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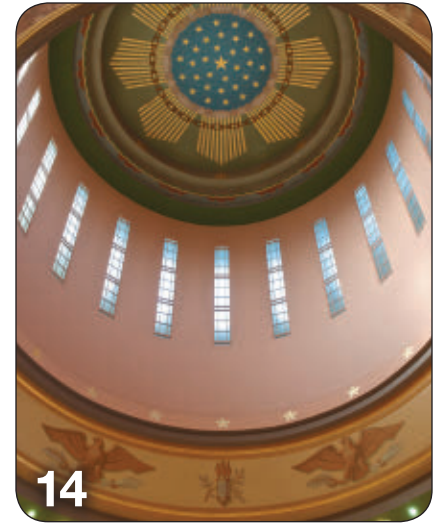
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# Patient Death



By Alayna Schoblaske

**IT WAS THE SPRINGTIME OF MY GENERAL** practice residency. I did my GPR training at the Veterans Administration hospital in Washington, D.C., which meant that the dental clinic was on the first floor in the same building that held inpatient rooms. I occasionally got dental consult requests, and one day I received a request from a nurse caring for one of my comprehensive care patients. “His denture is hurting and he’s wondering you can do anything about it.” My 91-year-old patient had suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized as a result. His upper denture needed a soft relin, so I took a plastic cup, a tongue depressor, a scalpel, and CoeSoft up to his hospital room. His daughter was there, too, and I got to visit with her as I relined his denture.

About a week later, I got a note from his daughter. “His body was not strong enough to recover, and he died a couple of days after you saw him. He had so much pride in his dentures, and it meant so much to him that you took the time to ensure that he could still wear them, even in the hospital. Thank you.”

We have the privilege of caring for humans, and tragically, this means that some of our patients will die while

under our care. Seven years into practicing dentistry, I have lost five patients, and I remember each of their faces so clearly. Some deaths come at the conclusion of a long life, and others are a shocking end to a life cut short. Every death is hard because of the bond that we create with our patients. Our patients trust us to care for them in a very vulnerable state—lying down, mouth open, and (usually) awake to remember it all. We may hear about milestones in their life—graduations, new jobs, marriages, children, travel dreams, sobriety, and more—and know whether they prefer mint or cherry topical. In some cases, our handiwork literally goes to the grave with our patients. And yet, we often play a transient or impermanent role in their lives—and them in ours.

And so this blend of significance and insignificance, of permanence and impermanence—this is one of the many delicate balances we navigate as dentists. We will each find our own unique way of caring for ourselves and finding the right degree to which we grieve our patients’ deaths. As you find your own style, you might consider these questions.<sup>1</sup>

- **Is there a ritual that is important for me to acknowledge the death of a patient?** This may be calling a family member or sending a card to express your condolences. Or having a moment of silence at your clinic’s team huddle. It may be something more solitary, such as thinking of a significant memory of that patient. Whatever you choose to do, it may be important for you to

mark the death in a way that allows you space to acknowledge the patient and your role in the patient’s oral health—and life.

- **How can I check in and care for myself?** Death can come as a surprise even if we were not particularly close to a patient. When you learn that a patient has died, take time to check in with your physical and emotional state. Do you want to take extra steps to care for yourself? Do you want to talk to a friend, partner, or colleague? Is it important to focus on your eating, sleeping, and exercise habits?
- **What resources are available to me?** It’s OK to ask for help. You may turn to your personal support network or seek out professional help. As a dentist in Oregon, you have access to the Oregon Wellness Program, which provides free, confidential counseling in private settings or via telemedicine. (More can be found at [www.oregonwellnessprogram.org](http://www.oregonwellnessprogram.org).) You can also reach out to the ODA to be connected with a Wellness Ambassador—we want to make sure you have the support you need! As dentists, we have the privilege of caring for other people. When the work gets challenging, though, it’s important to care for yourself as well! 🗣️

