a dental corporation. CDA's practice analyst updated the form in January 2024 to include information related to the Corporate Transparency Act. The resource also outlines the dental corporation's legal requirements and how the corporation differs from a sole proprietorship.

BE AWARE OF FRAUDULENT ATTEMPTS TO SOLICIT INFORMATION

Dentists and other small-business filers should note that an alert posted on the FinCEN website reads: "FinCEN has been notified of recent fraudulent attempts to solicit information from individuals and entities who may be subject to reporting requirements under the Corporate Transparency Act." Filers are urged not to respond to any correspondence that asks recipients to click on a URL or scan a QR code.

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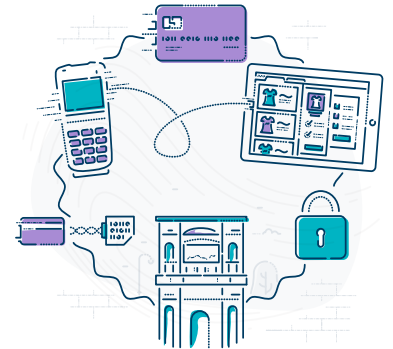
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DENTISTS MUST SCREEN PATIENTS FOR MEASLES, OTHER ATDS, BEFORE PROVIDING TREATMENT

As cases of the highly contagious but preventable measles viral infection increase across the U.S. due to delayed childhood vaccinations, CDA reminds dentists to subscribe to local public health alerts and of their responsibility to screen patients for measles and other aerosol-transmissible diseases before providing treatment.

California has confirmed four measles cases year-to-date as of March 13, which already matches the four cases for all of 2023 and exceeds the zero confirmed cases in 2022.

Stanislaus County last week reported its first case of measles – in an unvaccinated child who had traveled outside the country and returned with the infection. Earlier in March, UC Davis Medical Center confirmed measles in an unvaccinated child who also contracted the infection while outside the U.S.

In children, the risk of serious respiratory and neurologic complications requiring hospitalization is especially high, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention writes in its information for health care providers. People of all ages with compromised immune systems are also vulnerable.

SCREENING PATIENTS IN THE DENTAL OFFICE FOR SYMPTOMS, EXPOSURE

Dental office staff may use, but are not required to use, a form to screen patients for measles and other ATDs.

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Screening consists of observing patients for signs of illness and asking patients how they are feeling. If symptoms are observed or reported, staff should ask questions to determine if the individual should be at the practice. Staff can reasonably ask a patient or patient's parent about any recently completed international travel, for example. Patients with suspected or confirmed illness should be rescheduled.

CAL/OSHA AEROSOL TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASE REQUIREMENTS, EXEMPTION FOR DENTISTS

Cal/OSHA regulations require that health care providers follow specific exposure control processes for the flu, measles, chicken pox and other aerosol-transmissible diseases, but because dentists don't treat symptoms caused by ATDs and don't perform procedures that the CDC considers cough-inducing, dentists are "conditionally exempt" from those requirements if they comply with all four of these conditions:

1. The dental practice does not perform dental procedures on patients with aerosol ATDs or who are suspected ATD cases.
2. The dental practice's Injury and Illness Prevention Plan includes a written procedure for screening patients for ATDs that is consistent with current CDC guidelines for infection control in dental settings, and this procedure is followed before performing any dental procedure on a patient to determine whether the patient may present an ATD exposure risk.
3. Employees have been trained in the screening procedure.
4. Aerosol-generating dental procedures are not performed on a patient identified through the screening procedure as presenting a possible ATD exposure risk unless a licensed physician determines that the patient does not currently have an ATD.

CDA's member-only, customizable sample Injury and Illness Prevention Plan covers ATD screening and employee communications on related office policies to comply with No. 2 above.

Also, employee training can be incorporated easily into existing infection control or Cal/OSHA training and does not require a separate course dedicated to ATDs.

PATIENTS WHO PRESENT WITH MEASLES OR OTHER ATD SHOULD BE RESCHEDULED

CDA Regulatory Compliance analyst Teresa Pichay, CHPC, says since the COVID-19 pandemic, both patients and dental practice workers have been careful not to present at dental practices with flu-like symptoms.

