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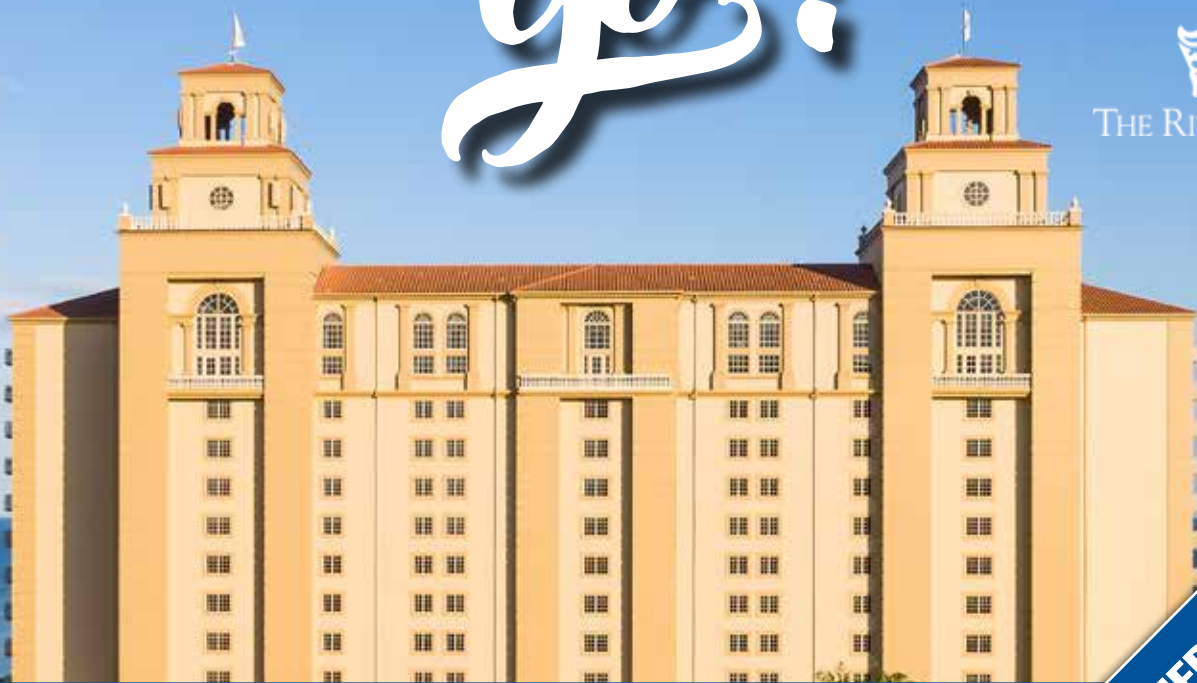
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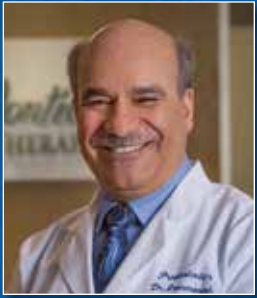
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SUMMER MEETING  
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# President's Message



**Dr. Reza Iranmanesh**  
**President**

A Spring greeting from the entire West Coast team! I hope everyone had a great start in 2021.

A year ago, we were hit with a virus that impacted our life personally and professionally in every aspect. The Covid-19 pandemic forced us to close our offices, cancel our meetings, required us to take a different approach for office functions, and above all, kept us away from each other.

Good news is on the horizon. It appears there is a light shining through. The pandemic statistics are getting better and shows a relief. Treatment protocols indicate predictable results and now a vaccine is available. Authorities are promising a "BACK TO NORMAL" lifestyle, as early as July. These are all great signs of gaining control over this issue.

Your ADA, FDA, and WCDDA teams are working hard to make sure that you have a clear voice, and you are supported throughout this unprecedented time. The information that is researched and shared by the associations allows us to run our businesses with less interruptions and to be more successful.

At the WCDDA office, our team has worked exceptionally well despite the huge challenges they faced when planning our Annual Meeting. Social distancing in limited space became a real hurdle. They presented us with an innovative idea of a 'Meeting in a box'. It became more valuable than we thought so you may see this concept post-pandemic. Some of those meeting 'boxes' are still available for members. We continue to investigate fellowship growth and have hired a marketing firm to improve our approach to member benefits.

We had a highly productive virtual FDA House of Delegates Meeting in January, with exceptional representation of WCDDA members.

As you all know, advocacy is the most important priority of organized dentistry. FDA did a great job organizing the 25th anniversary of Dentists' Day on the Hill (DDOH). I would like to express my sincere appreciation for those of you that attended the DDOH virtual meeting.

Our annual presidential trip was an incredibly fun, successful ski trip that was filled with joyful activities. The location and weather could not have been any better. Over 50 members attended, and a wonderful time was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Lisette, Kelsey and a very special thank you to Dr. Paul Miller for the planning and preparation of the trip.

Our Executive Cabinet meeting will be in May, and we are looking forward to hearing from those interested in getting involved with the leadership. This is your association, so please get involved.

Our Summer Meeting is going to be held at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. Registration is open, so if you have not yet signed up, please do so as you don't want to miss out and rooms are limited. We are all looking forward to this meeting!

The Florida Dental Convention (FDC) will take place, June 24-26 at the recently renovated, Gaylord Palms in Orlando! Act quickly because rooms are going fast! The Florida's Mission of Mercy (FLA-MOM) in Jacksonville is now scheduled for July 30-31 at the Prime Osborne Convention Center. I really admire Dr. Dan Gesek, FLA-MOM Local Chairman and his team as they work their way through planning the FLA-MOM event despite enormous challenges due to the pandemic. They were forced to reschedule and restructure this event two times already. Let's do our best to support them either by volunteering to be at the event or by providing donations to the Florida Dental Association Foundation.

