



November 2013

Third District Meeting

Dr. Christopher Ramsey will present at the scientific session of the PDA's 3rd District Annual Meeting.

Friday - November 15, 2013

@ Woodlands Inn, Rt. 315, Wilkes-Barre

8:00 to 8:15 Registration

If you haven't registered yet, contact Bob Albrect at 800-932-0584.

Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office

**Friday, November 22
Bedford, PA**

The course offers 8 hours of CE credit and satisfies the State Board of Dentistry's requirement for non-permiholder licensees who maintain offices that administer general anesthesia, deep sedation or conscious sedation. Attendees will receive an extensive handout that can be condensed into a chair side manual with the appropriate protocols to respond to most emergencies.

Fees:

- PDA member dentists **\$165**
- Hygienists **\$80**
- Assistants/Office Personnel/Guests **\$65**

Online registration is available but, if several individuals from the same office are attending the course, please contact Rebecca Von Nieda at (717) 234-5941, ext. 117. To register online, please log in to the website with your username and password. Use your mouse to hover over the Events tab, click on the Calendar from the dropdown menu, then click on the Medical Emergencies course on November 22.

HIPAA 2013 Update: Webinar

In September, the PDA hosted four complimentary webinars to help dental offices become compliant with the revisions to HIPAA that took effect on September 23, 2013. More than 330 members and their staff attended the webinars sponsored by PDA, BlueCross Dental, Goldberg Katzman, PDAIS and United Concordia Dental.

If you weren't able to attend one of the live broadcasts you can still watch the recording on the PDA website and learn how the HIPAA updates impact your practice. Please log in to the website with your

username and password first. Hover over the "Resources and Programs" tab and click on HIPAA from the dropdown menu. On this page you will find the following resources:

- HIPAA 2013 Update Webinar Video
- HIPAA Authorization Form
- Sample Business Associate Agreements
- Online HIPAA Quiz
- Frequently Asked Questions

Those who watch the webinar online and successfully complete the quiz are eligible to receive one hour of continuing education credit.

Meeting Location Changed

2014 meetings will now be held at Rodano's in Wilkes-Barre on the Square. Rodano's is able to accommodate our budget, media and privacy needs. Hope to see you there!

Program Chair Needed

The LCDS is looking for a member to serve as Program Chair for 2014. This person assists the President is finding appropriate speakers and overseeing the CE credits distributed. Interested persons should contact Sam Abod at samaboddm@epix.net as soon as possible.

President's Letter

As the end of my term draws near, I would like to thank all of the LCDS members for allowing me to serve as your president; it has been my honor and pleasure to be part of such an amazing group of individuals. I am excited about the upcoming events we have in store for 2014, and I am confident that Dr. Doreen Santos will be a wonderful leader as we embark on our new journey.

As a group, we have accomplished many things in 2013. Not only did we provide a large credit CE close to home and a fun social event at Knoebel's Park but also, the LCDS was part of a "go green" initiative, through which we made most of our society correspondence electronic and paperless. This effort is not only an environmentally friendly way to deliver information quickly and efficiently, but it also saves society funds which we will allocate to other member benefits including keeping our annual dues low. Electronic contact has also provided a member alert system to unavoidable meeting changes because of poor weather conditions and/or emergencies.

National Children's Dental Health month was highlighted by Dental Day at the Wyoming Valley mall. Most of our members and local hygiene students were able to share their knowledge with the public and educate parents and children in a fun and stress-free environment. This day is a great way for our society to show a strong community presence and to help some children and



their families better understand the need for oral health care.

Within the last year we were able to focus our general meeting CE offerings on multidisciplinary approaches to patient care, practice management, and health & wellness for our providers. Following much deliberation, we have made a decision to relocate our general and board meetings to the private media room of Rodano's restaurant on Public Square in Wilkes-Barre. This decision was made based on our inability to attain a reasonable level of privacy at our previous location as several meeting groups were invited to convene in one small room. In order for our meetings to be an open exchange of ideas and concepts, we need our environment to have limited distractions and Rodano's is willing to accommodate our needs. General

meetings will resume in 2014 with exciting speakers and thought-provoking topics! We also plan to offer a wine-tasting networking social; details to follow!

As we look toward our final events of 2013, I would like to remind everyone that the annual third district meeting will be held at the Woodlands Inn & Resort on November 15 at 8:00 AM. Finally, our holiday celebration brunch will take place at the Westmoreland Club on Sunday, December, 15 beginning at 11:00 AM; hope to see all of you there! Even though my term may be over, I look forward to seeing all of you at upcoming events and working with you in the future!

Best Wishes,
Samantha R. Abod, DMD

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Upcoming Events

Third District Meeting	Woodland's	Nov 15, 2013	8:00 AM
President's Brunch	Westmoreland Club	Dec 15, 2013	11:00 AM
General/Board Meeting	Rodano's	Jan 20, 2014	6:30/6:00 PM (board)
	<i>Thomas Franko, PharmD, Acute Versus Chronic Pain Meds</i>		
Wine & Cheese Party	Westmoreland Club	Feb 7, 2014	TBD
NCDHM	Wyoming Valley Mall	Feb 22, 2014	10:00 AM-2:00 PM
General/Board Meeting	Rodano's	March 17, 2014	6:30/6:00 PM (board)
	<i>Bob Coleman, Vital Bleaching and Glass Ionomers</i>		
General/Board Meeting	Rodano's	April 21, 2014	6:30/6:00 PM (board)