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What's Up? SBVCDS Events

Day/Date	Event/Speaker	Fee
Aug 21	MBD: IC/DPA & CPR at Holiday Inn, Oxnard	\$75
Sep 15	CPR Renewal: SBVCDS Office	\$60
Oct 20	CPR Renewal: SBVCDS Office	\$60
Nov 7	Evening CE: Dr. Richard Nagy at Zyrus in Santa Barbara	
Nov 17	CPR Renewal: SBVCDS Office	\$60

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

SBVCDs PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Klara Efner
President 2026, SBVCDs



Dear Members of the Santa Barbara Ventura County Dental Society,

As we move into the final stretch of 2026, I find myself reflecting on one of the greatest strengths of our Society: the members whose participation, enthusiasm and support inspire us to continue creating opportunities for connection, learning and professional growth. Whether it's attending a continuing education course, joining a Dental Hikers outing, stopping by a Happy Hour gathering, serving on a committee or volunteering for the Board of Directors, our Society thrives because members contribute their time, ideas and energy. None of what we do happens by accident. It happens because colleagues step forward and invest in our profession and in one another.

With that in mind, I am pleased to introduce the members nominated to serve on the 2027 Board of Directors:

- Secretary/Treasurer: Dr. Jake Emge
- Ventura Area Director: Dr. Gyve Hamidi
- Ventura Director: Dr. Edward Asdel
- Ventura Director: Dr. Marc Batesol
- Board of Component Representatives: Dr. Jonathan Wong
- Santa Barbara Director: Dr. Stephanie Trahan
- Santa Barbara Area Director: Dr. Celia Sommer

I am grateful to each of these individuals for their willingness to serve. Board service often takes place quietly behind the scenes, but it is essential to the success of our Society. The educational programs we enjoy, the advocacy efforts that protect our profession and the sense of community we share all depend on dedicated volunteers.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our outgoing directors and officers. Their leadership, time and commitment have helped shape the Society we enjoy today, and we are fortunate to benefit from their service.

One of the realities facing professional organizations today is that volunteer leadership can be difficult to fill. We all have demanding practices, families and responsibilities competing for our attention. Yet organized dentistry remains as important as ever, and the future of our Society depends on members who are willing to share their perspectives and help guide its direction.

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SBVCDS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you have ever considered becoming involved, I encourage you to do so. Whether you are a recent graduate, mid-career practitioner or seasoned dentist, your voice matters. Fresh ideas and new perspectives are what keep organizations healthy and moving forward. Many of our current leaders began with a simple conversation, a committee assignment or an invitation to attend a meeting. My own journey began when Dr. Jonathan Wong encouraged me to join the Board in 2018, and I remain grateful for the opportunity, friendships, mentorship and professional growth that followed.

The past several months have been a wonderful reminder of what makes SBVCDS special. We welcomed members to our continuing education programs, gathered colleagues at our Happy Hour Pop-Up events, and enjoyed two successful Dental Hikers outings. It has been especially rewarding to see members connecting outside the operatory, sharing ideas, building friendships and strengthening the sense of community that makes our Society unique. We are already planning one more hike later this summer or early fall, and I hope many of you will join us.

Looking ahead, there are several opportunities to stay involved. Our annual Member Benefit Day (Infection Control, Dental Practice Act, and optional CPR) on August 21 will offer valuable training and compliance courses for dentists and team members, making it easy to complete multiple requirements in one day. We will also continue to offer our popular monthly CPR Renewal course, one of the many practical benefits available to our members and their teams.

And of course, I encourage everyone to mark their calendars for November 7, when we will gather at Zyris World Headquarters in Santa Barbara for our General Membership Meeting and final CE program of the year. We are excited to welcome Dr. Richard Nagy, former CDA President and longtime Santa Barbara periodontist, who will present "On Creating Life Balance and Working with Anxious Patients." Members will also have the opportunity to vote on Society matters, welcome incoming leadership and help shape the future direction of SBVCDS.

This Society belongs to its members. Its future will be shaped not only by those serving on the Board, but by every member who attends an event, shares an idea, volunteers for a committee, mentors a colleague or simply participates. Those individual contributions add up to something meaningful.

Thank you for your continued support of SBVCDS. I look forward to seeing many of you in the months ahead.