It has been my honor serving WCDDA! I want to wish everyone a healthy and joyful Spring and hope to see you in Naples for the WCDDA Summer Meeting! 🍷

Reza Iranmanesh, DMD  
WCDDA President

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# Annual Meeting Highlights

To view more meeting photos, visit [facebook.com/wcdda](https://facebook.com/wcdda)



Dr. Rhonda Savage and  
Dr. Reza Iranmanesh



Dr. Michael Kirsch and his buccaneer pirate krewe!




**Ahoy, Matey! The WCDDA Annual Meeting was a fun filled day of pirates and learning with Dr. Rhonda Savage learning on how to energize your fantastic dental team!**

Dr. Melissa Grimaudo's team intently focused on the lecture while utilizing the fun materials provided in the Meeting in a Box all from the comfort of the living room!



# 2022



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## ANNUAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 4

### TOPICS:

- Exceptional program for the entire dental team!
- Anterior Esthetic Techniques & Materials and Top Clinical Tips for Esthetic Success – Dr. Lee Ann Brady
- Anterior Provisional Hands-on Workshop and Posterior Hands-on Workshop – Shannon Brinker, CDA
- A Dynamic Approach to Boost Team and Patient Communication - Leigh Ann Faight, RDH, BS

CAMLS: Center for Advanced Medical Learning and Simulation  
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## World Famous Gasparilla Parade!

### Tent & Ticket Updates...



#### WCDDA Gasparilla Private Parade Tent

#### Saturday, January 29, 2022

(Private tent includes: food, open bar and private restrooms)

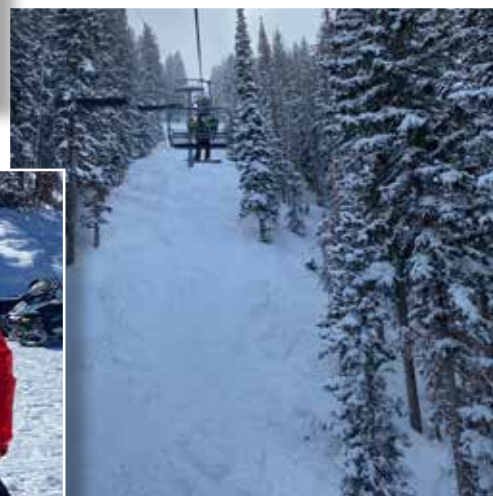
This is a fantastic opportunity for you to participate in a unique and limited event with dental family, friends, parade goers and pirates! This private outdoor area includes food, beer and restrooms. WCDDA Member \$175 per ticket, max. 4 per member. Non-Member WCDDA Dentists \$225 per ticket, max. 4 per non-member.

**Purchase tickets by visiting:**  
[www.wcdental.org/annual-meetings-ce/gasparilla](http://www.wcdental.org/annual-meetings-ce/gasparilla)

*Oh What Fun We Had...*

# WCDDA President's Trip

Park City, Utah – Feb. 24-March 1, 2021



WCDDA Park City attendees recently travelled to Park City, Utah to ski, snowmobile, bobsled and frolic in the fresh powder!



# Coding is Confusing [Virtual Event]

**2021 Optimize Your Practice: Understanding the CDT Code, Dental Benefits, Claim Processing, Contracts – and More**  
**Friday, April 30th**

**9:30AM - 12:30PM – 3 CEUs**

*Codes for COVID-19 Vaccination Procedures and Molecular Testing Added to CDT 2021!*

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**Toothnotes**

Virtual Presentation by  
 Christopher Bulnes, DMD and  
 Jessica Stille-Mallah, DMD, MS

This course will analyze several factors that influence a dental benefit plan's reimbursement for dental services you provide. Topics to be covered include benefit plan limitations and exclusions; participating provider contracts; effective appeal of denied claims; and proper, accurate and consistent Current Dental Terminology (CDT) coding on patient records and claims. How to use guides on recent CDT Code additions.

Learning Objectives:

- Recognize how dental plan provisions affect reimbursement for services
- Implement ADA coding tools for accurate and error-free claim submissions
- Identify payer CDT Code misuse to appeal adjudication decisions

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3v9C2pF>

## Learning Objectives:

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- ✓ Implement ADA coding tools for accurate and error-free claim submissions
- ✓ Identify payer CDT Code misuse to appeal adjudication decisions

## Fees:

Members/Team, \$25

Non-Members/Team, \$50

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**Dr. Carlton Schwartz**  
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# Member Tools and Resources

**ADA Credentialing:** Spend more time with patients and less time on cumbersome, redundant paperwork. Think like a dentist and run your office like an entrepreneur with ADA's Credentialing Service. Visit [ada.org/credentialing](http://ada.org/credentialing).

**Top 10 Members-Only Online Resources:** Marketing Tool-Kit, Legal Resources, Hurricane Readiness, and more! <https://www.floridadental.org/member-center/member-resources>

**Free Online CE:** Members receive up to 30 hours of FREE online CE courses at [floridadental.org](http://floridadental.org).

**CE Broker Tracking:** Continuing education attendance records are uploaded into CEbroker.com for each member who attends a meeting at the FDA, WCDDA and affiliate levels.

**FDA Services:** Provides a wide range of insurance at affordable rates. Individual/Group Health, Professional Liability, Term Life, Workers Compensation, Disability, Malpractice, Auto and Pension plans are available. Contact Rick D'Angelo at (813) 475-6948 or [rick.dangelo@fdaservices.com](mailto:rick.dangelo@fdaservices.com).