Measles is characterized by high fever, malaise, cough, conjunctivitis and Koplik spots followed by a maculopapular rash that can be observed in patient screening. If a patient's ATD exposure risk is high due to recent international travel or the patient's or caregiver's vaccine hesitancy, dentists should ask if the patient currently has fever, severe cough, chills or other symptoms of an ATD.

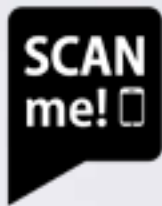
"In these cases, the patient should be rescheduled and can be treated once they no longer present a possible ATD exposure risk," Pichay says.

For all you need to comply, see CDA's member resource Cal/OSHA Regulation on Aerosol Transmissible Diseases.

Oxnard College Auxiliary Education



To assist us with preparing our graduates to meet the current needs of the dental industry, **please complete a very brief Employer Satisfaction Survey (SCAN QR BELOW)**. Your candid responses, which are anonymous and can't be tracked, are very much appreciated.



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WHAT'S NEW?

@ OXNARD COLLEGE

A Great Start to Their Career.

Thanks to the incredible support from the Santa Barbara Ventura County Dental Society the Oxnard College Dental Assisting Class of 2024 have received a great start to their new careers.

Working with Felipe from the SBVCDS our students were able to complete the additional 20 hours of didactic learning and 5 hours of clinical practice to earn their State of California Radiological Safety License (X-Ray License).

This important milestone is so important for our students when they venture out to their externship experiences. The ability to expose diagnostic radiographs is vital for their real world experiences

and helps them become a vital part of a successful dental health care team.

Celebrating this great accomplishment was Oxnard College Dean of Continuing Education Isaac Rodriguez-Lupercio, Director of Dental Technologies Susan McDonald, Dr. Raffi Najarian and Cynthia Flores RDH.

Upon graduation in May, most of our students will venture out into their new chosen careers while some will continue their education to be one of the first to earn a Bachelors of Science from Oxnard College Dental Hygiene program.

Thank You SBVCDS for your continued support of our vital programs





WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION: CAL/OSHA ISSUES ITS MODEL WVPP FORM AND GUIDANCE

Effective July 1, 2024, almost all California employers must establish, implement and maintain an “effective workplace violence prevention plan” (WVPP). For the full text of Senate Bill 553, [click here](#). Cal/OSHA has now issued a Model WVPP and provided additional guidance on this important topic.

MODEL WVPP FORM

As anticipated, Cal/OSHA has now issued a model WVPP form to assist employers in creating their WVPP.

Employers are not required to use this model WVPP and may create their own version instead. Employers opting to use Cal/OSHA’s model WVPP must enter their own worksite-specific information into the model WVPP to modify it to fit their operations and to ensure compliance with California Labor Code section 6401.9. The WVPP can be incorporated into the employer’s IIPP, or maintained as a separate document.

FACT SHEETS

Cal/OSHA has issued helpful fact sheets for general industry and agricultural employers and workers.

GENERAL REMINDERS FOR S.B. 553 REQUIREMENTS

Who is covered under S.B. 553?

The legislation covers virtually all employers with at least one or more employees, places of employment, and employer-provided housing and employees.

Is any employer exempted?

Yes. The following five employer categories are exempt:

1. Health care facilities (“HCFs”), service categories and operations (HCFs already have their own healthcare workplace violence regulations and plan requirements);
2. Facilities operated by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation;

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3. Certain law enforcement agencies;
4. Employees teleworking from a location of the employee's choice, which is not under the control of the employer; and
5. Places of employment where there are less than 10 employees working at the place at any given time and that are not accessible to the public.

Cal/OSHA can overrule these exemptions, but it would need to issue a special compliance order.

What do I have to do?

Covered employers must establish, implement and maintain an effective written WVPP. Employers must engage with employees and authorized employee representatives when developing and implementing their WVPP. The WVPP must be in writing and "available and easily accessible to employees, authorized employee representatives and representatives of the division [Cal/OSHA] at all times." Employers also must maintain a violent incident log, train employees on the WVPP and conduct regular effectiveness reviews of the WVPP.

When do I have to have my WVPP ready?

No later than July 1, 2024.

Once created, do I need to update it?

Yes. It must be reviewed annually. It also must be revised if a deficiency is observed or becomes apparent, after a workplace violence incident, or as needed.

Do I have to provide training?

