

# Checkup



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SUMMER MEETING  
DETAILS INSIDE

# President's Message



*Dr. Jessica A. Stilley-Mallah  
President*

Hello West Coast District Dental Association Members,

Spring has sprung and I am hearing that your practices are in full bloom with lots of patients. What a stark contrast to being shut down at this time only two years ago. It's a time to be thankful for our profession and grateful for our ability to help our patients stay healthy. Just remember that being busy can get in the way of our own health, both physically and mentally. I am always re-energized by taking time with colleagues outside our normal office settings and one of my favorite opportunities to do so is coming up at our West Coast Summer Meeting in Naples. For those of you that have been before, you know exactly what I am talking about. If you have never been, I would take this moment to look over the meeting program and register. It's great CE, much needed family time, and a way to connect with dental friends, all with the scenic backdrop of The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. Check it out. You won't be sorry you did. As always, the West Coast office and line officers are here to help you succeed. Please don't be shy to reach out to any of us with any questions or concerns you may have. I look forward to seeing you all very soon. 🍷

Jessica Stilley-Mallah, DMD  
WCDDA President



*Dr. Jessica Stilley-Mallah awarding Dr. Michael Pikos the "Kintsugi" Access to Care Volunteer Award for his outstanding volunteer contributions.*



*WCDDA Officers, Drs. Reza Iranmanesh, Kristie Johnson, Jessica Stilley-Mallah, Rita Hurst, and Lance Karp at the 2022 President's Reception*

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# 2022 Highlights

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



## Gasparilla Tent

## President's Reception

The WCDDA celebrated 100 years at The Vault in Tampa on February 3rd. Scan the QR code to check out the 100-year video!



# 2022 Highlights Continued

## Annual Meeting



## Florida Mission of Mercy



Save the Date...

# ANNUAL MEETING



**Date:** February 3, 2023  
**Location:** USF CAMLS (Center for Advanced Medical Learning Simulation)  
 124 South Franklin Street,  
 Tampa, FL 33602  
**Contact:** (813) 654-2500 • admin@wcdental.org  
 www.wcdental.org

**Program & Speakers:** Dr. John Along  
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## Top 10 Members-Only Online Resources:

Marketing Tool-Kit, Legal Resources, Hurricane Readiness, and more! <https://www.floridadental.org/member-center/member-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).

**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).

**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.

**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.

**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/>.

**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.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT MEMBERSHIP AND HOW TO JOIN, CALL 800.260.5277 OR VISIT, FLORIDADENTAL.ORG/MEMBER-CENTER/BENEFITS OR WCDENTAL.ORG.**

## THIRD-PARTY PAYER CONCERNS

The FDA has a dedicated staff member to focus resources on third-party payers in Florida and their impact on members. Working closely with the various insurance plans, Medicaid managed-care plans, the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), Department of Health, Board of Dentistry (BOD) and other state and federal agencies, the FDA Director of Third Party Payer and Professional Affairs addresses issues relating to third-party payers. For additional information, contact Casey Stoutamire, Director of Third Party Payer and Professional Affairs at 800.877.9922 or [cstoutamire@floridadental.org](mailto:cstoutamire@floridadental.org).

## PEER REVIEW

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.

## 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).

## 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.

## 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. More than 600 topics, including:


- Addiction
- Balance
- Coding
- Dental Benefits
- Education
- Finances
- HIPAA
- Medicare
- Office Ergonomics
- Patients
- Staff
- Stress
- Taglines
- Technology
- Wellness

Additional information available at <https://www.ada.org/resources/practice>.

## FDA CAREER CENTER

The FDA created the Career Center to give dentists and dental employers a better way to find each other and make that perfect fit. When it comes to making career connections in the dental profession, the mass-market approach of the mega job boards may not be the best way to find what you need. Member discounts are available. Additional information is available at <https://www.floridadental.org/member-center/fda-career-center>.

## MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

This program is an online network designed to connect industry professionals and establish mutually agreeable short-term engagements to advance career knowledge, negotiate a career path, share experiences, and more. Getting started is easy - whether you are a protege seeking advice or a mentor ready to offer your time, simply complete a short registration to be considered. Additional information is available at <https://careers.floridadental.org/ementor/>. 

# Dentists' Day on the Hill

Thank you to our members who traveled to Tallahassee for Dentists' Day on the Hill (DDOH) on February 1, 2022. Participants of DDOH got a firsthand account of meetings with legislators and grassroots panel discussion on advocacy. The state allocated \$773,000 for the Dental Student Loan Repayment Program and the Donated Dental Services program. Check out the DDOH highlight video at [vimeo.com/673726439](https://vimeo.com/673726439) and photos from the events at [bit.ly/3gK9ZaC](https://bit.ly/3gK9ZaC). 🇺🇸



*Save the date  
for next year's  
DDOH  
March 28, 2023*



## Dental Benefit Information for Your Office

The ADA has published helpful information regarding dental benefits. We encourage you to visit [bit.ly/3xLxRnU](https://bit.ly/3xLxRnU) to use the provided information in your office as a resource for patients. The following are some examples of the resources available:

- Types of Dental Plans
- What Does a Dental Plan Cover?
- Dental Benefit Terms
- Understand Your Plan
- Should I Use a Dental Financing Offer?



