Last weekend I had the great pleasure to attend the KKDS (Kenai-Kodiak Dental Society) annual snowmachine meeting outside of Homer in the caribou hills. Growing up as a skier I never had much of an opportunity to ride snowmachines as skiing was typically our winter activity. I suppose I always figured that sitting on a snowmachine wouldn’t be as much fun as making turns on skis. After 2 days ripping around the caribou hills I have changed my opinion. I would challenge anyone that thinks that snowmachining isn't a physical activity to attempt to dig out a snowmachine that has been lawn darted into the side of a creek bed (after last weekend I have a pretty good understanding of the physical demands of such a predicament). Fortunately, the good dentists of KKDS were there to lend a helping hand and catastrophe was circumvented. The weekend included some great CE and the chance to connect with friends both new and old.

One of the biggest benefits that I find in membership in organized dentistry is the opportunity to connect with other dentists from around the state. It’s amazing how much we all have in common, despite how different our training and working careers may be. Getting an opportunity to listen to other colleagues discuss clinical dentistry in a comfortable setting has really helped me to re-examine the way that I deliver care in my own practice. I hope that each of you has an opportunity to attend one of these smaller component meetings in the future.

The legislative session is in full swing and Dr. Blanco will have an update for us later in the newsletter. I encourage all members to monitor the news and their email for bulletins from the ADS regarding any legislation that has the potential to impact members (more to come on this….). If any such legislation arises please take the time to contact your local lawmakers to inform them of your support or opposition to any proposed legislation.

Over the past several weeks I have been able to visit many Anchorage dental offices and I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet and speak with many members and non-members alike. One of the reasons for my visits is to deliver hard copies of the ADS’ new Prescription Opioid Guidelines. The

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**AD-1615 FAIRBANKS, AK** – Well established, 3-op practice collecting around $300,000 annually. Excellent size for a merger or alternative to starting from scratch. Seller open to transition as needed.

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The President’s Point of View
Evan Young, DDS

Guidelines are not meant to replace a dentist’s clinical judgment but rather to provide updated relevant information regarding pain control options in dentistry. I hope that the booklet will help you to evaluate your own prescribing practices and to spark further conversation with patients regarding the need for Rx opioids. I also have found that many of us are unaware that the ADA membership renewal was changed to January 1st of this year. Previously renewals were not due until later in March and many members have been confused regarding the earlier renewal date. This is simply a change that occurred at the national level that has trickled down to us at the ADS and local component level. If you have not already contacted Mary regarding your renewal please do so at your earliest convenience. And while you’re at it take the time to reach out to a nearby colleague to make sure they have renewed their membership too.

By now most of you reading this should have received a letter from the ADS regarding 1557 compliance. This letter was not meant to be threatening but rather to advise you if your website is not currently compliant. The ADS can provide your office with examples of websites that are compliant if you wish to see methods for implementation. This is a great example of how the ADS is constantly striving to monitor legislation that has the potential to impact you and your ability to practice dentistry.

Lastly, if you have any interest in attending the ADS annual meeting in Kodiak please contact Mary or Marie ASAP as space is extremely limited. There are a bunch of great events lined up including a fishing trip on Sunday and all of the family friendly events that revolve around Crab Fest (rumor has it that there may be some great CE as well) . While I have thoroughly enjoyed all the snow we’ve had this year, the increasing daylight has me starting to think about piscatorial pursuits. I can’t think of a better place to kick off the Summer and chase big fish than Kodiak and I hope you’ll be there to do the same. As always, if you have any suggestions or recommendations for the ADS please contact any of the ADS staff or myself so we can do our best to keep the ADS focused on the things that matter to you the most.

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First off, I have to clear something up. Dave “Mr. Funny Pants” Logan had an amusing comment in his column this month about the board being “5 years into a 6 month sedation project.” However, his liberal use of “alternate facts” or “fake news” has to be called into question. With myself being on the board not even two years yet, I decided to do a little research into the minutes. The first time there was mention of starting work on the sedation project by a couple of board members was not until early 2014. And, it took several meetings, some consulting with sedation experts and evaluation of other state’s sedation regulations before it was sent to the Department of Law (DOL) sometime prior to when I started in March of 2015. The DOL sat on it for the longest time, more than the 6 months Mr. Funny Pants claims the whole project should take. Then the “Town Hall” where everyone heard about it for the first time, a 30 day round of public comment, more time at the DOL where they jumbled it up again requiring more tweaking and slam-bam-shooby-dooby, 3 years go by; a long time yes, but not 5 years….yet. In general terms, the intent of the changes are to end up dividing permit holders into 5 possible categories.