With warm regards,



Dr. Klara Nazaryan Efner
President 2026, SBVCDS

BOARD OF COMPONENT RELATIONS REPORT

July 2026



Lisa E. Beck-Uhl, DDS

Dear Colleagues,

Happy Summer! CDA has been working hard to maintain our membership numbers, so we can continue to provide the high level of membership benefits that we California dentists have come to expect. With the rise in dentists working for corporate dental offices that provide liability insurance and CE courses for their employees, and the non-joining tendencies of younger dentists, keeping our membership numbers stable has required some creativity. The new CDA Membership Committee is working on several ideas.

One thing that CDA has been doing for several years is promoting membership at all of our California dental schools, and providing reduced fee membership for a few years after graduation, when new dentists are the most financially strapped. This program has helped CDA to keep a much higher percentage of new dentist members than other states have. CDA is also trying to show the benefits of membership to those dentists working at FQHC's (Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers).

CDA members who use their membership benefits are more likely to renew their membership. Peer Review is gone, but, as I mentioned in last quarter's letter, we now have the Council on Professionalism and Mediation. The mediators provide free dispute resolution between members and patients to CDA members. Check your CDA email from 6/16 for more info, or contact CDA.

The membership benefit I appreciate the most is the advocacy that CDA does for us in Sacramento, and that the ADA does in Washington. Saving the MediCal dental program has been high on the list, which helps low-income Californians and the dentists who serve them.

CDA has sponsored a bill which addresses the growing inadequacy of dental plan networks and the resulting barriers to care. One provision of this bill would be to require all dental plans to comply with the patient's Assignment of Benefits requests, so that a patient can see an Out of Network dentist, and the plan will pay the dentist. This will help all the Delta patients going out of network who cannot afford to pay the entire bill themselves and wait for reimbursement from Delta.

Another Assembly bill sponsored by CDA addresses the difficulty dental offices have in accessing accurate benefit info from dental insurance companies. AB2029 will establish standardized requirements for all dental plans to have an online provider portal available to in network and out of network dentists to get coverage eligibility, etc. Our Past President Dave Tajima and his wife Iris Han worked hard to make this possible, along with our SBVC Dental Society Board.

The ADA has also been sponsoring bills, and urging Congress to increase accountability for insurers and increase insurance transparency to help patients understand expected costs.

Your membership dues are paying off!

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ANALYSTS ANSWER TOP QUESTIONS THEY HEARD FROM DENTISTS AT CDA PRESENTS

Dentists and dental team members had questions for CDA and The Dentists Insurance Company analysts last week at CDA Presents The Art and Science of Dentistry in Anaheim. The analysts fielded questions related to dental benefit plans, employment practices, practice management and regulatory compliance at their individual lectures and at the Member Benefits Center in the exhibit hall.

Here, five analysts present the two questions they heard most often at the convention and provide succinct answers plus member-only resources for additional support on the topics.

Dental benefit plans

Are dental plan audits legal?

Yes, they are legal. Furthermore, as a contracted provider, you are contractually obligated to comply with the dental plan's request to provide records.

See: [Understanding Dental Benefit Plan Audits \(CDA\)](#)

How can I best evaluate going out of network with dental plans?

Evaluating what plans you should or shouldn't contract with is an individual business decision, but CDA provides support

and resources on doing an evaluation for your practice to help with that decision.

See: [Evaluating Dental Benefit Plans Checklist \(CDA\)](#)

Employment practices

How long do I need to retain my employee records?

There is no single retention rule for all employee records – it depends on the type of records. When in doubt, keep employment records for at least four years after termination and never destroy records tied to a pending claim, complaint or lawsuit.

See: [Employee Records \(CDA\)](#) and [Records and Documents Retention Guidelines \(CDA\)](#)

My employee would like to work through lunch; can I allow that?

Yes, but only in limited situations. If an employee works six hours or less, they may voluntarily waive their meal break by mutual agreement with the employer. Meal break waivers should always be voluntary and documented in writing.

See: [Meal and Rest Break Considerations. Sample Policy and Meal Break Waiver \(CDA\)](#)

Practice management

Does CDA have forms that I can use in my discussions with patients?

Yes, these include our New Patient Information Form Bundle, [Informed Consent Forms](#), and the Financial Agreement and Consent Form.

Regulatory compliance

I had already filed a DBA for my dental practice, but the Dental Board of California rejected it. Why?

The board has strict rules on acceptable fictitious names. It is best to obtain the board permit prior to filing a DBA with the county.