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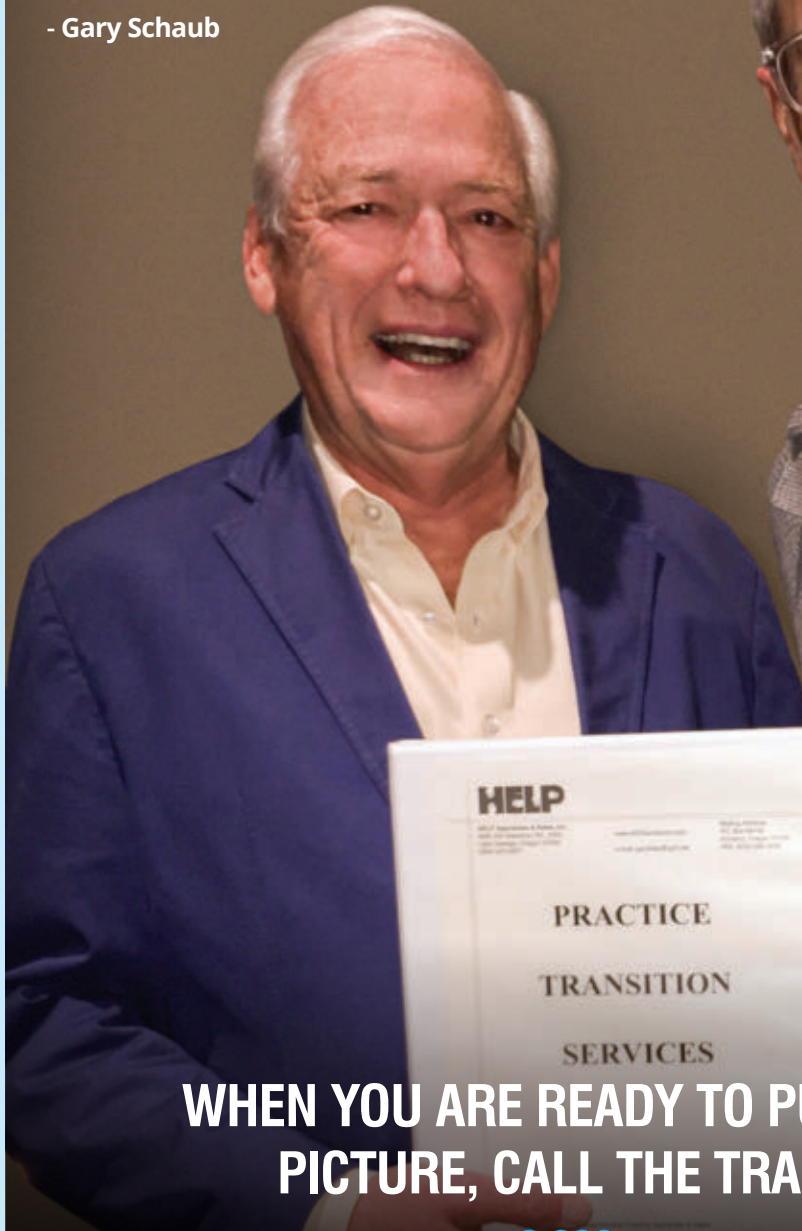
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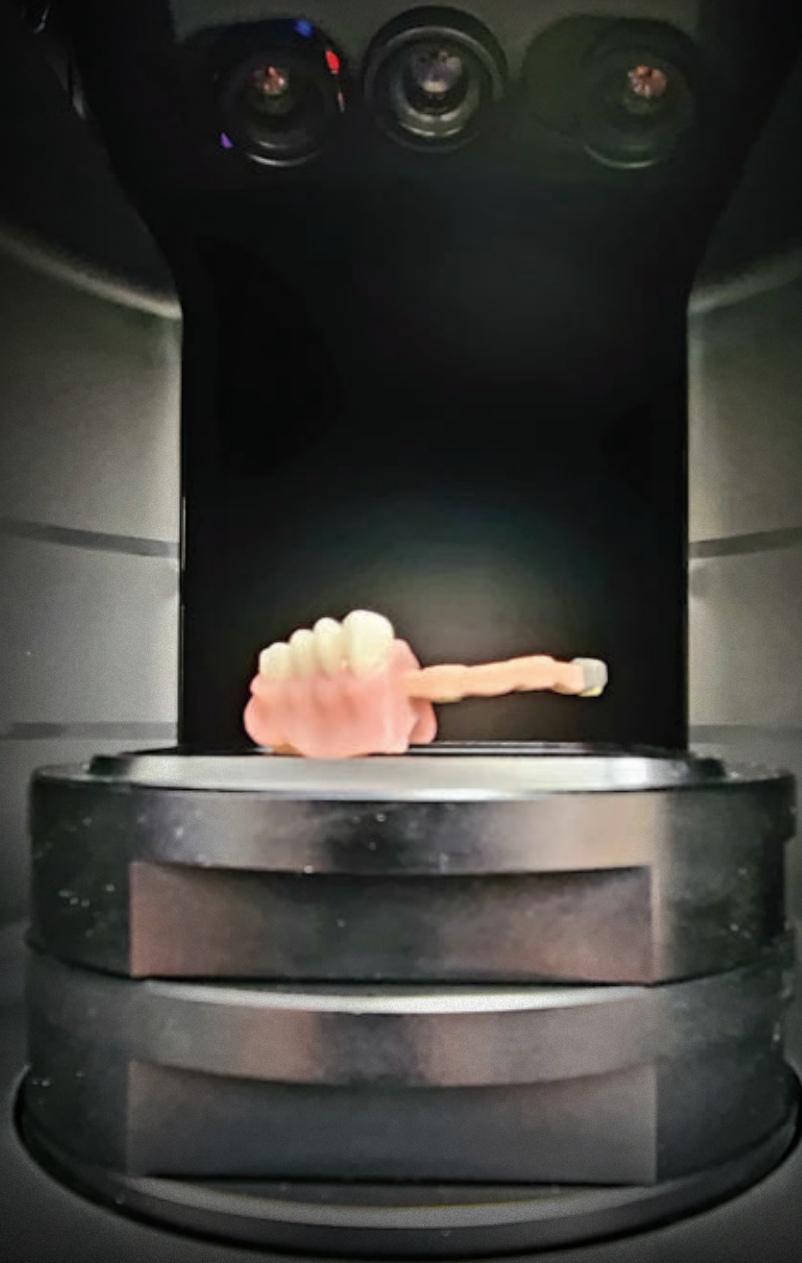
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Date	Dental Society	Course Title	Speaker	CE	Location	More Information
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05/18/22	Multnomah	Table Clinics	-	1	The Kennedy School	Register: www.multnomahdental.org
05/19/22	Central Oregon	Top 7 Reasons for Early Orthodontic Intervention	Shannon Woods, DMD	2	Bend (Riverhouse Convention Center)	drjessicahenderson@gmail.com
05/24/22	Clackamas	TMJ Lecture	Allison Harney, PT, DPT	2	Zoom	RSVP to: executivedirector@clackamasdental.com
10/16/22	Multnomah	3D Printing Techniques - Bio Engineering	Luiz Bertassoni, DDS, PhD	2	(Portland) OHSU School of Dentistry	Register: www.multnomahdental.org
12/02/22	Multnomah	Risk Management and Medical Emergencies	TBD	7	TBD	Register: www.multnomahdental.org