**The Dentist Supply Company (TDSC):** Offers members a new way to shop for dental supplies. TDSC is a member dentist led organization built to provide consistent, competitive pricing on dental supplies to members of organized dentistry regardless of practice size. Visit [fdaservices.com/tdsc](http://fdaservices.com/tdsc).

**ADA "Find a Dentist" Feature:** The online tool, [mouthhealthy.org](http://mouthhealthy.org) promotes your practice by allowing you to keep your profile up to date and making it easy for potential patients to locate your practice.

**CE Programs/Annual Meetings/Affiliate Meetings:** Each association hosts annual meetings and monthly meetings that provide high quality continuing education to members and their staff at a significantly reduced rate. WCDDA's Annual Winter and Summer Meetings, WCDDA Affiliate Meetings, Florida Dental Convention (FDC) and the ADA's Annual Session.

**ADA/FDA/WCDDA Websites:** Information right at your fingertips, visit [ada.org](http://ada.org), [floridadental.org](http://floridadental.org) and [wcdental.org](http://wcdental.org) to access important information on laws, rules, and continuing education and employment opportunities. Visit ADA's New Dentist Blog, [newdentistblog.ada.org](http://newdentistblog.ada.org) and FDA's Beyond the Bite Blog, <https://blog.floridadental.org/>.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT MEMBERSHIP AND HOW TO JOIN, CALL (800) 260-5277 OR VISIT [WCDENTAL.ORG](http://WCDENTAL.ORG) OR [FLORIDADENTAL.ORG](http://FLORIDADENTAL.ORG).**

## THIRD-PARTY PAYER CONCERNS:

Working closely with the various insurance plans, Medicaid managed-care plans, the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), Department of Health, Board of Dentistry and other state and federal agencies, the FDA Director of Third-Party Payer and Professional Affairs addresses issues relating to third-party payers such as: Insurance and Medicaid managed-care plan reimbursement, contracting with commercial insurance and Medicaid managed-care plans, filing complaints with the Office of Insurance Regulation and/or the AHCA, general third-party payer questions, and regulatory issues with the Board of Dentistry. For additional information, contact Casey Stoutamire, Director of Third-Party Payer & Professional Affairs at (800) 877-9922 or [cstoutamire@floridadental.org](mailto:cstoutamire@floridadental.org).

## ADA CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

This interactive web resource offers members relevant and effective solutions you can use every day: managing your career, expanding your knowledge and balancing your life. Visit <https://success.ada.org/en>.

- Marketing Strategies for Your Practice - <https://bit.ly/2BT6HOc>
- Running a successful dental practice presents new challenges every day. The ADA's Guidelines for Practice Success™ (GPS™) delivers the resources you need to achieve your practice goals. <https://success.ada.org/en/practice-management/guidelines-for-practice-success>
- Survey of Dental Fees, <https://success.ada.org/en/practice-management/finances/survey-of-dental-fees>

**FDA CAREER CENTER** gives dentists and dental employers a better way to find each other and make that perfect match. Visit, [floridadental.org/member-center/fda-career-center](http://floridadental.org/member-center/fda-career-center).

**YOU OFTEN CAN AVOID COSTLY LEGAL FEES** and malpractice suits by using this free service available only to members. Peer Review doesn't always have to be started by a disgruntled patient. A frustrated dentist who feels that everything has been done to satisfy the patient, with no success, also can recommend Peer Review. This is a service provided by colleagues to other members to help mediate problems, and most of the time avoid costly and emotionally draining litigation or Board of Dentistry complaints.

## MANAGED-CARE HANDBOOK

You Want Me to Sign What? A Florida Dentist's Handbook on Managed-care Contracts is a comprehensive reference including information on reimbursement, risk, negotiating, and rights and duties of both parties. Contact the WCDDA office to obtain your copy, (813) 654-2500.

## FDAPAC AND ADPAC

Dentistry's state and federal political action committees ensure the association has a place at the table when lawmakers are debating legislation that affects dentistry. The FDA Political Action Committee (FDAPAC) Board of Directors and American Dental Political Action Committee (ADPAC) work hard to identify and support dental-friendly candidates. To stay informed, visit [ada.org/advocacy.aspx](http://ada.org/advocacy.aspx) and <https://www.floridadental.org/>.

## FLUORIDATION

The FDA is a leading advocate for fluoridation and many times must act fast when the removal of fluoride is threatened. As Florida's advocate for oral health, the FDA helps educate community leaders on the benefits of fluoridation and provides expert testimony before commission meetings, when needed. The FDA works with state agencies and the ADA to promote fluoridation. To increase education efforts and promote fluoridation, the FDA created a fluoridation specific website, [floridafluoridation.org](http://floridafluoridation.org)

# Virtual Dentists' Day on the Hill

The Florida Dental Association (FDA) celebrated 25 years of advocacy by hosting a virtual Dentists' Day on the Hill (DDOH) on Tuesday, March 16th. Participants of DDOH got a firsthand account of meetings with legislators, grassroots panel discussion on advocacy, and special presentations and reflections from past FDA presidents and cabinet members. Because of the restrictions at the Capitol due to COVID-19, DDOH could not be held in-person; however, the FDA wanted to make sure members had the opportunity to engage in the process this session to help get support for the FDA's legislative priorities. To view the full day of the virtual DDOH, visit, <https://vimeo.com/floridadental/2021-dentists-day-on-the-hill>. To view a list of up-to-date Legislative Issues and the FDA's position on the legislative issues, visit <https://www.floridadental.org/advocacy/legislative-action-center/position-on-issues>.

Below is a list of DDOH Virtual Attendees on Tuesday, March 16th from the WCDDA district. Thanks to all who participated!