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# New Members

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

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|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Dr. Abanojoseph Abied, Tampa                   | Dr. Haifa El Zhawi, Sarasota          | Dr. Sydney Lundy, Lutz                | Dr. Carlos Rodriguez, Davenport         |
| Dr. Bashar Adeinat, Lutz                       | Dr. Justin Elikofer, Bradenton        | Dr. Seth Lutjemeyer, Riverview        | Dr. Gabriel Rodriguez, Pinellas Park    |
| Dr. Mustafa Adel, Tampa                        | Dr. Hamed El-Jabali, Brandon          | Dr. Mary Mabry, Davenport             | Dr. Juan Rodriguez, Bonita Springs      |
| Dr. Jimmy Alburquerque, Riverview              | Dr. Nazik Elrayah, Bradenton          | Dr. Rohan Madhyani, St. Petersburg    | Dr. Anna Ronderos, Largo                |
| Dr. Omar Maurizio Altieri, St. Petersburg      | Dr. Joseph Farag, Fort Myers          | Dr. Ayza Mahmood, Davenport           | Dr. Saimel Roque De Escobar, Tampa      |
| Dr. Yulissa Alvarez, Naples                    | Dr. Joanna Ferguson, Naples           | Dr. Sara Maltese, Dunedin             | Dr. William Sainsbury, Tarpon Springs   |
| Dr. Monique Alves, Davenport                   | Dr. Dario Ferrer Torres, Largo        | Dr. Kari Mann, Port Charlotte         | Dr. Caroline Samaan, Bradenton          |
| Dr. Nelson Andujar Ortiz, Wesley Chapel        | Dr. Robert Fili, Lakewood Ranch       | Dr. David Martinez, Fort Myers        | Dr. Brian Sampayo, Valrico              |
| Dr. Omeir Ansari, Davenport                    | Dr. Camila Flach, Tampa               | Dr. Karla Matamoros, Seminole         | Dr. Darlenis Sanchez Licea, Zephyrhills |
| Dr. Carrol Anton, St. Petersburg               | Dr. Garrett Folks, Sarasota           | Dr. Shane Mc Tiernan, Cape Coral      | Dr. Yashri Sanghani, Lakeland           |
| Dr. Donald Antonson, Ft. Lauderdale            | Dr. Craig Foster, Davenport           | Dr. Charles McMillian, Auburndale     | Dr. Leonardo Saraiva, Sarasota          |
| Dr. Peter Azer, Tampa                          | Dr. Dasha Frias Landa, Naples         | Dr. Maria Meliton, Naples             | Dr. Michael Schaake, Fort Myers         |
| Dr. Emad Barakat, Riverview                    | Dr. Myrna Gamez, Lutz                 | Dr. Loryn Merrill, New Port Richey    | Dr. Denys Severchenko, Ft. Lauderdale   |
| Dr. Grace Bauer, St. Petersburg                | Dr. Ralph Garcia, Tampa               | Dr. Sophia Mikhail, Tampa             | Dr. Kianor Shahmohammadi, Palm Harbor   |
| Dr. Marnie Bauer, Tampa                        | Dr. William Garcia Velasco, Naples    | Dr. Andrew Minias, Tampa              | Dr. Melanie Shang, St. Petersburg       |
| Dr. Michael Bettner, Sarasota                  | Dr. James Gardner, Tampa              | Dr. Lillian Mitchell, Bradenton       | Dr. Diana Shima, Port Charlotte         |
| Dr. Joan Blundell, Odessa                      | Dr. Rose Gedeon, Naples               | Dr. Robert Mitchell, Venice           | Dr. Charles Shofnos, Sarasota           |
| Dr. Amanda Boodhoo, Tampa                      | Dr. Ashlyn Ghazal, Davenport          | Dr. Ashley Mull, Largo                | Dr. Indrapal Singh, Sarasota            |
| Dr. Jessica Brewer, Tampa                      | Dr. Amir Ghazavi, Lutz                | Dr. Karthik Muppalla, Bradenton       | Dr. Irvin Singh, Palm Harbor            |
| Dr. Storm Briggs, Tampa                        | Dr. Tyler Griffith, Fort Myers        | Dr. Robert Musselman, St. Petersburg  | Dr. James Skvor, Naples                 |
| Dr. Pierpont Brown, Estero                     | Dr. Benjamin Gubernick, Tampa         | Dr. Gina Najafi, Gainesville          | Dr. Gary Smith, Parrish                 |
| Dr. Raquelina Bruno de Sousa, Sarasota         | Dr. Robertzon Guloy, Tampa            | Dr. Lakshmi Nannapaneni, Tampa        | Dr. William Smith, St. Petersburg       |
| Dr. Ivo Bushati, Pinellas Park                 | Dr. Joseph Habib, Palm Harbor         | Dr. Raluca Nasta, Cape Coral          | Dr. Lora Soliman, Dunedin               |
