



February 2012

Children's Dental Health Month

This year's National Children's Dental Health Month is shaping up to be another grand success. We are planning another day at the Wyoming Valley Mall on Saturday in February 25th, from 10 AM to 2 PM.

We are in need of doctors wishing to provide complimentary exams in small blocks of time from 10 AM to 2 PM. If you are able to

help, please contact Dr. John Evans. He can be reached by calling 570-779-1592 or emailing at cattycoll@aol.com. There will also be:

- Visits and photos with the Tooth Fairy
- Coloring contest
- Prize giveaways throughout the day
- Toothbrush giveaways
- Educational materials

Come out to support our Society as we give back to the community we serve!



Radiology CE Course

Don't miss your opportunity to attend the radiology CE course scheduled Friday, April 13, 2012 at Benco Dental. There will be two sessions --- a morning (8:00 AM – 12:30 PM) and an afternoon (1:00 PM – 5:30 PM). Registration will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Class size is limited. Cost is \$25 for LCDS doctors, staff and non-members. Pre-registration is necessary, as no walk-in's will be accommodated. To register contact Dr. Samantha Abod at (570) 287-8700 or samaboddmd@epix.net.

ANYONE in your office who EVER operates an X-ray machine should attend this course or some other suitable course to fulfill their

C.E. requirements. Pursuant to PA Code 25. Section 221.11(b), any individual

who operates an X-ray machine must maintain C.E. in radiation safety, biological effects of radiation and quality assurance and control. The DEP recommends that individuals obtain two contact hours, or four hours, of continuing education every four years. Records of C.E. in radiation safety must be maintained and producible and may be requested for review by DEP inspectors who come to your office for inspections. Renewed interest in enforcement of the C.E. requirement portion of the code has been expressed by the DEP. Failure to comply fully with the C.E. requirements can result in civil and criminal penalties. This regulation applies to DMD/DDS, hygienists, assistants, and clerical staff. This radiology continuing education course will satisfy all of PA Code 25, section 221.11 (b) and provide four CE credits.

About Your Speaker, Karen Pass, BS, RT (M), RDMS, Technical Specialist

Since 1999 Ms. Pass has served as Safety Compliance Officer and Healthcare Specialist with Total Compliance Solutions, Inc. In this capacity, she has performed thousands of on-site safety inspections and staff trainings in dental and healthcare facilities, funeral homes and veterinarian facilities. Ms. Pass also provides expertise in compliance with the standards of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Controlled Substances Act, Americans with Disabilities Act and Healthcare Risk Management.

Ms. Pass is also a contributing author for Total Compliance Solutions, Inc. in company publications and web-based training programs, and authored the article "Successfully Navigating the Decontamination Maze" for the national Journal of Healthcare Safety, Compliance and Infection Control.



PDA News

Taken from the PDA's E News Update

On January 3, all ADA member dentists with an email address in PDA's database received a special communication from the ADA to alert them about fraudulent invoices that were faxed to many dental offices. As follow-up, here is an update on what has occurred since initial communications.

Background

On January 3, a number of member dentists contacted the ADA regarding the fraudulent invoices, prompting the Association to distribute an alert that afternoon to member and nonmember dentists, leadership and staff at state and local dental societies, recognized specialty organizations and other organizations and individuals within the dental community. A standby statement was also prepared for the media.

The alert stated that the ADA does not use fax communications to collect membership dues, and that the ADA does not sell, rent or publish in any way the fax numbers of current or former member dentists in our database. Additionally, all dues invoices for tripartite members are mailed from state or local dental societies, and invoices for other ADA "direct" membership categories are sent by mail as well.

The fraudulent fax appeared to be a standard invoice that asked the recipient to send a \$575 payment to the American Dental Association/ADA Association, Membership Processing Dept., P.O. Box 1403, Brockton, MA 02303-1483.

Dentists whose offices were in receipt of a fax as described above were advised to not respond or send payment to the P.O. Box.

In a statement from ADA Executive Director Dr. Kathleen O'Loughlin, "Getting the word out and taking

steps to protect our members have been our top priorities," adding that there was no breach of ADA information or member data.

Update on actions by the ADA

The ADA has continued to work closely with U.S. Postal Service authorities. The following is a brief summary of what has occurred to protect our members:

1. On Jan. 5, within 48 hours of hearing about this issue, the ADA filed a civil action in the Boston federal court that issued a temporary restraining order (TRO) requiring that any mail sent to the P.O. Box to be held by the U.S. Postal Service and not made available to the individual renting the P.O. Box.

2. On January 17, the TRO issued previously was converted into a preliminary injunction, and the file has been unsealed.

3. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is considering instituting an investigation, and has also referred the matter to the U.S. Attorney's office in Boston for possible criminal prosecution.

What to do if you received one of the faxed invoices

Do not send a payment. Additionally, if you still have a copy of what you believe may be a fraudulent invoice, please forward it to Tom Elliott, deputy chief legal counsel, by email at "elliottt@ada.org" or by fax to 312.440.2562, along with your name and ADA number.

What to do if you sent a payment to the P.O. Box

So far the Post Office in Brockton has received more than 170 pieces of mail to the P.O. box. It is hoped that the action the ADA took to seal the post office box occurred before any checks were received, as the box was empty when it was sealed on January 5.