Category 1: Deep sedation and general anesthesia providers who intend to sedate patients 13 years of age and older only.

Category 2: Deep sedation and general anesthesia providers who intend to sedate patients of all age groups.

Category 3: Moderate sedation providers who intend to sedate patients 13 years of age and older only.

Category 4: Moderate sedation providers who intend to sedate patients 13 years of age and older and who intend to perform mild or moderate sedation on patients 12 years of age and younger.*

Category 5: Moderate sedation providers who intend to perform mild or moderate sedation on patients 12 years of age and younger only.*

*The key here will be, if you intend to perform mild to moderate sedation on a patient who is 12 years old or younger (other using N2O alone), you will need to have completed a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited residency in pediatric dentistry, or equivalent training in pediatric moderate sedation as determined by the board. And you must provide proof of administration of sedation for at least 20 individually managed patients younger than 13 years of age to establish competency and clinical experience in management of a compromised airway. Those who are given a moderate sedation permit because they currently have a parenteral sedation permit will be given until the following renewal cycle to comply with the requirements of the section; including the requirements to sedate the 12 and younger age group. So, look for notification about another 30 day comment period coming to a mail box near you fairly soon.

- We have had only one comment about radiological inspection regulation changes so far and it was positive for the most part while providing some suggestions on how to clarify one of the forms. We appreciate the input from the ADS and I admit that Mr. Funny Pants is a pretty smart guy. He really does know his stuff. The deadline for additional comment on this topic is March 7th.

- There were twelve personal credentialing interviews on the agenda of our last meeting. Usually, the time it takes to complete them can be used in a better way. So once an application file is complete, it was decided that rather than make credentialing applicants wait for an actual board meeting to do a personal interview, one board member will do a phone or personal interview on a rotating basis. After the interview, there will be an email or teleconference vote from the rest of the board. This process would be for those who have clean applications and no issues or discrepancies that would require discussion by the board as a whole.

- Mailorderorthodontics has made an appearance here in Alaska. Having patients take their own impressions and send away for Invisalign type trays from out of state without ever seeing a dentist is what you might call teledentistry in the extreme. Visit smiledirectclub.com to find out if you qualify! My favorite quote from their website: “SmileDirectClub makes no representation that the site Information, the

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Alaska Dental Board Update
You’ve worked hard to earn the right to be a Dentist and the people at Conrad Houston Insurance work hard every day to provide the insurance you need to be sure you’re protected.

Professional Liability from The Dentist Insurance Company to protect your piece of mind

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Property Insurance to protect your building and the tools and equipment that you use every day in your practice
Looking for a New Home

The ADS Budget & Finance committee along with the Executive council and staff have been working diligently over the past year to lower ADS dues. The work will be presented at this year’s annual meeting and should result in substantially lower dues. One of the areas that will be trimmed is the ADS office. While hardly luxurious, the current space we occupy is larger than our needs and we are actively looking for new space. If you have around 400 square feet in the Anchorage area and are interested in being the ADS landlord, contact Marie with details.

We are still in the grips of winter but have a busy spring lined up for dental events. We will be offering several CE opportunities in the Anchorage area, including a class on Employment Law on March 31st and a pathology course on April 21st. We hope to present the course on employment law in Fairbanks and Juneau as well but are still working out the details. Check the ADS website for up to date information.

The Annual Meeting will be in Kodiak this year on May 26th and 27th and hotel space is filling up quickly. As of this writing less than 10 rooms remain in the ADS room block at the convention hotel. There are other housing options but it would be wise to act quickly. More information can be found on the ADS website or call the ADS office.

The Dental Board is now entering year 5 of the 6 month project to redo sedation regulations. The Board recently voted to release the 2.0 version of their efforts; we will send along a copy of the proposed regulations when available as well as post to our website.