| Dr. Nicholas Button, Tampa                     | Dr. Stephen Hartzog, Brandon          | Dr. Ly Ngo, Largo                     | Dr. Cecilia Sorelle, Seminole           |
| Dr. Alexis Byers, Lakeland                     | Dr. Christine Hernandez, Tampa        | Dr. Catherine Nguyen, Bradenton       | Dr. Jackson Sullivan, Longboat Key      |
| Dr. Natalie Campisano-Wilhoit, Clearwater Bch. | Dr. Gabriela Hernandez, Davenport     | Dr. Carolyn Norton, Tampa             | Dr. John Supczynski, Bradenton          |
| Dr. Wendell Carmona, Pinellas Park             | Dr. Nicholas Hoepfner, St. Petersburg | Dr. Natalia Nunez Martinez, Bradenton | Dr. Volha Titov, Naples                 |
| Dr. Alejandra Cartagena, N. Miami Beach        | Dr. Faryal Hussain, Naples            | Dr. John O'Grady, Naples              | Dr. Charles Tomeo, Bradenton            |
| Dr. Adalene Chabon, St. Petersburg             | Dr. Sangchan Ianleng, Winter Haven    | Dr. Bryce Opps, Sarasota              | Dr. Yaniel Torres, Cape Coral           |
| Dr. Elise Cheng, Lakeland                      | Dr. Susan Jaamour, St. Petersburg     | Dr. Joshua Orgill, Naples             | Dr. Kristen Tracy, Naples               |
| Dr. Erica Chillemi, Naples                     | Dr. Kenneth Jainandan, Tampa          | Dr. Maria Pardo, Palmetto             | Dr. Crystal Traeger, Tampa              |
| Dr. Serban Cismarescu, Cape Coral              | Dr. Jonathan Johnson, Tampa           | Dr. Ronak Parikh, Wesley Chapel       | Dr. Doug Tribble, Fort Myers            |
| Dr. Christopher Congemi, Spring Hill           | Dr. Tina Jose, Lutz                   | Dr. Lee Patalowski, Naples            | Dr. Zahabiyah Tsiamwala, St. Petersburg |
| Dr. Andres Cruz, Naples                        | Dr. Richard Kantwill, Tampa           | Dr. Akash Patel, Lutz                 | Dr. Zulema Valdivia, Naples             |
| Dr. Juan Curci, Sarasota                       | Dr. Jennifer Katz, Seminole           | Dr. Reshma Patel, Tampa               | Dr. Jason Vanman, St. Petersburg        |
| Dr. Monica Da Silva Gusmini, Sarasota          | Dr. Christopher Kersey, Lakeland      | Dr. Viktor Pavlidakey, Clearwater     | Dr. Laura Vergara Campero, Naples       |
| Dr. Aida Davoodi Kermani, Clearwater           | Dr. Abdul Khan, Hudson                | Dr. Rekha Penmetcha, Tampa            | Dr. Kirsten Vieira-Martinez, Naples     |
| Dr. Thomas Degennaro, Marco Island             | Dr. Keith Kiskaddon, Clearwater       | Dr. Nicole Perez, Naples              | Dr. Yamile Villavicencio, Cape Coral    |
| Dr. Lorena Delgado, Homestead                  | Dr. Kevin Kunz, Naples                | Dr. Erika Pimentel Ramirez, Bradenton | Dr. Bryan Villescas, Sarasota           |
| Dr. Bernadette Delumpa, Naples                 | Dr. Michael Kutsyk, Bradenton         | Dr. Alexander Plevris, Seminole       | Dr. Qi Wang, Davenport                  |
| Dr. Brooke Denton, Pinellas Park               | Dr. Jenna Lavin, Venice               | Dr. Gregory Quattlebaum, Naples       | Dr. Austin Wheatley, Clearwater         |
| Dr. James DiMarino, Naples                     | Dr. Andres Lazaro, Clearwater Beach   | Dr. Ganesh Rajagopalan, Lakeland      | Dr. Edmund Whitson, Tampa               |
| Dr. Dominick Dolecki, Lakeland                 | Dr. Caclinh Le, Tampa                 | Dr. Jose Ramirez, Naples              | Dr. Daniel Winokur, Bonita Springs      |
| Dr. Jorge Dovale Ricardo, Largo                | Dr. Down Lee, Fort Myers              | Dr. Blake Reed, Seminole              | Dr. Susan Yasrebi, Tampa                |
| Dr. William Downie, Tampa                      | Dr. Roland Leong, Bradenton           | Dr. Chloe Reyes, Naples               | Dr. Eleftherios Zervoudakis, Dunedin    |
| Dr. Charles Drexler, St. Petersburg            | Dr. Kevin Lopez, Inverness            | Dr. Kristen Riehl, Seminole           |   |
| Dr. Breanne Dufault, Estero                    | Dr. Hannah Lowe, Kansas City          | Dr. Laurie Rodio, Dunedin             |   |