See: [Fictitious Business Name \(CDA\)](#) and [Application for Fictitious Name Permit \(dental board\)](#)

We suspected an incidence of domestic violence and reported it to the authorities, but our staff cannot locate the required reporting form. Where is it?

A CDA resource includes links to all forms needed for mandated reporting. The term "domestic violence" is not used specifically, but mandated reporters are required to report injuries suspected to be a result of violence.

See: [California State Mandated Reporting \(CDA\)](#)

Risk management

An employee who occasionally complains of wrist soreness is off work and treating with their primary care physician. There has been no prior indication that the injury is work-related. Do I need to give them a workers' compensation claim form?

Follow up with the employee to determine if their physician has mentioned what could be causing their symptoms. If the physician or employee believes their work duties are contributing in some way to the injury/symptoms, the employee should be provided with a claim form.

See: [Workers' Compensation Claims Process \(TDIC\)](#)

What is the standard of care regarding the frequency of dental X-rays?

The standard of care for X-rays generally is based on the patient's individual needs, risk factors, symptoms and clinical findings. Dentists should use their own professional judgment in determining when diagnostic X-rays are necessary for diagnosis and treatment while also documenting recommendations and any patient refusal.

See: [X-Rays/Radiographs guidelines \(ADA\)](#)

Year-round support for dentists and their teams

When the analysts are not at CDA Presents, they are developing and updating [resources for dentists](#) and their teams and answering members' questions via phone and email. Learn more about CDA's expert analysts and how your practice can [contact them year-round](#) with questions about the business side of dentistry.

You can also contact [TDIC's Risk Management Advice Line](#) with questions about an issue's potential risks. The advice line is a no-cost benefit available to all CDA members.



Sacramento, Calif. — The California Dental Association issued the following statement today on the state legislature’s budget agreement.

The proposed legislative agreement delays Governor Newsom’s proposal to eliminate Proposition 56 funding for Medi-Cal Dental services and dental coverage for undocumented adults until July 1, 2027, while accepting the governor’s diversion of Proposition 35 funding.

CDA very much appreciates the legislature rejecting the governor’s proposal to immediately eliminate Proposition 56 dental funding and coverage for undocumented adults. Such a move would have eliminated access to dental care for millions of Medi-Cal patients. These are difficult, uncertain times, and lawmakers face challenging decisions when prioritizing necessary spending reductions while protecting vulnerable Californians. We thank the legislature for their efforts to avoid Medi-Cal Dental cuts.

Lawmakers must also be mindful that delaying these cuts to 2027, rather than rejecting them, continues to leave patients and providers very much in limbo and without reassurance about the future of the Medi-Cal Dental program. Proposition 56 funds amount to one-third of all Medi-Cal Dental funding, and the intent of the measure, as approved by voters in 2016, remains the same.

Proposition 56 dental funding has led to historic improvements in patient access and dentist participation:

- 27% increase in new dental office visits by Medi-Cal patients over the past five years, amounting to nearly one million more Californians getting dental care.
- 34% increase in the number of Medi-Cal dental providers across the state.
- 40% of California dentists are now enrolled in Medi-Cal.

This progress will be eliminated without assurances about the future of this funding. We urge legislators to fully remove this cut in future budget actions to provide that assurance.

In addition, diverting Proposition 35 funding disregards the will of the voters and raises serious legal concerns.

As the federal government continues to deliberate sweeping cuts to Medicaid, California should be doing more, not less, to protect the 15 million patients who rely on Medi-Cal.

[Analysts answer top questions they heard from dentists at CDA Presents - CDA](#)

[New developments in legal action against Delta Dental: What dentists should know - CDA](#)

[Guidelines and support for appropriate antibiotic prescribing in dentistry - CDA](#)

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN LEGAL ACTION AGAINST DELTA DENTAL: WHAT DENTISTS SHOULD KNOW



CDA shared in February that a federal appeals court denied plaintiffs' request to review the decision rejecting class certification in ongoing nationwide [antitrust litigation against Delta Dental](#) and that, without class certification, [dentists would need to file individual lawsuits](#) to pursue recovery from Delta Dental.

In the wake of the federal appeals court decision, individual lawsuits were filed in four states – California, Michigan, Massachusetts and Wisconsin.

[The California case](#), which is being proposed as a class action suit, claims that Delta Dental violated state antitrust laws and the Unfair Business Practices Act. The case is filed in the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

Plaintiffs allege that Delta Dental of California restrained competition in the market of dental goods and services through its agreements with the Delta Dental Plans Association and conspired with other Delta Dental companies across the country to create impermissible territorial restrictions and limit rates paid to providers. Plaintiffs also allege that these territorial restrictions limit choice for both dentists and patients.