Yes. You must provide employees with initial training when the plan is first established. Coverage topics include:

- The employer's plan, how to obtain a copy of the employer's plan at no cost, and how to participate in development and implementation of the employer's plan
- The definitions and requirements as spelled out in Labor Code Section 6401.9
- How to report workplace violence incidents or concerns to the employer or law enforcement without fear of reprisal
- Workplace violence hazards specific to the employees' jobs

- The corrective measures the employer has implemented
- How to seek assistance to prevent or respond to violence
- Strategies to avoid physical harm

Additional training on the WVPP must be provided when "... a new or previously unrecognized workplace violence hazard has been identified and when changes are made to the plan. The additional training may be limited to addressing the new workplace violence hazard or changes to the plan."

What kind of records are required?

For each workplace violence incident that occurs, employers must record information about the incident in a violent incident log. The log information, among other things, must include, "The date, time, and location of the incident, the workplace violence type or types ... involved in the incident" and "A detailed description of the event that includes ... information solicited from the employees who experienced the workplace violence, on witness statements, and on investigation findings." Be certain to "omit any element of personal identifying information sufficient to allow identification of any person involved in a violent incident."

How long should I keep WVPP-related documents?

It depends on the type of document: five years for: "records of workplace violence hazard identification, evaluation, and correction"; violent incident logs; and records of workplace violence incident investigations; and one year for training records (include training dates, contents or a summary of the training sessions, names and qualifications of persons conducting the training, and names and job titles of all persons attending the training sessions).

What can I expect next?

Cal/OSHA may issue FAQs on S.B. 553's requirements before the July 1, 2024 deadline. By December 1, 2025, Cal/OSHA must propose standards for the WVPP, and by December 31, 2026, the Cal/OSHA Standards Board must adopt such standards.

Because WVPP guidance continues to evolve, covered employers are encouraged to consult with competent OSHA counsel and workplace safety professionals to ensure full compliance with S.B. 553 by the July 1, 2024 deadline.

Source: LightGablerLaw.com



SBVCDS Member

POP-UP Socials!

If you've been looking for a fun, casual, no-reservation opportunity to just meet colleagues and make new friends at a no-host Happy Hour after work... then you will LOVE the SBVCDS member pop-up socials! These show up in varying locations - though primarily they will be in the most central parts of our component. BYOB, but don't be surprised if there might be pizza or appetizers waiting for you!

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3 CE Units - 9:00 to 1:00 Includes lunch at noon

This fast-paced program will introduce clinicians to multiple injection molding techniques and applications. Treatment planning and case selection for anterior esthetic cases, loss of vertical dimension cases, wear cases, and full mouth reconstruction will be reviewed. Focus will be placed on how to prepare for clinical cases using the injection molding method. Materials and armamentarium that lend themselves to injection molding will be explored. Proper bonding, placement and finishing techniques will be discussed and practiced.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand how injection molding fit into your clinical practice with step-by-step techniques
- Learn how injection molding maximizes your clinical outcomes and profitability from simple to complex casework
- Practice multiple techniques using injection molding principles
- Practice with various materials that are designed ideally for injection molding
- Learn protocols for finishing and polishing to yield the most esthetic results

Why Are My Teeth Getting so Short? - Managing, Altering and Improving Vertical Dimension...An Overview

3 CE Units - 12:00 to 4:00 Includes lunch at noon

Many disease processes can cause the loss of vertical dimension of occlusion. Attrition, Germ, Bulimia, Bruxism, and Acid Erosion can all contribute to the process. Identifying and treating the condition requires proper diagnosis, jaw positioning and case design. This program will give a brief overview of a number of techniques and materials that can be used to restore vertical dimension. A step-by-step process of restore vertical dimension will be outlined and discussed. Particular attention will be paid to determining etiology and difficulties clinician may face in restoring vertical dimension.

During this program practitioners will:

- Learn how to diagnose vertical dimension
- Differentiate between loss of vertical dimension and compensatory eruption
- Gain a better understanding of the contributing etiologies to loss of vertical dimension
- Explore different approaches to restoration vertical dimension of occlusion
- Learn new techniques and materials to assist in simple, predictable results



Dr. Marc Geissberger taught at University of the Pacific for 30 years and ran Pacific's prestigious complex and esthetic rehabilitation program. He is also a researcher and a published author in the areas of dental materials, contemporary fixed prosthodontics, and esthetic dentistry. He serves as a consultant for many dental materials companies and helps guide product development.