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Straumann recently released an update to their 35-year-old tissue level (TL) implant. This new implant, called the TLX, borrows features from both the original TL and the bone level (BLX) implant released in 2019.

If you've worked with the original TL implant, you'll recognize the transmucosal neck design of the TLX, which is almost identical to the original. But whereas it borrows the neck design from the TL implants, it borrows both the implant body and the internal interface from BLX.

The original TL has the synOcta® connection, while the new TLX has the TorcFit™ connection Straumann introduced with BLX. The TorcFit connection features a 7° internal cone with a star-shaped anti-rotation element. The advantage of sharing a connection with the BLX line is that you can now use the same surgical kit and drilling protocol for both tissue and bone level implants.



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There are three different platform diameters available in the TLX line. Those sizes are 3.5mm (NT), 4.8mm (RT), and 6.5mm (WT). For each size, there are also two neck height options of 1.8mm and 2.8mm.

Open and closed tray impression copings are available for

each platform size. However, the plastic impression kit that is available for the TL system is not available for the TLX implants.

For intraoral scans, there's just one scanbody that works for all TLX platforms. That is because the internal connection is identical across the entire line, even though there are three different platform sizes.

The restorative options for TLX include the standard selections including UCLA, Variobase®, Angled Screw Variobase, CAD abutments and bars, and stock cementable abutments.



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All the abutments for the TLX implants fit over the top bevel of the implant. With the original TL implants, it was possible to get abutments that nestled inside the implant, so that top bevel of the implant became the margin for the crown. That is no longer the case with TLX.

Each of the TLX platforms also shares the same clinical screws. The regular basal screw fits the standard abutments and bars, while the AS basal screw is used for the angled Variobase abutments.

Even though all the platform sizes share the same internal connection, scan body, and clinical screws, the prosthetic components were not designed to be cross-compatible. Each TLX prosthetic component is laser etched with the correct platform size to avoid mixups.

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# The 2022 Legislative Session: Big Picture Takeaways

By ODA's Lobby Team

## OREGON'S 35-DAY LEGISLATIVE SESSION CAME TO AN END

on March 4, 2022, three days earlier than expected. More than 250 bills were introduced, with most dying at adjournment. The session was sort of a hybrid: not completely closed to the general public as it was in 2021, but also not back to normal, as committee hearings continued to take place virtually. Democrat House and Senate members still took meetings only virtually, while their Republican colleagues met with the lobby in person. House and Senate floor sessions were all in person, although only Republican lawmakers could be found trickling off the floors to mix with the public.

Leadership in both chambers also changed, with the House electing the first new Speaker of the House in over a decade. Speaker

Tina Kotek, choosing to focus on her governor's race, gave up the gavel to Representative Dan Rayfield (D-Corvallis). Subsequently, the House saw a new Democratic Majority Leader (Representative Julie Fahey, Junction City), a new Republican Leader (Representative Vicki Breese-Iverson, Pendleton) and a new Co-Chair of Ways and Means (Representative Tawna Sanchez, N. Portland)...all just days before the session started. Also, Senate President Peter Courtney announced his retirement, closing the door on the longest-serving legislator and Senate president in Oregon's history. Courtney was first elected to the House in the early '80s.

Mid-session, legislators learned that Oregon's economy continued to grow significantly, with record revenues and tax receipts that were

substantially higher than previously projected. General funds included an ending balance increase of just under \$2.5 billion from the close of the 2021 session, setting up Oregonians for another kicker in the near future. Shortly after adjournment, Governor Kate Brown commented that this allowed the Legislature "to pass a robust package of bills that will help Oregon's families" and "make big and bold investments to spur economic recovery after two years of unprecedented challenges."

## ODA's Focus in 2022

Given the short time frame of the session and its continued virtual nature, ODA chose to prioritize partnering with others on legislation impacting dentistry. ODA's efforts focused on expanding the ability of out-of-state dentists to provide volunteer charitable care, and on creating oral health coverage for veterans (with incomes below 400% of the federal poverty level) and Oregon's Compact of Free Association population (Micronesia, Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau). ODA also formed a dental coalition of partners, including Dental Care Organizations, dental care providers, OHSU, and other education institutions, to advocate for real workforce solutions: funding for dental assistance programs and resources for dental students to practice in rural and underserved areas. Even in areas where we did not succeed during this session, our efforts laid the groundwork for 2023 and beyond.



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A special thank you goes out to the 2022 Legislative Task Force members, who met on a weekly basis to review bills important to the ODA and advise our professional staff.

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Dr. Caroline Zeller and  
Dr. Scott Hansen, chair of the Legislative Task Force.