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a new code available for scaling. Dentists may use “D4346 Scaling in the generalized presence of moderate or severe gingival inflammation — full mouth, after oral evaluation” as of Jan. 1. This code reflects the procedure for patients with gingival disease and no attachment loss. Dentists who have delivered the procedure have not been able to document and report it with an appropriate CDT code until now.

ALASKA DENTAL BOARD UPDATE, CONT.

services or products offered through the site are appropriate, available or legal in any particular location.” So, after a cursory evaluation by our investigator we were given the opinion that yes, this service if offered by anyone other than an Alaska licensed dentist would be in violation of our Alaska Dental Practice Act. But here is the rub. The State Board of Dentistry only has jurisdiction over Alaska licensees and cannot order a cease- and-desist in this case. We must rely on the Attorney General’s (AG) office to do so. Therefore, the plan will be to send a letter from the board to the AG’s office asking if they are of the opinion a cease- and-desist order is warranted and if so will they send one.
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Date: Friday, March 31, 2017

Time: Registration 8:30AM
      Class 9:00AM-1:00PM

Location: Alaska Pacific University, Carr Gottstein Lecture Hall, 4225 University Drive, Anchorage

Cost: No charge for ADS members but space is limited so RSVP is suggested

RSVP: ADS office, 907.563.3003 or email mmaiden@akdental.org

Midmorning refreshments, coffee, tea and water is provided

Course is limited to ADS members only

John J. Tiemessen

Mr. Tiemessen is a trial lawyer with an emphasis on the defense for professional malpractice and occupational licensing cases. He has successfully tried more than a dozen complex civil jury trials, including matters involving wrongful death and catastrophic injuries with claims in excess of $1 million. He has lectured on various medical, legal, risk management and trial practice issues for CNA Insurance Company, the University of Alaska, Multiple Risk Managers, Alaska Dental Society, interior Dental Assistants Society, Tanana Valley Clinic, Sports Medicine Fairbanks and Fairbanks Clinic. He graduated magna cum laude in 1987 at Arizona State University, and J.D. cum laude in 1991 at Willamette University College of Law, in Salem, Oregon.
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SOCIAL EVENTS

Presidents Dinner
Friday Night, May 26th
The President’s dinner will be held in a truly Alaskan setting, the Old Powerhouse Restaurant. As the name suggests, the restaurant is a converted powerhouse. The Old Powerhouse serves world class seafood with spectacular views of the Kodiak harbor. The St. Innocent’s Academy Singers and Kodiak Alutiiq Dancers will perform at dinner.

Bar Trivia
Saturday Night, May 27th
The ADS will host a bar trivia contest for all attendees. Designed to be done in a bar, the contest can actually be done anywhere. A fun way to wind down after the meeting, match wits on ADS, Kodiak, Alaska and general trivia with other meeting attendees.

Fishing Derby
Sunday, May 28th
The ADS will host a fishing derby for meeting attendees. Kodiak is home to world class salmon and halibut fishing and prizes will be awarded to the largest salmon and halibut boated. We will utilize local charter boats. Plan on being on the water until 4:00PM.

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**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

**Friday 5/26**

8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Diagnosis and Treatment of Occlusal Problems

*Target Audience – Doctors, Hygienists, Clinical Assistants*

Occlusal risk can be the hidden nemesis that destroys predictability and longevity. In many cases those risks are actually identifiable from the history present in the joints, the muscles, the teeth, and the patient’s presenting condition. This program illustrates and discusses recognizing and addressing those risks.

- Why airway is part of any occlusal discussion
- Identifying the etiology of the occlusal issue
- Appliance therapy as a diagnostic and therapeutic tool

12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Functional Esthetics

*Target Audience – Doctors, Hygienists, Clinical Assistants*

Approaching every esthetic case with the confidence to successfully diagnose, treatment plan and execute it is liberating and calming. This program presents a process for making anterior restorative dentistry easier and more fun. You will leave with an understanding of the principles of Facially Generated Treatment Planning and their application.

- FGTP and EFSB in practice
- Designing predictable functional stability
- Form following function, making teeth look like teeth

**Saturday 5/27**

8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Transforming Your Numbers

*Target Audience – Doctors, Administrative Team, Anyone Interested in Numbers*

This program will outline the creation of appropriate data tracking systems to assist and inform the CEO, COO, and CFO in your business (usually YOU doctor!) make the countless decisions necessary to create a thriving dental practice. If you have ever asked yourself “Why can’t I just do the dentistry?” this program is for you! Anyone in the practice who takes some responsibility for numbers will enjoy this program. The numbers will set you FREE!

