



PDA Dentists Create Happy Smiles

NCDHM Billboards

We are pleased to announce that Lamar Advertising has once again provided us with complimentary billboards to commemorate National Children's Dental Health Month. They will be located throughout northeastern Pennsylvania. Special thanks to Dr. Jack Erhard for his continual, artistic ideas and slogans!

Online CE Credits through PDA

Looking to fulfill your requirements for Acts 31 and 124? What about Child Abuse Recognition, Reporting and Radiation Protection Update, and more? Look no further!

As a PDA member, you have access to these courses and many more. Simply to www.padental.org, sign in, and click on events. Once there, click on the "Self-Study Courses" tab for a listing of courses.

A maximum of 50 percent of the required credit hours may be taken through individual study or by serving as an instructor or author of a book, article or CE program. Instructors are awarded two additional credit hours as preparation time for each credit hour of instruction and for actual instruction. Authors are given 50 percent of the required hours by being published in a peer-reviewed professional journal.

The remaining credit hours must be earned through attendance at lectures, clinical programs or live webcasts that allow attendees to communicate with the presenter and the other attendees. However, up to 100 percent of the requirement may be earned in this manner. PDA, its district and local societies and Pennsylvania's dental schools offer a variety of CE courses throughout the year to help dentists meet their relicensure requirements.

Third District Wins PDA Presidential Citation

The Third District Dental Society was awarded the GOLD award from the PDA for the Presidential Citation. The PDA Presidential Citation recognizes district and local societies that support PDA's 2020-2023 Strategic Plan by completing certain activities. To achieve the GOLD award, member societies were called upon to achieve goals in at least three of the following categories:

- Provide Value Offerings That Are Member-focused
- Increase Member Engagement
- Maintain End-of-Year Membership Numbers



- Increase Leadership Development and Engagement

"Congratulations to the component societies who earned 2022 PDA Presidential Citations! Thank you to all of our district and local society volunteers for dedicating their time and talents to provide members with invaluable support on the district and local level," states Sarah Adams, PDA Component Relations Manager.

President's Letter

Hello all! I hope everyone has had a great start to the New Year! With renewal of our dental licenses on the horizon, I wanted to remind everyone that the PDA offers many of the required course work for re-licensure free online on the Pennsylvania Dental Association website. Please check your continuing education credits and review what you need to be in compliance. Also remember that you will need to have your CPR updated as well for yourself and your staff.

I have just returned from the ADPAC board meeting in Washington, D.C. As a member of the American Dental Association Political Action Committee Board, we work for advocacy for the ADA with the ADA lobbyist and staff, to help craft legislation for the benefit of dentistry and the oral health of our patients across the country. ADPAC was crucial to the efforts the ADA made in helping all of us to get back to work as quickly as we did during the pandemic. Contributions to ADPAC are optional, but encouraged and needed. ADPAC educates and lobbies our federal candidates for national changes in legislation. The ADA lobbyists are the third most respected group in Washington. That is a tremendous benefit to us. It means that we have a lot of clout with our legislators. By contrast, PADPAC, the Pennsylvania Dental Association Political Action Committee, educates and lobbies our local

legislators for changes to benefit dentists and patients in Pennsylvania. I humbly ask you to contribute to both action committees. For ADPAC, you can donate by texting "ADPAC" to 345345. You can donate to PADPAC on the PDA website. At our local and district meetings we talk about the challenges of dentistry. The PACs are the way to enact change so that the future of dentistry will be bright and our patients will enjoy better health overall. Please ask me how you can get involved!

We have a number of education offerings coming up. Please keep an eye on the website and social media pages. Dr. Walsh has been hard at work with our Children's Dental Health month activities. She is doing a tremendous job! Dr. Erhard, Dr. Langan, and Cindy Cox are working on a fantastic billboard for the Third District for Dental Health month as well. We are continuing to work on social events for this year. It is going to be a great year! I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Best regards,
Darleen Oleski, DMD



Get To Know Your President

Did you know that our very own Dr. Darleen Oleski serves on several ADA, PDA, and many other dental related committees?

She dutifully represents your interests by actively participating with both the American Dental Political Action Committee (ADPAC) and the Pennsylvania Dental Association's (PDA) political action committee. When it comes to the PDA, Dr. Oleski chairs the Government Relations committee, sits on the Workforce Task Force committee, and participates in the Vacation CE Course committee. She also sits on the board of the Scranton District Dental Society and served as the 2021-2022 Delegate to the ADA Conference.

On February 4, 2023, Dr. Oleski was asked to speak at the American Student Dental Association conference at Kalahari in Tannersville, PA on "Work/Life Balance and Parenting in Dentistry." We are fortunate to have such a hard working president at the helm!

License Renewal April 1st!

If you're looking for a succinct, easy summary of what the Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry requires click here:

<https://www.padental.org/docs/Website/EventsCE/ComplyingWith-CEandTrainingReq202123.pdf>

PDA'S Family Vacation Dental Conference

Save the date for the PDA's Family Vacation Dental Conference to be held June 15-17, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa, and Marina in Cambridge, Maryland. More details to come. Be sure you are a member of our private Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1907560839378795>).

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 JUNE 15-17, 2023

HYATT REGENCY CHESAPEAKE BAY GOLF RESORT, SPA AND MARINA IN CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

Bring the family and reserve time for fun, relaxation and CE credits!

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Events

Continuing Education Course <i>"Treating the Medically Complex Patient"</i>	Radisson Lack Station	Feb 15, 2023	8:00 AM
Continuing Education Course <i>"Oral Pathology Review and Update"</i>	Radisson Lack Station	March 15, 2023	8:00 AM
Ben Shair/Todd Angelo Dinner	AV Restaurant	March 15, 2023	6:30 PM
Continuing Education Course <i>"OSHA / Infection Control for the Dental Professional, Radiation Safety Overview For Pennsylvania Dental X-ray Operators, Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting"</i>	Radisson Lack Station	March 24, 2023	8:00 AM
PDA Annual Meeting	Normandy Farms, PA	April 28-29, 2023	8:00 AM
Vacation CE	Grand Hyatt, MD	June 15-17, 2023	8:00 AM
ADA Annual Meeting	Orlando, FL	Oct 5-7, 2023	8:00 AM
Third District Cocktail Party	TBA	Oct 27, 2023	TBA
PDA Leadership Event	Benco Dental	Oct 28, 2023	TBA