As a precaution, if your office has sent a check to the P.O. Box, we encourage you to "stop payment" on the

check. While there is normally a small cost associated with this, there is also the comfort of knowing your check cannot be cashed.

We also ask that you contact the ADA Member Service Center at 800.621.8099. ADA staff is assembling a list of dentists known to have sent checks so we can communicate with and reconcile records with the U.S. Post Office. You will be asked to complete a release form that will allow us to verify if the P.O. box has received a check from you. Additionally, we are told the U.S. Postal Service plans to communicate directly with those individuals who have sent mail to the P.O. box.

Dentists are urged to share this information with all staff on their dental team and direct further questions or concerns to the ADA Member Service Center at 800.621.8099.

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2012 CE COURSES

It's not too late to register for the remaining 2012 Continuing Education Courses. Go to www.scrantondental.org and scroll down to the bottom of the home page. Click on "Continuing Dental Education 2012 Series." You can send payment and registration to: Dr. Gary Kopesky, Route 191 Box 340, Hamlin, PA, 18427.

Wednesday, 2/15/12

"Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office"

Dr. Michael Cuddy

Wednesday, 3/28/12

"Achieving Excellence in Treating & Counseling the Oncology Patient"

Sandra Booty

Wednesday, 4/18/12

"Update on Caries, vital pulp therapy, picking a ceramic, cements: sorting through the boxes"

Jan Mitchell

Letter from the President

February is Children's Dental Health month. This month we focus on not only how we treat our pediatric patients, but on education and prevention. Again, we will be having our annual Children's Dental Health Day at the Wyoming Valley Mall. It is on Saturday, February 25th from 10AM to 2PM. Dr John Evans and his wife do a wonderful job organizing this event every year. I'd also like to recognize the students from LCCC who devote their time to this event as well. Any LCDS member/dentist who would like to volunteer their time to giving children free dental exams is welcome.

I'd like to take a moment to offer my condolences to the family of Dr Clifford Wachtel, who passed away recently. I met Cliff at one of the first LCDS meetings I attended. He was very nice and welcoming to me as a new member. Through our few conversations, he seemed to be a man who loved his

work and was always excited to talk about it. His presence at our meetings will be missed. At our last meeting, the board decided



Dr. Elizabeth Joseph

to make a donation to the Jewish Community Center in his honor.

January's meeting was a very productive one. We are very excited to be offering our members a CE course in April to fulfill our new radiology requirements. Please see the information enclosed in this newsletter or contact Dr Samantha Abod with any questions.

I have noticed the attendance at our meetings has dwindled slightly. Keep in mind that this is FREE dinner and 1 FREE continuing education credit. Hope to see you on the 20th!

Dr Elizabeth Joseph, DMD

January Meeting Minutes

The LCDS board meeting was held on January 16, 2012. Board members in attendance were Elizabeth Joseph, Samantha Abod, Laura Holena, Doreen Santos, Gary Hughes, Ann McDonough, John Evans, Eric Smith, and Richard Grossman.

At January's meeting, Tamara Summa from Ivoclar Vivadent, spoke about Tetric Evo Ceram Bulk Fill. If you would like more information on this topic, please email her at Tammy.Summa@ivoclarvivadent.com.

Dr. Clifford Wachtel passed away on January 7, 2012. We sent a monetary donation in his memory to the Jewish Community Center.

Many were affected by the flooding of September 2011. Should you need assistance from natural disasters in the future, contact the ADA or PDA.

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month. We will once again have a booth at the Wyoming Valley Mall on February 25th from 10-2. If you would like to volunteer or donate, please contact John Evans at 779-1592 or cattycoll@aol.com.

The mandatory radiology CE course will be held on April 13th at Benco Dental. The morning session will be 8:00-12:30 and the afternoon session will be 1:00-5:30. A board meeting will be held in between sessions. The cost is \$25 for members and staff and \$50 for non-members. To register, please contact Samantha Abod at samaboddmd@epix.net.

February's meeting will be at Theo's Metro on the 20th. Board members will meet at 6:00. General meeting will be at 6:30. Dr. John Erhard from the PA State Board of Dentistry will talk about record keeping and the radiology requirements.

Submitted by Dr. Ann McDonough

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February's Meeting

Mark your calendars for January's meeting on Monday, February 20, 2012 (board meeting starts at 6:00 PM) at Theo's Metro. Dr. John F. Erhard from the Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry will be the featured speaker.

As always, dinner and meeting are complimentary for LCDS members. Please be sure to pre-register by contacting Dr. Doreen Santos at (570) 655-3040 or eefrandl@yahoo.com.



Dr. John F. Erhard

Upcoming Events

CE Course <i>"Composite Bonding and Porcelain Review"</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	February 15, 2012	8:30 AM
Board/General Meeting <i>Dr. John F. Erhard, PA State Board Dentistry</i>	Theo's	February 20, 2012	6:00 PM
Board/General Meeting	Theo's	March 19, 2012	6:00 PM
CE Course <i>"Implants: The Restoration of and Mini-Implants"</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	March 28, 2012	8:00 AM
CE Course <i>"Radiology"</i>	Benco Dental	April 13, 2012	8:00/1:00 PM
Board Meeting	Benco Dental	April 13, 2012	12:30 PM
CE Course <i>"Nutrition"</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	April 18, 2012	8:30 AM
Board/General Meeting	Theo's	May 16, 2012	6:00 PM

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