## ODA Bills of Interest—Passed

### HB 4095—Dental Benefits for Veterans

HB 4095, sponsored by Representative Hayden to establish dental benefits for low-income veterans (those who earn less than 400% of the federal poverty line) who otherwise do not have access to these benefits, received significant press attention and passed both chambers handily. ODA offered supportive testimony on the bill. ODA President Dr. Roa and ODA Secretary Treasurer Dr. Javadi also authored an editorial piece about the bill that was published in the *Tillamook Headlight Herald* newspaper.

### SB 1538—COFA Dental Coverage

SB 1538 extends dental coverage to the COFA population. The ODA submitted testimony in support of the bill. ODA has worked on dental coverage for the COFA population for multiple legislative sessions. It was included in our comprehensive dental package (DMD funding bill) in 2021.

### HB 4096—Volunteer Licenses

HB 4096 extends the time limitations on volunteer health care provider licenses to 30 days, which adds consistency across licensing boards. Under current statute, some

license types were only allowed to volunteer their time in Oregon for five consecutive days. HB 4096 allows out-of-state physicians and dentists, as well as other health care practitioners, to provide uncompensated care to patients in Oregon for up to 30 days throughout the year without the days required to be consecutive. Licensing boards are also permitted to increase the number of days via rulemaking.

The bill also:

- Clarifies applicable exemptions from state regulation for volunteer health care practitioners.
- Clarifies that authorization to practice without Oregon licensure does not limit the liability of a health professional regulatory board under other applicable laws.
- Prohibits hospitals or other health care facilities from using the services of a health care practitioner in order to meet staffing needs during a labor dispute.

ODA offered testimony in support of the introduced bill (which allowed volunteer dentists to practice for up to 15 days in the state).

### HB 4035—Medicaid Redetermination

During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ruled that states were allowed to keep Medicaid enrollees on state health plans without going through a redetermination process as is normally required to maintain eligibility. When the PHE ends, states will need to go through a redetermination process for all of their Medicaid enrollees. HB 4035 is the vehicle for the policy surrounding these requirements. Additionally, the bill creates a task force that will make recommendations for a Bridge Plan—intended to provide coverage for the estimated 300,000 Oregonians who are expected to no longer be eligible for Medicaid but who are still low income.

ODA successfully advocated for the task force to include a Dental Care Organization and to ensure that the bill language specify that dental benefits must be included to the extent practical. The task force was set to begin their work by the end of March, and will deliver recommendations by July 1. Recommendations will touch on funding needs, the potential development of additional federal waivers, and suggested deadlines for phasing in the program.

### SB 1554—After Action Report

Senator Steiner Hayward introduced SB 1554, which directs a COVID-19 lookback study, by an OHA-hired third party contractor, largely focused on public health. The bill also received supportive testimony from the hospitals, the Coalition of Local Health Officials, and the Commission on Black Affairs.

### HB 4150—Community Information Exchange

HB 4150 was introduced by Representative Dexter, a physician, to create a task force around Community Information Exchange that would allow the seamless coordination of health care and social services across all delivery systems. Similar systems are already used by some CCOs or groups in most counties. Some of this work is already happening at OHA, which has formed a Community Information Exchange Workgroup.

### HB 4106—Surgical Tech Apprenticeship Programs

HB 4106 increases the pathways that surgical technologists are permitted to come into the workforce by allowing a BOLI-approved apprenticeship model. The bill is supported by the Oregon Hospital Association, ASCs, and the Oregon Medical Association—with these

groups calling it a tool to expand a workforce that is facing significant shortages.

### **HB 4052—Racism as a Public Health Crisis (Funding)**

In 2021, Oregon passed a bill declaring racism a public health crisis. HB 4052 is a follow-up to that effort, allocating \$2 million for mobile health clinics to serve priority populations. The bill passed both chambers with broad bipartisan support.

### **SB 1529—Omnibus Senate Health**

The bill contains requirements around pharmacy benefit manager contracts, Universal Primary Care, and language allowing volunteer

providers through SERV-OR to be deployed by the public health director, with permission from the governor.

### **HB 4034—Omnibus House Health**

HB 4034 is the omnibus health care bill. It contains fixes for the medical and pharmacy boards on telemedicine, pseudoephedrine fixes for pharmacies (allowing a pharmacy intern to transfer the drug, and allowing for driver's license swipe), and some funding for reproductive services education by OHA.