- Planning for success
- Collecting the data and being able to use it
- What numbers do you need to monitor and how frequently

12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Designing an Occlusion

*Target Audience – Doctors, Hygienists, Clinical Assistants*

Designing an occlusion requires a starting reference and a clear visualization of the desired outcome. What teeth contact, when do they contact, and for how long do they contact? The answers to those questions will depend on the patterns and habits exhibited by each patient. This program will discuss the various options and their application.

- Selecting a reference from which to plan
- Choosing an appropriate occlusal philosophy
- Individualizing a plan and taking it to the mouth

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

**THURSDAY, 5/25**

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Executive Council

Noon - 4 p.m. Exhibitor set-up

6 - 8 p.m. Welcoming Reception in Exhibit Hall

**FRIDAY, 5/26**

7 – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall

7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Exhibit Hall

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Diagnosis & Treatment of Occlusal Problems - Gary DeWood, DDS (3 hrs CE)

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch on your own (Crabfest food booths within 100 yds)

12:30 - 3:30 pm

**SATURDAY, 5/27**

7 - 8:30 a.m. Membership Breakfast (ADS members only)

7 – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. Exhibit Hall

8:30 - 11:30a.m. Transforming Your Numbers – Gary DeWood, DDS (3 hrs CE)

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch on your own (Crabfest food booths within 100 yds)

12:30 -3:30 p.m. Designing an Occlusion - Gary DeWood, DDS (3 hrs CE)

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Bar Trivia Contest

**SUNDAY, 5/28**

6 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fishing Derby

* Times of classes may be altered to take advantage of Crabfest events.

**SPEAKER -**

Gary M. DeWood, DDS, MS

A native of Toledo, Ohio, Dr. DeWood earned a B.S. in Education from Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio and a D.D.S. from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Immediately following dental school he completed a General Practice Residency at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. In 1995 he completed the University of Florida Facial Pain Center mini-residency and in 2004 earned the M. S. in Biomedical Sciences degree at The University of Toledo College of Medicine.

From 1981 through 2003 he and his wife, Dr. Cheryl DeWood maintained a private restorative general family practice in Ohio. Dr. DeWood served as Clinical Director at The Pankey Institute from 2003 to 2008 before relocating to Seattle and joining Frank Spear as president of The Seattle Institute. With the creation of Spear Education he relocated to Phoenix and today serves as Executive Vice-President for Curriculum and Clinical Education in Scottsdale, Arizona. Dr. DeWood holds or has held appointments as: Assistant Professor at The University of Toledo College of Medicine, Associate Professor at The University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, Clinical Director at The Pankey Institute, Director of Business Systems at The Pankey Institute, Director of Marketing and Publications at The Pankey Institute, President of The Seattle Institute, Executive VP for Curriculum and Clinical Education of Spear Education, Adjunct Clinical Professor at Arizona School of Oral and Dental Health.

Dr. DeWood has presented to international audiences in the areas of occlusion, temporo-mandibular disorders, bite splint therapy, restorative dentistry, esthetics, financial management, and practice management. Dr. DeWood is a member of the ADA, the Arizona Dental Association, the Central Arizona Dental Society, the American Equilibration Society, the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, and the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.
Guest Article
Bradford Allen, DDS

Keeping Our Reserve Airman in Top Shape

Did you know that JBER has an Air Force Reserve Unit? The 477th Fighter Group is the Air Force Reserve Command’s first F-22 Raptor Unit. These high-tech, stealth fighters are flown by a single pilot and can reach speeds up to Mach 2. The jets were designed primarily for air to air combat, but also have ground attack, electronic warfare and signal intelligence capabilities.

The 477th Fighter Group is made up of approximately 300 members that include a Medical Flight and a Dental Section. The Dental component is made up of two dentists, myself and Dr. Heather Deloney and three technicians. During our monthly training weekend, we primarily perform complete military dental clearance exams for the members assigned to the Group thus assuring that all members are ready to deploy without any dental emergencies. We also complete our administrative tasks, military training and periodically participate in mass casualty exercises.