Dr. Michael Adams, Clearwater  
Dr. David Ashley, Lakewood Ranch  
Dr. Darlenn Grace Ayan, Naples  
Dr. Chelsea Benza, Naples  
Dr. Leonard Britten, Lutz  
Dr. Terry Buckenheimer, Tampa  
Dr. Christopher Bulnes, Tampa  
Kelsey Bulnes, Tampa  
Kayla Camarillo, Brandon  
Dr. Sean Carr, Naples  
Dr. Gabrielle Chevance, Bradenton  
Dr. Hilary Dalton, Tampa  
Dr. Glori Enzor, Sarasota  
Dr. Michael Evans, Sarasota  
Dr. Joita Ghosh, Tampa  
Dr. Frederick Grassin, Palm Harbor  
Dr. Kenneth Grundset, Largo

Dr. Michelle Halcomb, Sun City Center  
Dr. Mohammad Iranmanesh, Tampa  
Dr. Neeraja Jasthi, Tampa  
Dr. Johnny Johnson, Levy  
Dr. Doug Jungman, Bradenton  
Dr. Zacharias Kalarickal, Wesley Chapel  
Dr. Naresh Kalra, Tampa  
Dr. Lisa Klein, Venice  
Dr. Ruben Krebs, Naples  
Dr. Gregory Langston, St. Petersburg  
Dr. Rudy Liddell, Brandon  
Dr. Deborah Lowry, St. Petersburg  
Dr. Ashima Madan, Safety Harbor  
Dr. Charles Martin, Tampa  
Dr. Brent Mayer, St. Petersburg  
Dr. Polly Michaels, Weeki Wachee  
Dr. Paul Miller, New Port Richey

Dr. Allison O'Brien, Bradenton  
Dr. James Oxeer, Lake Placid  
Dr. Anala Panchumarti, Tampa  
Dr. Nish Patel, Bradenton  
Dr. John Paul, Lakeland  
Dr. Queanh Phan, Naples  
Dr. Patricia Primerio, Naples  
Dr. Dipak Sheth, Winter Haven  
Dr. Gabriele Spinuso, St. Petersburg  
Dr. Steve Tinsworth, Bradenton  
Dr. James Troxler, Bradenton  
Dr. Andrew Varga, Bradenton  
Dr. Jacqueline Vineyard, St Petersburg  
Dr. Becky Warnken, Apollo Beach  
Dr. Hugh Wunderlich, Palm Harbor  
Lissette Zuknick, Brandon

*Save the date  
for next year's  
DDOH  
Feb. 1, 2022*

## Legislative Text Alerts

### Sign-Up for Legislative Text Alerts

The FDA has a text alert system to ensure FDA members have the most up-to-date information to act on legislative alerts. To enroll, text "FDA" to 50457 and you will receive a text back to confirm your enrollment. You will only receive a text message when asked to act upon a certain legislative issue. Action alerts can include asking your legislator to co-sponsor a bill, support/oppose certain legislation or thanking them for their vote on a bill. Please note, this is an opt-in system. You will not be texted unless you take the above steps to opt into the program. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact the FDA's Governmental Affairs Office at (850) 224-1089.



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# New Members

**The following dentists have recently joined or reinstated membership to the WCDDA, FDA and ADA! Congratulations and welcome!**