### **ODA Bills of Interest—Died**

These bills did not pass into law during the 2022 session.

### **HB 4081—Naloxone Co-Offering**

HB 4081 would have required pharmacists to offer a prescription for naloxone to patients filling a high-risk opioid prescription.

### **HB 4142—Creates Crime of Assault on Hospital Worker**

HB 4142 sought to expand protections that EMS providers have to hospital staff by creating the crime of assault against hospital workers.

### **HB 4132—DCBS Provider Resources**

As introduced, HB 4132 required the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)—the agency that regulates insurers—to meet monthly with specified health care providers to discuss providers' concerns regarding health insurer practices. ODA successfully secured an amendment that adds physicians and dentists to the provider list. These kinds of calls are already occurring between DCBS and insurers. The bill also would have required DCBS to study trends in reimbursement paid to specified health care providers.

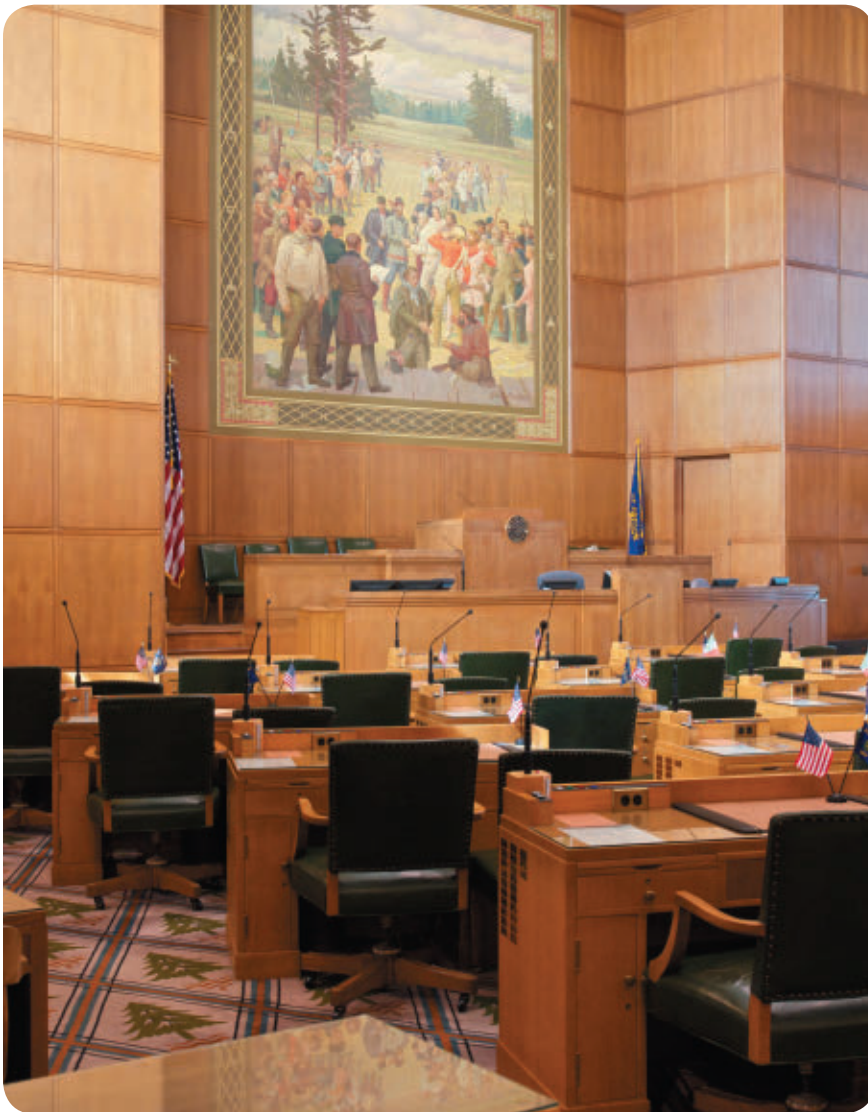
### **HB 4023—HCMO Mergers and Acquisitions Narrowing**

HB 4023 would have further narrowed the Healthcare Market Oversight program, which was created by HB 2362 (in 2021), and subsequent rulemaking at the Oregon Health Authority. The program gives OHA, and to some extent the community, oversight of health care mergers, acquisitions, and affiliations between entities of a certain size that would eliminate or reduce essential health services.