During our two week “Annual Tour”, we offer a broad range of dental services and typically go to an area outside of Anchorage. Last year, our members went to San Diego and worked in the Navy Hospital. Our unit also sent a dental team to villages in the “Arctic Care” mission a few years ago.

You may have our Reserve members in your office for their required annual checkup. These members will ask you to sign and date a “Form 2813” to report the status of the member’s overall dental health. We are most concerned that the member does not have any conditions that may develop into a dental emergency during the next year. In those cases, you would report the conditions as “class 3”. Please complete the required dental work as soon as possible so the member can be deployable. Any routine, non-emergency treatment should be classified as “class 2”.

Thank you for your service to our Alaska military families. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Dr. David Wells:
Colonel Wells is currently the Commander of the 673rd Dental Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. He completed his undergraduate education at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas in 1980 and dental school at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas, Texas in 1984. Dr. Wells completed residency training in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School in Bethesda, Maryland in 2004. Previous assignments have included the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and the 59th Dental Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas.
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The last issue of this tome was largely devoted to fluoride. We, as practitioners of the oral arts, are reliably and reflexively for it. I was so brainwashed in school. The dentists and the hygienists came to the Anchorage Municipal Assembly meeting to praise it, the wing nuts to kill it. Some years back I had a friend who was on the Assembly. That person shattered my faith in representative democracy by telling me they thought the general populace was too stupid to really grasp the issues.

Fluoridation on a grand scale seems to work. We no longer accept anecdotal stories as legitimate scientific evidence but I spent the earliest years of my life in the pre-public fluoride era. Chicago was one of the first major cities to buy into the idea of treating every last soul. My younger brothers benefited from ingestion. I did not. Tho I brush and floss daily, at least since dental school, I have a mouth full of restorations. My siblings have minimal dentistry but we share the same genes and environment, just not developmental timeframe.

It is our contention that the decision to introduce a contaminate into the water supply should be based on science, right? Is our “science” ever misguided or even wrong? I was taught gastric or duodenal ulcers were caused by stress and the solution was to chill and partake of a bland diet. That has been proven to be flat out wrong. Most GI ulcers are a contagious disease caused by a specific organism. This daring departure from accepted gospel was proven to us by a crackpot who had the audacity to test Koch’s postulates upon his own body. You younger dentists reading this may never have prescribed antibiotics before intrusive dental care for a valvular cardiac condition. The old timers surely remember it used to be three days, then one day and then one dose. If I live long enough the academics may even admit the whole SBE premedication regime had no basis in fact and never really did. Dubious science exists.

Could fluoridation cause autism? Has that been considered? Where were these autistic kids when I was growing up? I knew every kid in the neighborhood and who lived in every house within little kid walking distance. It is not mentioned in the Bible or described in the scientific literature until the early 20th century and does not become commonplace until the early 1980’s.

Correlation is not causation but my wife is strong proponent of the idea that ultrasounds of pregnant women are largely responsible for the rise in autism. Think about that. It makes sense to me or at least ought to be investigated. Both became commonplace in the 1980’s.

We, as supposed professionals with modern and lofty standards, are advocating the mass medication of all the people all of the time without their direct informed consent. Consent to the chemotherapeutic procedure (the addition of fluoride to each individual’s water), implied or explicit, was never even broached in the previous Newsletter’s discussions. Regardless of whether or not you think fluoride turns your brain to mush or is a public health wonder people should consent directly (not representatively) to its’ use, in my humble opinion. Should you support publicly for the masses what you could morally and legally could never get away with in your office? You would never consider giving a medication without consent (or a history or an examination) to anyone in your office. That would clearly be beneath the standard of care and would jeopardize your license if not your freedom. Why promulgate it on a grand scale?

In the last election the Deplorables threw off the yoke of the elites. In this matter, Doctor, you are the “elite.” You have decided that you alone know what is best for John and Jane Public but you are afraid to let them decide for themselves since they are unlikely to understand your “science.” Our ADA offers the services of an ethicist under the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs. I motion that we, as the Alaska Dental Society, ask for a formal opinion. Let’s apply our own code of ethics to the question of whether we can actively support mass medicating without an examination, a history and the informed consent of the medicated. It’s the right thing to do!
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