Dr. Geissberger is a member of the Catapult Education Speakers Bureau, has won several teaching awards, and has presented over 450 lectures and hands-on workshops to colleagues in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, China, Peru, Denmark, and Taiwan. He has co-authored and published numerous scientific papers and a textbook entitled Esthetic Dentistry in Clinical Practice for Wiley-Blackwell which is currently available in 4 languages (English, Spanish, Polish, and Turkish).



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Online Component

Upon registering, you will be provided with a link to an online course which will need to be completed prior to your scheduled in-person skills test.

In-person Skills Test

We will schedule the date and time for you or your group upon registration and payment. The skills test will be scheduled in 30 minute time slots from 6:30pm - 8:30pm on the dates below.

2024 Calendar

- ~~January 16~~
- ~~February 20~~
- ~~March 10~~
- April 16
- May 21

- June 18
- MBD(July 12)
- September 17
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Your dental society would like to take this moment to remember our members who have passed away recently. We honor their contributions to dentistry and to the oral health of the communities we serve. Rest in peace, dear colleagues.



DR. PAUL M. SAINT,

On November 22, 2023, Dr. Paul M. Saint, stepped off the dance floor for a final time. Born in 1940 in NYC, he spent 34 years creating "Beautiful Smiles" as an Orthodontist in Ventura and Santa

Paula, a life of heart, overflowing with love for family.

Raised in Fairlawn, NJ, Paul became a State Champ and set the state record in High Jump before alighting into an education at the University of Virginia, Georgetown School of Dentistry, internship (Public Health Service) and a Masters in Orthodontics from Georgetown.

In 1967 Paul asked Mary MacLeod for a first dance, that after marriage spun on for 55 years, producing sons Matthew and Andrew, who invited wives Maria (Matt) and Christy (Andy), and a bit later grandchildren Aiden, Gavin, Bryson, and Clarissa.

With humor and heart, Paul imparted life lessons to his sons and embraced their wives as cherished additions. Adventures with Matthew included building kayaks to ride the Colorado and a love for tech and games. With Andrew, Paul shared enthusiasm for basketball and their NBA talks.

As "Poppy," he followed his grandsons in their own sports, and unending joy sharing laughter, stories, and cosmic explorations in his spa with all the kids.

Survived too by sister Evelyne, Paul now joins loved ones- parents Paul and Helen; brother Bob with his wife Roberta and their daughter Sherry.

Paul's diverse interests ranged from drawing, singing, speaking and golf. Active in many clubs, Paul spread joy intentionally. His work was a beacon of innovation, benefited thousands in Ventura and Santa Paula and beyond his practice, supported exchange programs.

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FAQs on the new controlled substance education requirement for DEA registration. (ada.org)



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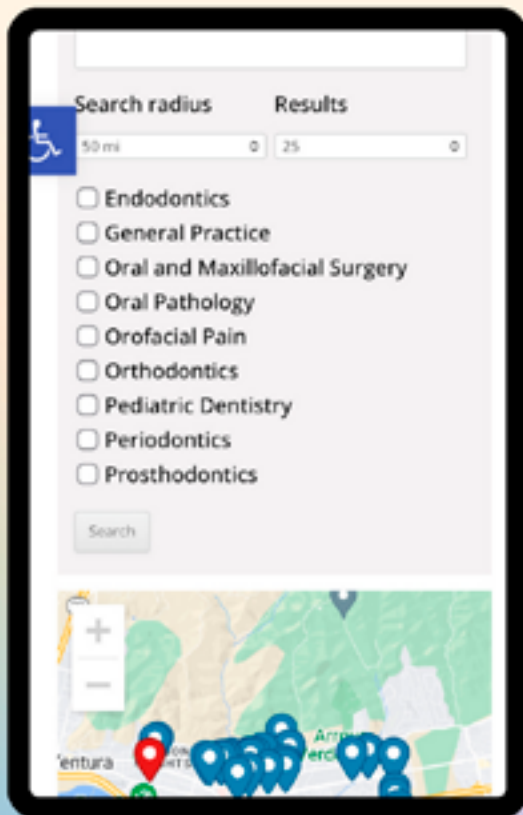
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