ODA participated heavily in the rules advisory committee on this program, and successfully advocated with our partners for the program to be narrowed significantly.

### **Budget Bills and Requests**

Aside from the main budget bills discussed below, ODA brought



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forward a dental workforce package supported by a coalition of providers, insurers, and DCOs. The request allocated \$300,000 to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to provide scholarships and increase the capacity of Oregon's community college dental assisting programs.

ODA's budget package also called for a \$200,000 allocation to the OHSU School of Dentistry for an extramural rotation experience for fourth-year dental students. Every student spends at least one week at the Russell Street Clinic in Portland, as well as another eight weeks delivering patient care in partner clinics in rural and underserved areas in Oregon. However, the program needs administrative support for coordination and management of a learner placement.

Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, this funding package was not passed this session, mostly because of the short deadlines and not enough opportunity to present the concepts to legislators earlier in the process. However, we heard countless times from key legislators about their desire to work on a fully funded and integrated oral health budget for the 2023 session. ODA believes there is a path forward to work on these critical funding issues for workforce challenges.

ODA also became aware of a dental therapy budget request this session. Under Pilot Project #100, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) sponsors and trains several dental therapists, a new dental provider authorized by the Oregon Health Authority. With the passage of HB 2528 (dental therapy legislation during the 2021 session), funding for the pilot project has come to an end. The NPAIHB submitted a request this session for \$700,000 for the project to keep the program running through the end of the biennium, in June 2023. This money was for

salaries, administration, facilities, supplies, leases, etc. Similar to ODA's request, NPAIHB was unsuccessful given the short time frame.

#### **HB 5201A—Fee Ratification**

HB 5201 is the fee ratification bill for the Department of Agriculture, Oregon Health Authority, and Oregon Board of Nursing. The measure provides the enabling legislation necessary for fees adopted by these agencies through administrative rule and approved by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). State law (ORS 291.055) requires all new agency fees or fee increases adopted between regular sessions of the Legislative Assembly to be authorized by enabling legislation or rescinded upon adjournment of the next regular session.

#### **HB 5202A—Budget Reconciliation**

HB 5202 relates to state financial administration and is the Emergency Board and budget reconciliation measure for the 2022 session. The omnibus measure makes changes to the 2021-23 legislatively adopted budget and implements 2022 budgetary decisions. The measure has an emergency clause and is effective on passage. The measure appropriates General Fund to the Emergency Board for six special purpose appropriations and adjusts 12 previously approved special purpose appropriations.

The measure provides funding for housing supply, homelessness prevention and response, worker relief, childcare, summer learning, behavioral health, enhancements to home- and community-based services, community violence prevention, crime victim assistance, public defense, disaster recovery and resiliency, wildfire and wildfire recovery, drought and climate resiliency, water and wastewater-related infrastructure

projects, rural infrastructure, economic and community development projects, broadband, public universities, community colleges, county courthouse construction, information technology projects, the budgetary impact of select policy measures, and other special governmental payments to local governments and non-state entities.

#### **Tax Bills**

##### **SB 1524B—Omnibus Technical Tax Bill**

This omnibus technical tax bill makes multiple modifications to various tax expenditures and tax programs. Notable revisions include a new, narrow exemption to the Corporate Activity Tax for small pharmacies with fewer than nine locations, a modified extension in the gain share program to one year, and establishment of a three-year net operating loss carryback for farmers and growers connected to the broader farmworker overtime policy bill.

