



March 2013

March's Meeting "Ergonomics of the practicing Dentist"

Please join us for the last official general meeting of the year on Monday, March 18th at Perugino's Restaurant. The board meeting begins at 6:00 PM, while the general meeting starts at 6:30 PM.

Our presenter will be Frank Yanik, DC, owner of a chiropractic practice and the Luzerne Wellness Center (in partnership with Changes Health and Fitness Center for Women and All Fitness Customized Training). Dr. Yanik will cover the below points during his informative talk:

- Reverse of the Cervical Lordosis (from excessive flexion)
- TMJ Syndrome Defined
- TMD Treatment

Dr. Yanik is a graduate of Bishop O'Reilly High School and studied at LCCC and The Catholic University of America. He possesses a Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Chiropractic Degree from Sherman College of Chiropractic and interned in the Sherman College Rehab Clinic.

As always, the dinner and lecture are complimentary for LCDS members. Please be sure to pre-register by contacting Dr. Ann McDonough at ammdmd@AOL.com.

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NCDHM was another smashing success! Just look at all the fun we had.

NCDHM History

Biennial Renewal of Licenses and Certificates in 2013; Now is the Time to Check Your Continuing Education Credits

By: Col. Edmund D. Effort, D.D.S.

If you are a licensed dental health professional you can be sure of three things . . . death, taxes, and continuing education requirements! No one can say for sure when the first will occur; but we all know that taxes are due every year and that a specific number and type of continuing education credits are required as a condition of the biennial renewal for your professional licenses, permits and certificates to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Credits must be completed during each biennial license period.

The intent of this regulation is to assure that Pennsylvania's dentists, dental hygienists and EFDAs maintain our skills, preserve our ethical and professional integrity, and keep abreast of the almost daily changes taking place in our beloved profession. To achieve the goal of such regulations, the required CE credit hours must be completed in subjects that contribute directly to maintaining clinical competence in the fields of dentistry, dental hygiene, public health dental hygiene, and expanded function dental assisting. Examples include: diagnosis and treatment of oral pathosis, clinical and technological subjects, emergency procedures (excluding hours required for CPR certification), infection control, abuse and neglect, medical and scientific subjects, laws and regulations pertinent to dentists, dental hygienists and EFDAs. Courses in non-clinical subjects, which may be helpful in other aspects of practice, are excluded from the list of approved

subject areas and will not count towards CE credit requirements for re-licensure. Examples include: office management, billing and practice building, among others.

Specific requirements for Dentists

- Dentists must complete 30 hours of continuing education each biennial period to maintain their license to practice dentistry.
- Note: Dentists who do not hold a permit to administer anesthesia who maintain offices where general anesthesia, deep sedation and/or conscious sedation is administered to their patients by a permit holder or another regulated practitioner, must complete 5 hours of continuing education in courses relating to general anesthesia, deep sedation and/or conscious sedation.
- Specific requirements for Dentists who hold an Anesthesia Unrestricted or Restricted Permit I
- Dentists who hold an Anesthesia Unrestricted Permit must complete 15 of the required 30 hours of continuing education in courses related to general anesthesia, deep sedation and/or conscious sedation.
- Dentists who hold an Anesthesia Restricted Permit I must complete 15 of the required 30 hours of continuing education in courses related to conscious sedation.
- Specific requirements for Dental Hygienists
- Dental hygienists must complete 20 hours of continuing education each biennial period to maintain their license to practice dental hygiene.
- Dental hygienists may complete no more than 3 of the required 20 hours of continuing education in courses relating to communication skills.
- Dental hygienists holding local anesthesia permits must complete

3 of the required 20 hours of CE in courses related to the administration of local anesthesia, including pharmacology or other related courses.

- Public health dental hygiene practitioners must complete 5 of the required 20 hours of CE in public health-related courses.

February's Meeting

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President's Letter

Hello Everyone:

I hope that you are all having a productive and profitable year! Thank you to all who attended our February meeting! Tom Webber (PDA council) gave a very informative talk about practice management and legal issues that may arise in every dental practice. Our dinner lasted almost two hours because of the overwhelming interest in the topic and the many questions that ensued. It was a perfect opportunity to share ideas and concerns among colleagues in a relaxed setting.

Just a quick reminder, your dental license renewal must be submitted to the state board by March 30, 2013. Following much discussion with our board and fellow members, it has been decided that most of our

membership has already renewed their license and a large credit CE course would not be well attended if the credits could not be applied to the next licensure period. With that in mind, we have rescheduled the large credit CE course at Benco dental. The new date and time for our course will be April 26, 2013 beginning at 8:00 AM. The fee for members is \$75 and \$150 for non-members; this will include the 6 CE credits, continental breakfast, lunch and snack. This will be an all-day event with an array of speakers on multidisciplinary topics. More information will follow in e-mail and paper mailer form.

Due to the course change, we will now hold a board and general meeting on Monday, March 18 begin-



ning at 6:30 PM at Andy Perugino's in Luzerne. As always, I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Best Wishes,
Samantha Abod, DMD

Important Reminder for Pennsylvania Dentists

By John F. Erhard, D.D.S.

Licensed dentists in Pennsylvania are obligated to verify that all employees/associates who are required by law to hold active licenses in the Commonwealth (dentists, dental hygienists, and EFDAs) possess current, active licenses, and display those licenses openly in the office.

Licensure can be verified electronically at www.licensepa.state.pa.us

Future Events – CE Course

After much discussion, we have decided to change the date of our large credit CE course from March 22 to April 26; same schedule. We will be charging \$75 for members and \$150 for non-members; this will include the 6 CE credits, continental breakfast, lunch and snack. More information to come!

Upcoming Events

General Meeting	Perugino's	Mar. 18, 2013	6:00 PM
CE Course <i>Dr. Carl Driscoll</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	Mar. 27, 2013	8:00 AM
License Renewal Deadline		Mar. 30, 2013	
CE Course <i>Dr. Howard Glazer</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	April 17, 2013	8:00 AM
CE Course	Benco Dental	April 26, 2013	TBA
Knoebel's Day	Knoebel's	Aug. 17, 2013	TBA
Board/General Meeting	Perugino's	Sept. 16, 2013	6:00 PM
CE Course	TBA	Oct. 18, 2013	TBA

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