## In Memoriam

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

- Gerard Barna, DMD of Clearwater passed away on Thursday, July 29, 2021
- Leonard Britten, DDS of Lutz passed away on Tuesday, December 28, 2021
- George Burgess, DDS of Bradenton passed away on Thursday, December 16, 2021
- Robert Haas, DDS of Sarasota passed away on Wednesday, January 1, 2020
- Keith Korneisel, DDS of Pinellas Park passed away on Tuesday, December 31, 2019
- Ronald Manus, DDS of South Pasadena passed away on Tuesday, March 1, 2022
- M. Paul Nestor, DDS of Gainesville passed away on Sunday, January 2, 2022
- George Safirstein, DMD of Clearwater passed away on Thursday, July 11, 2019
- Edward Smith, DMD of Oldsmar passed away on Friday, September 27, 2019
- Louis Vodila, DDS of Myakka City passed away on Sunday, November 10, 2019
- Ridley Ward, DDS of Sarasota passed away on Wednesday, June 12, 2019

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 2022 marks their major milestone in supporting organized dentistry.**

**Most Committed Member - 77 years**  
Dr. Clare F. McCreary

## 60 Year

Dr. Mike O. Abdoney  
Dr. Robert D. Burg  
Dr. Lawrence K. Cook

Dr. Robert A. Des Rochers  
Dr. Ralph Garcia, Jr.  
Dr. Ellis P. Hyman

Dr. Niles H. Kinnunen, Jr.  
Dr. John E. Palsgrove  
Dr. Reuben R. Roach

Dr. Sidney L. Swindle  
Dr. William P. Weber  
Dr. Warner Wood

## 50 Year

Dr. Arthur I. Acker  
Dr. Ronald S. Acquaro  
Dr. Michael F. Agnini  
Dr. William H. Aippersbach  
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Dr. Nolan W. Allen  
Dr. Robert B. Amley  
Dr. Raymond L. Anel  
Dr. James M. Belcher  
Dr. Stephen P. Belcher

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Dr. Harvey L. Kerstein  
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Dr. Gary A. Layton

Dr. Stanley S. Levsky  
Dr. Leroy A. McCloud  
Dr. Donald B. McLendon  
Dr. James B. Murphy  
Dr. Ramon F. Ortiz  
Dr. Thomas L. Rockwell  
Dr. Edward J. Sarrine  
Dr. Leslie T. Schwarz  
Dr. Sherwood S. Tucker

## 35 Year

Dr. Hazel L. Abramson  
Dr. Farah P. Amin  
Dr. Douglas Bogart  
Dr. Robert Brockett  
Dr. Richard N. Devita  
Dr. Gustavo E. Fuentes Perez

Dr. James J. Gift  
Dr. Phillip N. Heinecke  
Dr. Gregory Imhoff  
Dr. Barry Jacobs  
Dr. Belkis M. Jones  
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Dr. Kim K. Kunding  
Dr. Gregory Lawrence  
Dr. Dennis Lucas  
Dr. Scott Maloney  
Dr. Ernest H. McDowell  
Dr. Michael H. McMillan

Dr. Ernest A. Rillman  
Dr. Jeff Scott  
Dr. David R. Smith  
Dr. Steven L. Steakley  
Dr. Antonio Yu. Way  
Dr. Gregory A. Zollo

## 25 Year

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Dr. Jeremy W. Davey  
Dr. Daniel C. Delrose  
Dr. Michael Fernandez

Dr. Hamid M. Fini  
Dr. Mohammad Goodarzi  
Dr. Keith A. Hutchinson  
Dr. Abdul H. Khan

Dr. Jose F. Lazaro San Miguel  
Dr. Raphael Lewis  
Dr. Elizabeth J. Staves  
Dr. Jackson L. Sullivan

Dr. Dimitrios S. Tellios  
Dr. Lea Wheeler

## Life

Dr. Eva F. Ackley  
Dr. Satish Ankalikar  
Dr. Maria C. Aragon  
Dr. Gregory D. Bello  
Dr. Joseph C. Bender  
Dr. Lisa Brewer  
Dr. James Carreiro  
Dr. Leo Chin  
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Dr. Charles D. Thomas  
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Dr. Carl G. Wirth  
Dr. Katarina Wise-Scheuermann  
Dr. Craig Wood  
Dr. Shirin Yasrebi  
Dr. Thomas F. Yoho