Dr. Ilan Abramowitz, Bartow	Dr. Robert Ferguson, Saint Petersburg	Dr. Samuel Margulies, Venice	Dr. Geoffrey Rintel, Lakeland
Dr. Jeffrey Anderson, Bradenton	Dr. Dario Ferrer Torres, Largo	Dr. Reihaneh Mauer, Estero	Dr. John Ritter, Valrico
Dr. Dwayne Bacchus, Lakewood Ranch	Dr. Katrina Fins, Seminole	Dr. Michael McKee, Sarasota	Dr. Abneris Rivera, Clearwater
Dr. Mark Behm, Tampa	Dr. Gabriela Flores, Punta Gorda	Dr. Varahram Mehraban Shahriar, Naples	Dr. Amanda Rizner, Lakewood Ranch
Dr. Natalie Bentivegna, Tampa	Dr. Erik Garcia-Aranguren, Ocala	Dr. Juleini Meneses, Tampa	Dr. Eduardo Rodriguez, Fort Myers
Dr. Sandra Bernaza, Cape Coral	Dr. James Gardner, Tampa	Dr. John Miller, Lehigh Acres	Dr. Adam Rose, Bradenton
Dr. Wylan Bernitt, North Port	Dr. Gregory Gauthier, Naples	Dr. Amir Moradian, Tampa	Dr. Maryam Rostami, Tampa
Dr. David Bork, Punta Gorda	Dr. William Greider, Fort Myers	Dr. Aline Morin, Naples	Dr. James Sainsbury, Palm Harbor
Dr. Paul Brand, Venice	Dr. Harveen Gujral, Tampa	Dr. Mathew Mouritsen, Bonita Springs	Dr. Felipe Salles, Lithia
Dr. Toniann Burrus Conte, Bonita Springs	Dr. Jeannette Hall, Miami	Dr. Bibiana Munoz Aguilera, Tampa	Dr. Katrina Sanchelima, Tampa
Dr. Nicholas Button, Tampa	Dr. Houda Hamze, Brandon	Dr. Tara Nahrwold, Saint Petersburg	Dr. Christian Silva Silveira, Naples
Dr. Vincent Cammarato, Estero	Dr. Ryan Harris, Fort Myers	Dr. Maria Nazco Batista, Dade City	Dr. Anna Simeoni, Dover
Dr. Kenneth Chen, Sebring	Dr. Ioannis Helidonas, Port Richey	Dr. Giselle Neukirchner, Fort Myers	Dr. Keith Simon, Tampa
Dr. Elise Cheng, Lakeland	Dr. Luz Hernandez, Tampa	Dr. Cong Nguyen, Temple Terrace	Dr. Dilshad Sumar, Palm Harbor
Dr. Gabrielle Chevance, Bradenton	Dr. Federico Hidalgo, Tampa	Dr. Patrick Noble, Palm Harbor	Dr. Roman Temkin, Tampa
Dr. Jessica Cohen, Naples	Dr. Faryal Hussain, Port Charlotte	Dr. Michael O'Donnell, Sarasota	Dr. Irina Toma, Naples
Dr. Katia Consuegra, Bonita Springs	Dr. James Jackson, Clearwater	Dr. Edgar Ortiz Pimentel, Davenport	Dr. Vu Tran, Bradenton
Dr. Kasey Cowser, Wesley Chapel	Dr. Nadeen Jamal, Westchase	Dr. Keenan Osman, Temple Terrace	Dr. Richard Tschida, Bradenton
Dr. Marloin Cummings, St. Petersburg	Dr. Tejal Jamidar, Fernandina Beach	Dr. Moyosoreoluwa Oyebolu, Tampa	Dr. Erika Tugendhat, Miami
Dr. Priscila Dal Seco, Lutz	Dr. Jonathan Journo, Naples	Dr. Akash Patel, Tampa	Dr. Robert Uhle, Palm Harbor
Dr. Roderick Davies, New Port Richey	Dr. Peter Jurkash, Fort Myers	Dr. Mili Patel, Dade City	Dr. Ricardo Ullrich, St. Petersburg
Dr. Mikhail Daya Attie, Plantation	Dr. Robert Kinney, Davenport	Dr. Ami Patel, Tampa	Dr. Joseph Valenti, Tampa
Dr. Paula De Oliveira, Lehigh Acres	Dr. David Kosek, Venice	Dr. Alba Pena, Plant City	Dr. Undavadi Vasudev, Tarpon Springs
Dr. Laura De Pena, Nokomis	Dr. Bartlomiej Ladzinski, Tampa	Dr. Elza Pereira, Sarasota	Dr. Kinjal Vora, Tampa
Dr. Janet De Vault, Clearwater	Dr. Jae Hyun Lee, Fort Myers	Dr. Nicole Perez, Naples	Dr. Jason Watts, Riverview
Dr. Omar Luis Delgado, Bradenton	Dr. Sara Lee, St. Petersburg	Dr. Shadae Person, Fort Myers	Dr. Kayla Weatherwax,
Dr. Alexander Desman, St. Petersburg	Dr. Alan Levin, Sarasota	Dr. Stephan Pietro, Fort Myers	Dr. Scott Wenk, Sarasota
Dr. Dearl Duncan, Bradenton	Dr. Maria Camille Little, Bartow	Dr. Alex Podaru, Lakeland	Dr. Jenny White, Sarasota
Dr. Elizabeth Dy, Tampa	Dr. Pat Little, Land O Lakes	Dr. Mary Teresa Prendiville, Plant City	Dr. Sana Yusuf, Wesley Chapel
Dr. Jason Ehrenman, Safety Harbor	Dr. Claire Little, Sarasota	Dr. Solongo Purev, Venice	
Dr. David Elgelsberg, Seminole	Dr. David Long, Bonita Springs	Dr. Natalie Reboredo, Lakewood Ranch	
Dr. Robin Ellis, Fort Myers	Dr. Bianca Lopez-Isa, Tampa	Dr. Samantha Reed, Tarpon Springs	
Dr. Jennifer Engelhardt, Fort Myers	Dr. Think Luong, Tampa	Dr. Rebecca Renelus, Winter Haven	
Dr. Carolina Escobedo, St. Petersburg	Dr. Brandon Mack, Tampa	Dr. Lilian Reyes, Bradenton	
Dr. Byron Escoe, Venice	Dr. Christopher Maly, Largo	Dr. Jevon Rhule, Sebring	
Dr. Jaime Estrada, Tarpon Springs	Dr. Asma Mamsa, Davenport	Dr. David Rice, Saint Petersburg	

## In Memoriam

We are deeply saddened by the loss of our beloved colleagues.

Donald R. Gorby, DDS of Naples passed away on Wednesday, September 18, 2013  
Danilo Zucchelli, DDS of Clermont passed away on Wednesday, May 2, 2018  
Kevin B. Pasley, DDS of Fort Myers passed away on Monday, November 11, 2019  
Lawrence J. Handley, DDS of Ocala passed away on Wednesday, November 20, 2019  
James George Rayes, DDS of Largo passed away on Wednesday, January 1, 2020  
David G. Shelton, DMD of New Port Richey passed away on Sunday, December 6, 2020  
Theodore W. Kaduk, DDS of New Port Richey passed away on Sunday, January 24, 2021  
Donald Floyd Eifert, DDS of Belleair Beach passed away on Sunday, February 7, 2021  
Randy Mark Feldman, DDS of Tampa passed away on Wednesday, March 3, 2021

A contribution has been made to the WCDDA Fund in their memory. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to the Florida Dental Health Foundation, indicate WCDDA Fund in the memo and mail to: Florida Dental Association, Attn: Foundation, 545 John Knox Road, Suite 200, Tallahassee, Florida 32303.



# Members Showing Commitment

**Congratulations to the following members for their continued dedication to the WCDDA!  
The year 2021 marks their major milestone in supporting organized dentistry.**

**Longest Standing Member - 77 years**  
Dr. Clare F. McCreary

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## 60 Year

Dr. Donald L. Chastain  
Dr. Leonard J. Drazek

Dr. Loren K. Hofer  
Dr. William M. Nevans Sr.