"The lawsuit, while not led or funded by CDA, continues to underscore the extent to which the dental plan system is broken," said CDA President Robert Hanlon, DMD. "Patients are not provided with meaningful benefits and face barriers to care, while dentists are subjected to stagnant reimbursement rates and contract provisions that negatively impact their practices."

CDA will be following the details of the California case closely and will share developments with members in the newsroom, weekly member newsletter and the [Dental Plan Action Center](#) as things progress.

ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE

INFECTION CONTROL IN DENTISTRY

Board-Approved 8-Hour Continuing Education Course

8-Hour Infection Control Class!

Date:

July 31, 2026

Time:

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location:

Rooms M-114 and M-115, 800 S College Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93454

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Offered through Allan Hancock College, this one-day (8-hour) certification course is strictly limited to 12 students to ensure hands-on clinical training. Designed to fully train dental assistants in current OSHA and CDC protocols, the curriculum targets modes of disease transmission, HBV/HIV prevention, medical safety, sterilization, surface disinfection, and chemical hazard compliance. This course fully satisfies the criteria of California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 16, Section 1005.

2026 STATE REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Dentist-employers are legally obligated to ensure training for their staff. Under active 2026 guidelines, unlicensed dental assistants **MUST** complete this 8-hour course **PRIOR** to performing any basic supportive procedures that involve potential exposure to blood, saliva, or infectious elements. The old 1-year grace period from date of employment is no longer valid (effective 1/1/2025 under SB 1453).

CALIFORNIA DENTAL PRACTICE ACT REQUIREMENTS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE (BPC)

1 BPC Section 1750(c) (Unlicensed Dental Assistants)

Employers must verify completion of an approved 8-hour infection control course prior to allowing dental assistants to experience clinical exposure.

2 BPC Sections 1750.2 & 1750.4 (Orthodontic & Sedation Assistant Permits)

It is a mandatory requirement that Orthodontic Assistants (OA) and Dental Sedation Assistants (DSA) successfully complete a Board-approved 8-hour Infection Control course before they begin employment or perform specialty clinical duties.

3 BPC Section 1752.1(a)(2) (RDA Licensure)

Applicants seeking Registered Dental Assistant licensure must show completion of this board-approved course within the past 2 years.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED REGISTRATION FORMS

To register, students must complete the following forms:

- Contract Education Registration Form
- Payment Form
- Acknowledgement and Assumption of Potential Risk Form

Submission Guidelines: Completed and scanned forms can be emailed or mailed with payment before the class starts. We do not accept registration forms and payments on the date of the class. There are no refunds for no-shows.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need to purchase a parking permit?

Yes. Allan Hancock College requires parking permits, which are available for purchase at the automated campus kiosks. Parking is permitted in the Student Parking Lots only.

What is the required dress code for the course?

Students must wear a clean clinical uniform/scrubs, a lab coat, a protective face mask, and closed-toe shoes. Full clinical PPE is required for the laboratory segments.

! COURSE RECOMMENDATION

Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification: Completion of a Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers course (American Heart Association or American Red Cross) is not required to enroll in this course, but it is highly recommended for all dental assisting students prior to entering clinical environments.



DENTIST GOLF SOCIAL

We are holding our Annual Golf Tournament where golf enthusiasts and amateurs alike come together to enjoy a day of friendly competition, networking, fun luncheon, and camaraderie.

EVENT DETAILS

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GUIDELINES AND SUPPORT FOR APPROPRIATE ANTIBIOTIC PRESCRIBING IN DENTISTRY

QUICK SUMMARY: A series published by CIDRAP investigates “why inappropriate antibiotic prescribing remains common in dentistry.” Besides clindamycin’s high risk of complications, overuse and inappropriate use of antibiotics are the primary drivers of antibiotic resistance. The dental profession has made important strides in recent years, including publishing updated clinical guidelines. CDA reshapes those guidelines here along with links to executive summaries of the guidelines published in Journal of the California Dental Association.

“Antibiotic Aftershocks,” a three-part special series published in February by Center for Infectious Disease Research & Policy (CIDRAP), investigates “why inappropriate antibiotic prescribing remains common in dentistry.”