# Association Business - Official Calls

## Official Calls

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 25, 2022 at 7:00 a.m. at the Gaylord Palms, Orlando. 🇺🇸

Dr. Kristie Johnson  
WCDDA Secretary



Dr. Kristie Johnson

## New WCDDA Team Member

**Jodi Hook**

*Meeting and Events Coordinator*



Jodi was born and raised in Western Pennsylvania. After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh with a Business Management degree she moved to Hilton Head, SC to begin her career in hotel sales. Since moving to Riverview, FL she has worked in a Hillsborough County School for 10 years and raised her two children with her husband Mike. Jodi is excited to be part of ZuBu where she looks forward to assisting the members. Jodi enjoys spending time with her family, reading and traveling. 🇺🇸

**Welcome, Jodi!**

## Florida Board of Dentistry Update

The Florida Board of Dentistry (BOD) met in Gainesville on Friday, February 18th, at 7:30 a.m. The Florida Dental Association (FDA) was represented by FDA BOD Liaison, Dr. Joe Calderone and Director of Third Party Payer and Professional Affairs, Casey Stoutamire. Drs. Andy Brown, Jim Haddix and Suzi Thiems-Heflin also were in attendance. In addition, many University of Florida dental students and Santa Fe Community College hygiene and assisting students attended the meeting. The BOD approved the following language:

### **64B5-14.004 Continuing Education Requirement.**

(1) Each biennium, all dentists who hold an active sedation permit of any level must complete a four (4) hour board-approved continuing education course in Medical Emergencies, four (4) hours of continuing education in airway management and four (4) hours of continuing education in medical emergencies, every four (4) years from the last date the dentist took the continuing education course. The four (4) hours in airway management must include two hours didactic training in providing dentistry on sedated patients with compromised airways and two hours must include hands-on training in airway management of sedated patients. The continuing education must be taken through a board approved continuing education provider. The continuing education required by this subsection will take effect on March 1, 2014. The continuing education required by this subsection may be included in the thirty (30) hours required by Section 466.0135, F.S.

(2) To be approved by the board, the Medical Emergencies continuing education course must include a hands-on airway management component. During the licensure biennial renewal period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ever licensure biennial renewal period thereafter, all dentists who hold an active sedation permit of any level shall take the following continuing education instead of the continuing education required in subsection (1): A four (4) hour board approved continuing education course in Medical Emergencies that shall include airway management as a component of the course: (3) The Medical Emergencies continuing education course must be taken through a board approved continuing education provider.

## 2022-2023 Calendar

Florida Dental Convention, Orlando . . . . . June 23-25, 2022

FDA HOD Meeting and New Delegation Orientation June 24-25, 2022

**WCDDA 35th Summer Meeting, Naples** . . . . . August 5-7, 2022

SmileCon, Houston, TX . . . . . October 13-17, 2022

**WCDDA Executive Council Meeting, Brandon** . . . . . October 28, 2022

FDA Board of Trustees Meeting, Gainesville . . . . . December 2-3, 2022

FDA House of Delegates, Tampa. . . . . January 21, 2023

**WCDDA Presidential Cocktail Party** . . . . . February 2, 2023

**WCDDA Annual Meeting, CAMLS, Tampa** . . . . . February 3, 2023

FLA-MOM, West Palm Beach. . . . . February 24-25, 2023

FDA Dentists' Day on the Hill, Tallahassee. . . . . March 28, 2023

FDA Board of Trustees Meeting, Tallahassee. . . . . May 19-20, 2023

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# West Coast District Dental Association Annual Summer Meeting



August 5-7, 2022  
The Ritz-Carlton, Naples



# Annual Summer Meeting Program

THE RITZ-CARLTON, NAPLES

AUGUST 5-7, 2022

REGISTER ONLINE  
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## Friday, August 5th

Cycling: No drop ride, all levels welcome . . 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

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

Prosthodontic "Pearls" for Enhanced Efficiency in  
Implant Dentistry

3 CE Credits . . . . . 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Golf at Tiburón - Gold Course . . . . . 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join friends and colleagues for a round of golf! Tee off between 9:14 a.m. and 10:02 a.m. on 8 minute intervals. Includes: golf, cart, practice balls, tees, personalized scorecards, rules, post event scoring, closest to pin game, and lunch.