Dr. Austin G. Riddle  
Dr. Paul R. Sidlo

Dr. Edward J. Smith

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## 50 Year

Dr. David C. Bassett  
Dr. Bruce A. Bernstein  
Dr. Donald I. Cadle Jr.  
Dr. James J. Driscoll  
Dr. Jack Frieman  
Dr. Thomas E. Glatz

Dr. Richard J. Greenspan  
Dr. J T. Hose  
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Dr. Randal C. Robertson  
Dr. Sterling L. Ronk  
Dr. Charles L. Ross Jr.

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Dr. Van R. Speas  
Dr. Byron E. Verkauf  
Dr. Edmond F. Weglarz Jr.  
Dr. John J. Yurosko  
Dr. Irving I. Zamikoff

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## 35 Year

Dr. Carmen J. Aulino  
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Dr. Gregory D. Bello  
Dr. Robert O. Bersot  
Dr. Steven Bloom  
Dr. Richard H. Burns Jr.  
Dr. Lezlie D. Carroll  
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Dr. Richard D. Crossland  
Dr. Darryl E. Damon  
Dr. Charles H. Davis  
Dr. Caryn N. Davis  
Dr. Jacquelyn A. Dawson  
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Dr. Larry Dunford  
Dr. Gregory S. Dyer  
Dr. Michael P. Evans  
Dr. Siuhung Fan  
Dr. N. Joseph. Farris  
Dr. Victor J. Grasso  
Dr. George A. Hoop III  
Dr. Mohammad R. Iranmanesh  
Dr. Baltasar Jimenez  
Dr. Felix Jimenez Jr.  
Dr. Mukesh A. Kapadia  
Dr. George M. Kazakos  
Dr. David A. Kimmel

Dr. Michael G. Kirsch  
Dr. Gordon E. Krueger  
Dr. James C. Lanham  
Dr. Kenneth S. Liszewski  
Dr. Michael R. MacDonald  
Dr. Philip L. Marshall  
Dr. Trudi P. Massaro  
Dr. Julio Maya  
Dr. Gayle Obermayr  
Dr. Cara D. Overbeck  
Dr. Edward. Paikoff  
Dr. Stephen T. Perez  
Dr. Mary A. Pittman  
Dr. Mary Porter

Dr. John M. Richards  
Dr. Judy Rowland  
Dr. Glenn R. Saraydar  
Dr. Ronald W. Schalter  
Dr. Mark Singer  
Dr. Steven R. Slavkin  
Dr. Mark M. Stanford  
Dr. Jennifer M. Stidham  
Dr. Dilshad Sumar  
Dr. Robert Sutton  
Dr. Douglas C. Wendt Jr.  
Dr. Judy Yates-Marshall

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## 25 Year

Dr. Michael L. Abdoney  
Dr. Amy F. Anderson  
Dr. Francisco. Arevalo  
Dr. Jay C. Cagata  
Dr. David A. Campbell  
Dr. Wendy. Churchill-Urrico  
Dr. John A. Contino

Dr. Melva Ely  
Dr. Robert E. Hendry  
Dr. Leslie. Hernandez  
Dr. Donald J. Horn  
Dr. Tracy L. Jackson Sr  
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# Association Business - Official Calls

## Official Calls

There will be a caucus of the West Coast District Dental Association's Delegation on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via conference call.



Dr. Lance Karp

The West Coast District Dental Association will hold a breakfast caucus in conjunction with the Florida Dental Association's House of Delegates meeting Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. at the Gaylord Palms, Orlando.

Dr. Lance Karp  
WCDDA Secretary



*You're Invited to attend  
WCDDA's Officer Installation  
Saturday, August 7th at 5:00 p.m.  
The Ritz-Carlton, Naples Beach Resort*

*Event held in conjunction with the  
West Coast District Dental Association's  
2021 Summer Meeting.*



## New WCDDA Team Member

**Kayla Camarillo**  
*Executive Admin. Assistant*



WCDDA would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Executive Administrative Assistant, Kayla Camarillo! Kayla was born and raised in Indiana and moved to Lakeland, FL in 2015. Kayla graduated from Florida State University in 2020 with a Business degree in Management and a minor in Communications. Kayla is excited to be a part of this team where she will be able to learn and grow. She enjoys spending time with her family, watching Netflix, and going to the beach.

**Welcome, Kayla!**

## 2021-2022 Calendar

WCDDA Executive Cabinet Meeting, Brandon	May 7, 2021
WCDDA Delegation Caucus Call	June 15, 2021
Florida Dental Convention, Gaylord Palms	June 24-26, 2021
FDA House of Delegates, Gaylord Palms	June 25-26, 2021
FLA MOM, Jacksonville	July 30-31, 2021
<b>WCDDA Officer Planning Session</b>	<b>August 5, 2021</b>
<b>WCDDA 34<sup>th</sup> Summer Meeting, The Ritz-Carlton, Naples</b>	<b>August 6-8, 2021</b>
SmileCon, America's Dental Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada	October 11-15, 2021
FDA Virtual House of Delegates	January 22, 2022
<b>WCDDA Gasparilla Tent, Tampa</b>	<b>January 29, 2022</b>
FDA Dentist' Day on the Hill	February 1, 2022
<b>WCDDA Presidential Cocktail Party 100th</b>	<b>February 3, 2022</b>
<b>WCDDA Annual Meeting, CAMLS Tampa</b>	<b>February 4, 2022</b>
FLA MOM, Tallahassee	March 11-12, 2022
FDA Florida Dental Convention, Gaylord Palms	June 23-25, 2022
<b>WCDDA Summer Meeting, The Ritz-Carlton, Naples</b>	<b>August 5-7, 2022</b>

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# REPEAL OF ANTITRUST EXEMPTION FOR HEALTH CARE INSURANCE A WIN FOR DENTISTS

The Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act of 2020 became law on Jan. 13. The American Dental Association (ADA) led a multiyear effort to persuade Congress that health care insurance, including dental plans, should no longer be protected from some of the federal antitrust laws.