The first article in the series examines trends in clindamycin prescribing and antibiotic prescribing overall with a focus on clindamycin’s high risk of complications. “In a sign of progress, dental prescriptions for clindamycin declined 35% from 2020 to 2025, although it remains the second-most common antibiotic prescribed,” the author

Part 2, “Curbing overuse of dental antibiotics proves daunting,” considers potential confusion over prescribing guidelines, whether state boards should mandate continuing education courses on antibiotic prescribing and the challenges of prescribing without a drug monitoring program, such as California’s database for monitoring controlled substance prescriptions. The third article offers suggestions for avoiding inappropriate antibiotics during dental care.

CDA takes antibiotic stewardship seriously. Besides clindamycin’s risks, overuse and inappropriate use of antibiotics are the primary drivers of antibiotic resistance with increasing annual deaths that led the World Health Organization in 2019 to call for urgent action to avoid a crisis, [CDA reported](#).

The dental profession has made important strides in recent years, including publishing updated clinical guidelines and developing C.E. that reinforces appropriate prescribing for dentists. CDA is reshaping those resources here.

Clinical practice guideline on antibiotic use: 'When absolutely needed'

The American Dental Association in 2019 published an evidence-based [guideline on antibiotic use](#) for urgent management of pulpal-and periapical-related dental pain and intraoral swelling. [CDA published news of the guideline soon after its release.](#)

After conducting a systematic review, the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs and the Center for Evidence-Based Dentistry concluded that antibiotics for target conditions may provide negligible benefits and likely contribute to significant harms. The research panel "recommended antibiotics in patients with systemic involvement (for example, malaise or fever) due to dental conditions or when the risk of experiencing progression to systemic involvement is high."

Antibiotic use and stewardship in the CDA Journal

The CDA Journal in December 2025 published a collection of executive summaries of clinical practice guidelines for dentists. Three of the summaries discuss antibiotic use:

[Antibiotic stewardship and infective endocarditis](#): Summarizes the American Heart Association's 2007 "Guideline on Prevention of Infective Endocarditis," which marked a pivotal change in managing risk of infective endocarditis stemming from dental procedures.

[Antibiotics for pulpal/periapical pain and intraoral swelling](#): Summarizes the ADA's 2019 guideline.

[Antibiotic prophylaxis and prosthetic joints](#): Summarizes the 2013 American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons–ADA guideline recommending that prophylactic antibiotics not be prescribed prior to dental procedures for patients with prosthetic joints.

Dentists can earn individual C.E. credit for each article by reading it and successfully completing an online quiz no later than Dec. 31, 2026.

Also in the CDA Journal, [Peter Jacobsen, PhD, DDS, discusses four core elements of antibiotic stewardship in dentistry \(2019\)](#): commitment; action for policy and practice; tracking and reporting; and education and expertise.

Links to on-demand recordings from the OSAP Antibiotic Stewardship Summit plus additional resources are available on [CDA's website](#).

Read the [CIDRAP series "Antibiotic Aftershocks."](#)



United Way's Building Healthy Smiles is looking for volunteers to help provide free oral health screenings in low-income schools in Ventura County

Building Healthy Smiles, a collaboration between United Way of Ventura County, Ventura County Public Health, and other local organizations, visits low-income schools to provide free oral health education, oral screenings, and fluoride varnishing to kindergarteners and third graders. We then follow up to make sure every child receives any needed treatment.

We are looking for more dental professionals to help us grow our program in Ventura County. Last school year we served 1,400 children, and we want to help even more moving forward.

The time commitment is minor. Our events are from 9am to noon and you can volunteer on days that fit your schedule. Setting aside a morning or two every year goes a long way towards helping kids avoid painful oral diseases.

If you are interested in helping with a school screening or becoming a dental partner, contact me for more information. We have multiple schools scheduled for March and April and would love for you to be involved.



A Community of Dentists Making a Difference: Volunteer at Conejo Free Clinic

When Penny moved to Camarillo to be closer to family, she hoped for stability. Instead, she faced months of housing uncertainty - and then learned she needed multiple tooth extractions she could not afford.

Penny was referred to Conejo Free Clinic, where volunteer dentist Dr. Les Sutton, Dental Operations Manager Sheri Jo Perdomo, and the CFC dental team provided the care she needed at no cost. The procedures relieved her pain, but the impact went far beyond that. *"Now I have a full smile," she shared. "It's a miracle. It's improved my quality of life so much."*

Stories like Penny's unfold every week at Conejo Free Clinic. Founded in 1976, the nonprofit began by providing free medical care to uninsured residents in Ventura County. Over time, services expanded to include legal assistance for vulnerable seniors and families.

