



April 2012

ADA News

Full U.S. House Approves Amendment Repealing Insurance Industry's Antitrust Exemption

The U.S. House of Representatives approved by voice vote an amendment that would repeal the McCarran-Ferguson Act's antitrust exemption as it applies to health insurance companies. That exemp-

tion, which Congress enacted in 1945, was intended to make it easier for states to regulate insurance without federal interference. The ADA and other health care groups have long argued that the exemption gives the insurance industry an unfair advantage in the marketplace. Rep. Paul Gosar

(R-Ariz.) offered his legislation as a floor amendment to the ADA-supported Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare Act (H.R. 5).

H.R. 5, which would reform medical malpractice laws by limiting awards and attorney fees, passed the House by a vote of 223 to 181.

PDA News

Supervising Dental Hygienists

What is the difference between direct supervision and general supervision?

A dentist who examines a patient, authorizes the procedure to be performed, is physically present in the dental facility and is available during the procedure is providing direct supervision. This dentist also takes full professional responsibility for the procedure completed by the dental hygienist or the expanded function dental assistant.

A dentist who examines the patient, develops a dental treatment plan, authorizes the performance of dental hygiene services to be performed within 90 days of the examination and takes full professional responsibility for the performance of the dental hygienist is providing

general supervision. This dentist is not required to be on the premises for patients classified as ASA Class I.

Can a dental hygienist work on patients without the dentist physically being in the building?

Yes. Under general supervision, a dental hygienist can work on ASA Class I patients without the dentist being in the building. General supervision only applies for ASA Class I patients.

What is the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) physical status classification system?

The ASA classification system is a common language used to reference to the severity of systemic disease. Following are the ASA classes recognized in PA Code 49, Professional & Vocational Standards

from the State Board of Dentistry.

- ASA CLASS I, a patient without systemic disease
- ASA CLASS II, a patient with mild systemic disease
- ASA CLASS III, a patient with severe systemic disease that limits activity but is not incapacitating
- ASA CLASS IV, a patient with incapacitating, systemic disease that is a constant threat to life
- ASA CLASS V, a moribund patient not expected to survive 24 hours with or without operation

If you have any questions, please contact the PDA at 800-223-0016 or email nyk@padental.org.



March's Meeting A Success



Members who attended March's meeting learned about the PDA's Social Networking Software and managing risks in the dental practice. A special thank you to the PDA and PDAIS for their timely and informative presentation.



Reminder: There is no meeting in April due to the Radiology CE Course. If you haven't pre-registered for this course, unfortunately, it is filled. No walk-in's will be accepted.

Board members will meet at 12:30 PM (between sessions) at Benco on April 13th.

May's Meeting

Our last general meeting of the season will be held at Theo's on Monday, May 21st. Featured speaker will be Dr. Ira Grossman, Urologist. CE credit will be given. 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.



March Meeting Minutes

The LCDS board meeting was held on March 19, 2012. Board members in attendance were Doctors Elizabeth Joseph, Samantha Abod, Doreen Santos, Gary Hughes, Ann McDonough, John Evans, Calandria Miller, Eric Smith, Richard Grossman, and marketing coordinator Cynthia Cox

At March's meeting, Natalie, PDA component relations manager, spoke briefly about social networking. And Chris Wasko, account executive with PDAIS, spoke about risk management.

There were no inquiries for the peer review and ethics committee. Elizabeth Joseph, Samantha Abod, and Doreen Santos have volunteered to take over the responsibilities.

Elizabeth Joseph had the idea of starting a scholarship fund for a student in Luzerne county interested in going to dental school. We will be working on this idea and hopefully be able to start this for the 2012-2013 school year.

We are planning a social gathering for the month of August.

The mandatory radiology CE course for April 13th is filled. Board members will meet between morning and afternoon sessions. No general meeting will be held in April.

May's meeting will be held at Theo's Metro on the 21st. Board members will meet at 6:00. General meeting will be at 6:30. Dr. Ira Grossman, a urologist, will be there to speak and answer any questions.

Submitted by Dr. Ann McDonough




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2012 CE COURSES

The last remaining 2012 Continuing Education Course is:

Wednesday, 4/18/12

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

If you haven't already registered, 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.

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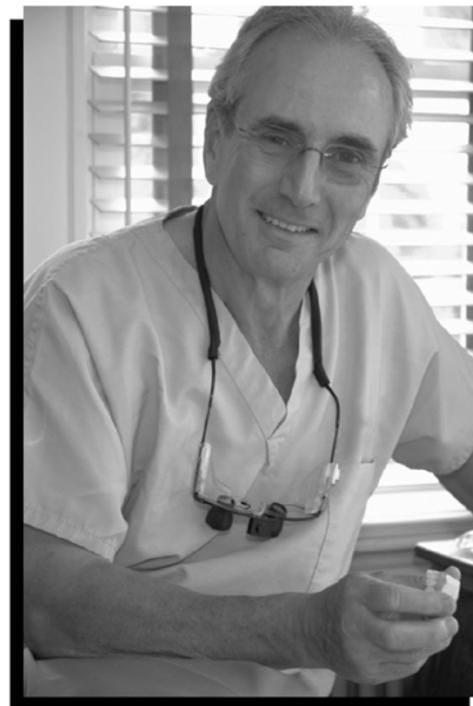
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Upcoming Events

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>"Update on Caries, vital pulp therapy, picking a ceramic, cements: sorting through the boxes"</i>	Inn at Nichols Village	April 18, 2012	8:30 AM
Third District Meeting	American Bistro Café Wilkes-Barre	April 18, 2012	6:00 PM
Board/General Meeting <i>Dr. Ira Grossman</i>	Theo's	May 21, 2012	6:00 PM
PDA Day on the Hill	Capitol Harrisburg	June 5, 2012	8:30 AM
Board Meeting	TBD	August 2012	6:00 PM
Summer Social	TBD	August 2012	TBD
ADA Annual Session	San Francisco	Oct 18-21, 2012	8:00 AM
CPR Member Course	TBD	October 2012	TBD

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