This new law is aimed at improving transparency and competition in the health, dental and vision insurance marketplaces. It makes the conduct of health insurers fully subject to the nation's antitrust laws, just like that of all other U.S. businesses. By removing the exemption obstacles to investigation and enforcement, both the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice may be more likely to investigate possible anticompetitive practices and activities of health care insurers.

While there may not be immediate changes for dentists, in the long term it is expected there will be changes in the dental plan marketplace that will benefit all, including consumers of health care services and providers. In the past, many experts believed that the antitrust exemption suppressed the health insurance market dynamic. Now, there's hope that the new law will open opportunities for innovation and improved features that will expand choices for offering better and more coverage options.

The ADA has developed a list of FAQs for dentists at [bit.ly/3a3Dq4G](https://bit.ly/3a3Dq4G), which addresses how this law will impact dental practices. In addition, an *ADA News* article, which can be found at [bit.ly/2Nf0STy](https://bit.ly/2Nf0STy), explains organized dentistry's advocacy efforts and what the new law means for providers, consumers and dental insurance companies. 🌞



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# West Coast District Dental Association Annual Summer Meeting



August 6-8, 2021  
The Ritz-Carlton, Naples



# Annual Summer Meeting Program

THE RITZ-CARLTON, NAPLES

AUGUST 6-8, 2021

REGISTER ONLINE  
at [wcdental.org](http://wcdental.org)

## Friday, August 6th

Cycling: No drop ride, all levels welcome ..... 7:00 a.m.

Registration and Exhibits ..... 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Backwater Fishing ..... 7:30 a.m. - Noon  
The Bayview Park Boat Ramp (arrive at boat ramp by 7:30 a.m.)

Contemporary Preps, Digital Impression Dentistry,  
Fabrication Techniques and Materials  
3 CE Credits ..... 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Cigars and Cordials ..... 9:00 p.m.  
Come join fellow aficionados at our annual Cigars and Cordials event.  
(Cigars and Cordials are at your own expense)

## Saturday, August 7th

5k Fun Run (Free Event) ..... 7:00 a.m.

Registration and Exhibits ..... 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Contemporary Preps, Digital Impression Dentistry,  
Fabrication Techniques and Materials  
3 CE Credits ..... 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Golf Tournament ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Shotgun start. Fee includes: greens fees, cart, lunch & awards.

Family Fun - LIVE! ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Join WCDDA families and friends for a FUN, LIVE commercial video competition. Complete details will be kept top secret until the event starts. Tip: Video features You the star and the beautiful venue! Lights, Camera, Action.

WCDDA Officer Installation ..... 5:00 p.m.

Beer, Wine & Cheese Reception ..... 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## Sunday, August 8th

Cycling: No drop ride, all levels welcome ..... 7:00 a.m.

Registration and Exhibits ..... 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

HIV & Emerging Diseases Update for the Dental Practitioner  
3 CE Credits ..... 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

## Location

The Ritz-Carlton, Naples is located at 280 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples, FL 34108. Maps can be found online at <http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/Naples/>.

The Ritz-Carlton Naples hotel is being renovated. Below are details that may have an impact on the Summer Meeting.

- New tower being constructed in front of the spa from May 2021 – May 2022.
- Lap/Adult Pool will be out of service.
- Guestrooms on the south side of the building overlooking the pool will be held out for noise
- The Spa and Dusk Restaurant and possibly the Gourmet Shop will be closed.

## Hotel Reservations & Meeting Registration

A reservation link will be provided once you have registered for the Summer Meeting. Limit 2 rooms per registrant, the West Coast District Dental Association room block rate is \$179.00 per night. Individuals not registered for the meeting will be charged the hotel rack rate instead of the group rate upon checkout. Registrants desiring more than two rooms may check back after May 31, 2021 at which time if there are still rooms remaining in the group room block, the additional rooms will be made available on a first come basis. CE fees after July 23rd increase by \$20.00 per registrant. Pre-registered dentists receive a WCDDA amenity. Refund and Cancellation Policy: All requests for refunds or cancellations must be made in writing to the WCDDA prior to the pre-registration deadline of July 23rd. A cancellation/processing fee of 15% will be charged. No refunds will be given if cancellation is received after the pre-registration deadline. No refunds will be given on site. Questions concerning reservations should be addressed with The Ritz-Carlton, Naples (239) 598-3300. Questions concerning meeting registration should be addressed with the WCDDA office (813) 654-2500.

## Leisure Reservations

For golf or dinner within the hotel, pool and beach cabana reservations please call (239) 514-6001.

## Support the WCDDA Fund

Make a donation to support the WCDDA Fund for your chance to win a variety of items that will be raffled throughout the meeting. A complete list of items will be featured in the onsite program. Raffle tickets start at \$5.00. You do not have to be present to win. You may purchase tickets on the enclosed registration form or online.

The WCDDA Fund supports local dental health education, access to care projects, careers in dentistry and disaster relief.

Attention  
Cyclists!