For decades, however, access to dental care remained one of the greatest unmet needs in our community. In response, Conejo Free Clinic opened its dedicated Dental Clinic in 2018 - a modern, fully equipped facility where volunteer dentists can provide comprehensive, high-quality care to patients who would otherwise go without treatment.

Since then, the need has continued to grow.

To meet that demand, Conejo Free Clinic invites additional members of the Dental Society to join this effort and share their expertise. Some dentists volunteer weekly. Others offer one day a month. Some step in when their schedules allow. Every level of commitment makes a measurable difference.

Even a limited commitment can profoundly change a patient's trajectory - and many providers share that the experience leaves a lasting impression on them as well. Dr. Jintaek Lee, DDS, describes the experience this way:

"I volunteer my time at the Conejo Free Clinic because I truly believe that when our fellow men and women are healthy - starting with their oral health - our entire community becomes stronger and better. Seeing someone smile with confidence, knowing they took a positive step for themselves, is incredibly rewarding."

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, please contact Eileen Harris, Programs Manager, at EileenHarris@conejofreeclinic.org or call 805-807-3614. Additional information about the dental program and Conejo Free Clinic is available at www.conejofreeclinic.org.



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RICHARD J. NAGY, DDS

Dr. Nagy is President of the American Academy of Periodontology and a former Santa Barbara periodontist. A past president of both the Santa Barbara-Ventura County Dental Society and the California Dental Association, he has also served on the UCLA faculty and directed the graduate periodontology program at the West Los Angeles VA.

He is dedicated to excellence in dentistry and facilitating the well-being of dentists.



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Topics proposed include:

- Flexibility in leadership
- Members speaking to society

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Matters of Interest:



FLEXIBILITY IN LEADERSHIP

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MEMBER LECTURERS

Following the lead of successful societies and mindful of costs, SBVCDS would allow its own members to speak at CEs if they have the appropriate qualifications. All invited to apply!

Saturday, November 7th

9:00-Noon CE

(break at lunch)

Meeting starts at 1:00

Location

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AUGUST

MEMBER BENEFIT DAY

Holiday Inn, Oxnard
Get your Dental Practice Act,
Infection Control, and
Optional CPR done-in-a-day!

PRACTICE TRANSITIONS CE

Thousand Oaks –
Free for members! Happy Hour with chats
with a lawyer, broker, and other experts!

Sunday
30
AUGUST

Friday
25
SEPTEMBER

ANNUAL GOLF SOCIAL

Ojai Valley Golf Course
No skills needed - we can even set you up
on a fun team! Followed by BBQ lunch.

3-UNIT CE - DEALING WITH THE ANXIOUS PATIENT

Zyris Headquarters, Santa Barbara
Past CDA President and former SB Periodontist, Dr.
Richard Nagy, will lead this great course! 9:00-Noon

Saturday
7
NOVEMBER

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7
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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Zyris Headquarters, Santa Barbara
All members welcome and encouraged to come
learn and vote on matters of your society! 1:00pm

VOLUNTEER DENTISTS NEEDED



United Way of
Ventura County



ABOUT US

The Building Healthy Smiles Initiative is a collaborative effort by public agencies, community based organizations, and the dental community to address gaps in services and access to care barriers. We provide free oral health assessments to elementary schools with the highest needs throughout the county.

WHY CHOOSE US

Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease and unmet need of children in California. Nearly 25 percent of California's children have never been to a dentist. The Building Healthy Smiles Initiative works to eliminate dental disease in Ventura County.



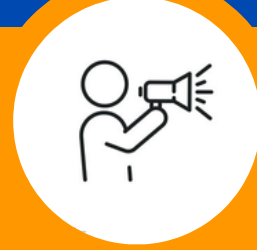
EDUCATION

We educate and encourage children to practice and maintain good oral health habits.



CARE COORDINATION

We work to connect children identified with urgent dental needs at school assessment events to establish a dental home and treatment.



ADVOCACY

We advocate for improved dental care for our county's most vulnerable.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING AT SCHOOL ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT EVENTS, CONTACT
AISSA FERNANDEZ
MANAGER, COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAMS

✉ aissa.fernandez@vcunitedway.org

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A HYBRID OPTION FOR SAFETY

SBVCDS is collaborating with Rescue Training Institute of Southern California to provide our members with a CPR Renewal option in compliance with Dental Board requirements.