Cigars and Cordials . . . . . 9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Come join fellow aficionados at our annual Cigars and Cordials event.  
(Cigars and Cordials are at your own expense; Please, do not BYOC!)

## Saturday, August 6th

Fun Run (Free Event) . . . . . 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

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

Restorative Considerations for the Young Patient

3 CE Credits . . . . . 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Fishing Excursion . . . . . 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join friends and colleagues for a morning of inshore fishing with a chance to receive a prize! Lunch is included. Meet at The Naples City Dock, 880 12th Ave S. Slip A4

Family Fun - Video Challenge. . . . . 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Join WCDDA families and friends for a fun video competition.

1<sup>st</sup> place receives two nights, room and tax, plus meeting registration for the WCDDA 2023 Summer Meeting at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. 2<sup>nd</sup> place receives a \$100 gift card.

Honorable mentions will see their videos get tons of likes! ❤️

WCDDA Officer Installation and Beer, Wine &

Cheese Reception . . . . . 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

You are invited to join officers, colleagues, family and friends for the Officer Installation immediately followed by the Beer, Wine & Cheese Reception!

## Leisure Reservations

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

## Sunday, August 7th

Cycling: No drop ride, all levels welcome . . 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

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

Domestic Violence, 2 CE Credits . . . . . 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Required for re-licensure.

Medical Errors, 2 CE Credits. . . . . 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Required for re-licensure.

## 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.
- Guestrooms are being renovated in the existing tower.
- Lobby renovation (Check-in will be at a remote location)
- Adult pool will be out of service

## Hotel Reservations & Meeting Registration

We are currently sold out of rooms. However, The Ritz-Carlton has started a waitlist and rooms may open due to cancellations. **The West Coast District Dental Association room block rate is \$169 per night for the main property and \$199 for the golf resort.** Questions concerning room reservations should be addressed with Jackie Dunn from The Ritz-Carlton, (239) 514-6051. Questions concerning meeting registration should be addressed with the WCDDA office (813) 654-2500.

We have secured an additional room block at the Inn at Pelican Bay, which is only 1.2 miles away from The Ritz-Carlton. The room block rate is \$229. To book a room visit <https://bit.ly/3w2FROO> or contact the hotel at 239-597-8777 or 800-597-8770. Make sure to reference the WCDDA Summer Group rate.

## 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 in person at the meeting or on the registration website.**

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

INDIVIDUALS NOT REGISTERED FOR THE MEETING WILL BE CHARGED THE HOTEL RACK ROOM RATE INSTEAD OF THE GROUP RATE UPON CHECKOUT.



# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## Friday, August 5th

### Prosthodontic “Pearls” for Enhanced Efficiency in Implant Dentistry, Dr. Jay Smith

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., 3 CEUs

Dental implants and esthetic dentistry have evolved into integral elements of contemporary dental practice. We must develop the ability to evaluate cosmetic deficiencies and design procedures for smile enhancement. Implant soft tissue development into an anatomical form is critical to mimic natural teeth. Dr. Smith will describe step by step sequencing for single teeth implants as well as the implant challenges with adjacent missing teeth in the esthetic zone. The advantages of digital dentistry will be presented, with implants and natural teeth. This presentation will highlight “Pearls” from the single missing tooth to the fully edentulous reconstruction. Collaboration with other dental team members will be discussed through multiple case presentation.

#### Learning Objectives

- Soft tissue development with provisional restorations.
- Understanding the differences between single and adjacent implants.
- How to create then decide when to make a INOL immediate provisional.
- “Pearls” for efficiency, material selection and profitability.
- Simple concepts for patient marketing and case presentation.
- The advantages of IOL (Immediate Occlusal Loading), when and where? Success through team collaboration.