No drop ride on Friday & Sunday.  
Departing from The Ritz-Carlton at  
7:00 a.m., returning prior to CE.  
**All levels welcome!**

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# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## Friday, August 6th & Saturday, August 7th

### Contemporary Preps, Digital Impression Dentistry, Fabrication Techniques and Materials

**Dr. Michael Fling**

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., 6 CEUs (Session 1 & 2 - 3 CEUs each)

Preparation design for full and partial coverage has changed with the advent of modern materials. Digital impression techniques are commonplace. Restoration fabrication techniques are numerous. There are a multitude of materials that can be used with today's treatment options. This presentation looks at all of these aspects including contemporary preps, impressions, fabrication techniques and materials, and reviews the following:

- Preparation design for full coverage and veneer restorations when restoring with contemporary materials
- Retraction and isolation techniques for pristine digital impressions
- Benefits of digital impressions dentistry
- How to articulate digitally generated impressions
- Restoration fabrication techniques with digital printing, milling and pressing
- Indications and material choices for contemporary restorations
- Is Zirconia a friend or foe?
- Material choices for cementation and bonding

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## Sunday, August 8th

### HIV and Emerging Diseases Update for the Dental Practitioner – Mr. Tom Robertson

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., 3 CEUs

The presentation will discuss the latest trends in HIV treatment and the advances in HIV treatment and HIV testing. We will discuss the role of PREP in the prevention of HIV and the need for PREP expansion to include vulnerable communities as an integral part of lowering HIV transmission. The advances in HIV treatment including medications that reduce the viral load of a patient to an undetectable level. HIV disease trends as well as other emerging diseases will be a component of this update.

# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**Dr. Michael Fling** is a dentist, an educator, an author and an artist. He says that the secret to his success is “bridging the gap between knowing and doing”. He uses this secret to further the success of those around him by inspiring them to excellence. He began his career in dentistry in 1976 as a laboratory technician. While maintaining a private practice with an emphasis on aesthetic and restorative dentistry, he has served as Course Director and as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Fixed Prosthodontics at the O.U. College of Dentistry. He now serves as an Associate Professor and the Director in the Department of Advanced Restorative Dentistry. He is the founder and President of Fling Seminars, delivering stimulating advanced dental education and motivation to dental teams and technicians around the world. He has been named by Dentistry Today as one of the “Top Clinicians in Continuing Education” every year since 2005. He serves at the L.D. Pankey Institute as a Essentials Director and is part of a select handful that has completed the process to earn the distinction as a “Pankey Scholar”. He also serves as a member of their Board of Advisors. He is a member of the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry. His passion is motivating change to improve the quality of life for those he touches.



**Mr. Tom Robertson** is a consultant, speaker and trainer. He has forty-two years in the Public Health field. Tom began his career working for the Center for Disease Control as a Public Health Advisor with duty assignments in Louisville, KY, Houston, TX, and Chicago, IL. He worked for the Florida Department of Health in the Office of STD Control and worked on the development of the Community Planning Initiative. His career path next led to a job with the Alabama Department of Health Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention. He has served in several capacities including Public Information Officer for PHA 6, co-chair of the Alabama Prevention Council, and trainer for the Alabama Department of Education. Tom has a MS in Personnel Counseling and a BS in Business Administration from Jacksonville State University. He has worked with multiple national organizations as a trainer and motivational speaker and has been named Educator of the Year in both Florida and Alabama. He continues to be involved in his community and looks forward to continuing to make a difference in the lives of his friends.



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# Tip of the Tongue

## WCDDA Earns a Gold Medal... Oh Wait That Was Me.



**Hugh Wunderlich, DDS**

Every year the President of the WCDDA has the privilege of proffering a recreational trip that is open to WCDDA membership. In the past we have sponsored many trips such as Napa Valley, Kentucky's Bourbon Trail, sailing the British Virgin Islands and cruising the Alaskan shoreline. Group vacations such as these are not for everyone but there are certain advantages to banding together with discounts and camaraderie that would not occur when traveling solo.

This year, Dr. Reza Iranmanesh, chose to take us to Utah and ski the Wasatch Range. We skied Park City Mountain, the Canyons and Deer Valley over three pristine days. Fortunately, the trip was ameliorated by our own ski-bum Dr. Paul "Bode" Miller. As if the skiing was not enough, he arranged for a sleigh ride dinner, bobsledding and snowmobiling. Yes, bobsledding! Oh, did I mention I won a gold medal in bobsledding? Hard to believe but we even wedged in some expert continuing education every day.



Out of nearly 2000 Dentists in the WCDDA, it does seem to always be a small group that takes advantage of these opportunities. Although on this trip we had 22 dentists and a total of 54 people participate. Thankfully, Kelsey, Lisette and Dr. Paul "Bode" Miller herded these 'snow'- cats into a manageable clowder. I heard of no broken bones and only one episode of a crash on the slopes hinting at hip surgery. Thank you Dr. Bulnes for being small enough to not to split my pelvis in the world's slowest 'yard sale' of collisions. The weather was a perfect blend of sunny and storybook snowfall. Snowmobiling punctuated the festivities with a string of 21 sleds in our group streaming into mountainous



canyons framed by aspens and evergreens.

Perfect. Except... oops... someone noticed back at basecamp that we were missing a "man." It turns out that 'Dr. Kay', riding solo, had buried her sled into a tree-well just as we were all zipping back to camp. Although unharmed it was a tense time for all until, she was located. The next WCDDA President's trip has yet to be determined. Please take advantage of it and all the benefits of membership the WCDDA provides. And we promise to not leave you behind.



*We tip our pens to our creative Editor as this is his last address! Hugh has contributed much time and energy in his role throughout the years and for that we are grateful. Good luck with ALL your spare time Hugh and we will all standby to see what happens next.*



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# Summer Meeting

August 6-8, 2021

The Ritz-Carlton, Naples

Register online... [wcdental.org](http://wcdental.org)

**VIRTUAL  
OPTION**

The West Coast District Dental Association annual Summer Meeting is now available in a virtual format to those who are unable to make it to the Summer Meeting! We understand a lot has changed over the past year and the WCDDA has developed a way for you to participate virtually! The Summer CE program is available at a reduced rate of \$99.00 for those not attending the Summer Meeting at The Ritz-Carlton in Naples. The lectures will be streamed live, August 6-8, 2021. All registrants will be provided login information prior to the meeting date.

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