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.

2026 Calendar

~~• January 20~~
~~• February 17~~
~~• March 17~~
~~• April 21~~

~~• June 16~~
• July 21
• September 15
• October 20
• November 17

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Director



Executive
Committee



Editorial



CE Committee



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Referrals



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Our Dental Hygiene program continues to rank among the best in the nation, and this incredible achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our outstanding students, faculty, and staff. Thank you for going above and beyond to make excellence the standard.

Congratulations, Class of 2026!





TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR NEIGHBORS' LIVES!

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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- ☐ **Life** - \$10,000 may be payable in up to 5 annual installments of \$2,000 each
- ☐ **President's Life** - \$25,000 may be payable in up to 5 annual installments of \$5,000 each.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

- ☐ **Member** - \$1 - \$99
- ☐ **Member** - \$100 - \$249
- ☐ **Contributing** - \$250 - \$499
- ☐ **Sustaining** - \$500 - \$999

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Linda
Executive Director



Felipe
Office Manager

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Do CE Courses done online still count? Yes, LIVE ones do!

- Live webinars have always and will continue to count as live CE. This also applies to courses wherein the instructor is speaking live online.
- Recorded webinars, even if the speaker is active in a chatroom attached to the recorded webinar, will no longer count as live CE as of January 1, 2022.

** The courses licensees took before 2022 that were under that waiver will be allowed to be counted towards a licensee's renewal.*

updated website

The updated SBVCDS website is LIVE and it includes a great Find-A-Dentist feature for our members!

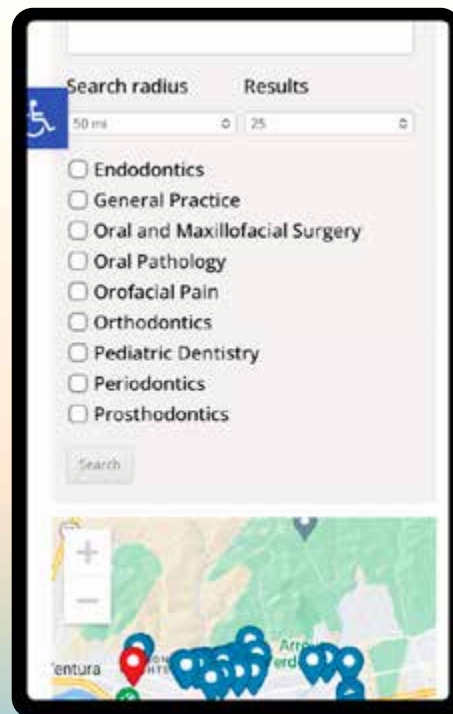
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*If there are any bugs in the system,
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Highlights of some of your member benefits!

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DENTAL SOCIETY

Continuing Education

CE Courses
Infection Control/DPA Renewal
CPR Renewal
Radiology Certification
Study Clubs

Island View Newsletter

Localized updates of your dental community
Business Practice Resources
Upcoming Event Notifications

Other Benefits

"Community" of Dentists
Member Social Events
Annual Golf Social
PPE Distribution Assistance
Opportunities to 'Give Back'

Online Resources

Employment Job Bank
Classifieds Listings
Compliance Documents & Templates
Calendar of Events
Local Ordinance Updates

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Patient Referrals
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Prep Planning

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Part time Front & Back office assistant for Westlake TMJ & Sleep 1. 2+ years of dental experience. (Preferably front & back office skills) 2. Must have computer skills. 3. Taking impressions and pouring models is a plus. If you are interested in the position, contact Dr. Borquez on his cell: (805) 368-6784

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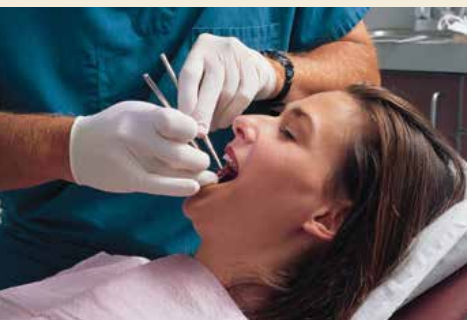
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The mission of the Santa Barbara-Ventura County Dental Society is to serve the members and the communities they serve, and to advance the art and science of dentistry.

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