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## Saturday, August 6th

### Restorative Considerations for the Young Patient, Dr. Jay Smith

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., 3 CEUs

Many young patients have congenitally missing or malformed teeth. A team approach with the Pediatric dentist, Orthodontist and Surgeon is indicated for proper planning for future permanent tooth replacement. The restorative dentist must be an integral part of the team early in the diagnostic planning even though the final restorations may be years away from completion. This presentation will discuss taking care of the young patient prior to implant placement to the final restoration. The most difficult phase is often how to temporarily replace teeth and maintain sites for future dental implants. Smile design planning begins long before the patient is old enough to have permanent restorations. The presentation will show how to manage the missing or malformed teeth from youth to adulthood.

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## Sunday, August 7th

### Domestic Violence, Dr. Nicholas Grimaudo

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., 2 CEUs

Including information on the numbers of patients likely to be victims and/or predators in a professional’s practice, screening procedures for determining if a patient may have a history of being a victim or predator of domestic violence, and instruction on how to provide patients with information on resources in the local community to help victims of domestic violence.

### Medical Errors, Dr. Nicholas Grimaudo

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., 2 CEUs

The purpose of this course is to provide health care professionals with an overview of the problem of medical errors, factors contributing to the occurrence of these errors, and steps that can be taken by institutions and individual care providers to reduce medical errors in key care settings.

At the conclusion of this course, the participant will be able to:

- Recognize common performance and diagnostic errors.
- Describe the elements of a root cause analysis.
- Identify risk management measures designed to prevent dental errors and increase patient’s safety.

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Participants are cautioned of the potential risk of using knowledge when incorporating techniques and procedures into your practice, especially when a course has not provided supervised clinical experience in the technique or procedure to ensure that you have attained competence.

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# Letter from the Editor



**James G. Wilson, DMD**

The 2022 Florida Mission of Mercy (FLA-MOM) event in Tallahassee was a tremendous success this year. 589 volunteer dentists, staff, family members, and friends convened in Tallahassee to provide over \$1.79 million worth of free dental care to 1,367 patients in need. This highlights yet another benefit of being involved in organized dentistry. The opportunity to volunteer your time gives you the opportunity to help others in need but it can also provide you with so many additional benefits.

We all lead busy lives. Treating our patients, running our businesses, and being good family members leaves less time for enriching the lives of others outside our everyday worlds as well as ourselves. Volunteering provides you with an opportunity to connect with others. Giving to others helps to protect your mental and physical health. It can reduce stress, combat depression, keep you mentally stimulated, and provide a sense of purpose. I have often said that my volunteer efforts with organized dentistry exercises a different side of my brain than sitting at the chair and treating patients every day. Many might say that it takes away from other priorities in my life and does nothing to help my business, but I feel that my volunteer commitments have increased my social and relationship skills and has introduced me to friends throughout the country that I would have never met if I stayed within my little bubble of my practice and my family. Indeed, many of our lives become more siloed the more entrenched we move into our family and work lives. Remember when you were in your undergraduate and dental school programs? You were meeting new people all the time who might become friends for a while but often faded away as the years passed and your lives diverged. Volunteering often offers the opportunity to catch up with some of those distant friends but also to create relationships with new ones. Your life will be enriched for sure.

Opportunities for volunteering are numerous, both within our profession and outside. The FLA-MOM event happens yearly. Your local affiliate dental organization is always looking for new leaders as is the West Coast. If these seem like too much of a time commitment, Dentists' Day on the Hill is once a year but provides you an opportunity to work with the FDA in trying to influence legislation and policy that will affect your profession. You can volunteer in your own practice and help others in need by providing pro bono treatment for less fortunate individuals via Donated Dental Services. Whatever you choose, you will find being a part of a community and trying to make a difference for others will ultimately make a difference for you as well. 🇺🇸





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