##### **SB 1525—Federal Reconnect**

Oregon has had a continuing connection ("rolling reconnect") to the federal definition of taxable income since tax year 2011. Other ties to federal tax law must be updated on a regular basis, with December 31 being the usual connection date. Over the past 40 years, the state has rotated between a policy of automatic connection to federal tax base changes and connection to the federal code at a particular point in time. This bill would reconnect Oregon's tax code to the federal tax code for the 2021 tax year.

Additional bills of interest can be found on ODA's website at [www.oregondental.org/government-affairs/advocacy/2022-legislative-session](http://www.oregondental.org/government-affairs/advocacy/2022-legislative-session). ●

# Dentists of Oregon Political Action Committee

## What is DOPAC?

DOPAC is the nonpartisan political action committee associated with the Oregon Dental Association. It gives campaign contributions to members of both major political parties, supporting candidates who share our vision of what quality oral health care is and should be. DOPAC offers dentists a convenient and powerful means of making candidates for public office aware of the problems that confront oral health care professionals and the patients they serve.

The DOPAC board is made up of representatives from local components across the state.

## How is DOPAC funded?

DOPAC is primarily funded by ODA members through a portion of membership dues but also accepts additional gifts from individuals. DOPAC is one of the largest health care PACs in the state—giving Oregon dentists a powerful voice in Oregon politics.

## Get involved!

Candidates connect best with their constituents, and so it is DOPAC's goal to



continuously build relationships between ODA members and their state legislators. As an ODA member, you have the opportunity to attend events on behalf of DOPAC and the Oregon Dental Association. Contact ODA staff to share your interest in attending campaign events.

## 2022 DOPAC Board Members

- Jennifer Frankel, DMD (Marion & Polk, Yamhill, Clatsop)
- Nathan Hamm, DMD (Lane, Umpqua)
- Paul Hansen, DMD (Clackamas)
- Cyrus Javadi, DDS—Secretary-Treasurer
- Paul Lamoreau, DMD (Klamath, Rogue, Southern Oregon, Southwestern Oregon)
- Tom Pollard, DMD, Chair (Multnomah)
- Jeffrey Timm, DMD (Eastern, Central, Mid-Columbia)
- Washington County Component Seat (Vacant)
- Southern Willamette Component Seat (Vacant)

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- Dr. Brandon Schwindt

### Capitol Club (up to \$250)

- Dr. Brent Bitner
- Dr. Mary Beth Bowman
- Dr. Jeffrey Brady
- Dr. Bradley Marineau
- Dr. Gary Templeman
- Dr. Christine Vuong

## DOPAC members reflect on why they are engaged in this work and how it impacts ODA members



**Jennifer Frankel, DMD:** There is a lot of legislation out there that affects us as dentists, and I know that not everyone can be involved in each part of it. This is a way for me to help my colleagues and make sure their voice is heard.



**Cyrus Javadi, DDS:** Members should care about what DOPAC is doing because, without it, dentists couldn't have a unified voice. And unity matters when we want to affect or change policy at the state level. The reason dentists can be represented at important meetings to discuss issues like mask mandates and office closures is because DOPAC has done years of groundwork to get us there. If our profession wants to continue to influence decisions made by politicians and agencies, then members should continue to support and cheer on the work done by the DOPAC board. With a unified voice, we can do the most good for the future of the profession and for our patients.



**Tom Pollard, DMD:** Early in my career, many dentists I knew, including myself, would say they were not political. However, I realized an increasing number of bills were aimed at us, and they were not knowledge-based. We can't always control our destiny, but we *can* influence it.



**Nathan Hamm, DMD:** Laws and regulations affect every part of our profession. It is absolutely critical that organized dentistry maintains its seat at the table to protect our patients and profession. Some changes are inevitable. But by staying engaged with lawmakers in Salem, we can have a large impact on how changes affect dentistry.



**Jeffrey Timm, DMD:** I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as a member of DOPAC and working with the other members. I have learned a great deal about the legislative process in Oregon. I also know that the work we do definitely makes a difference for our profession and for oral health care overall. It has been a privilege to work with the people at the ODA as well as our excellent political team and consultants. I continue to look forward to helping with the oral health issues in our state as well as advocating for dentistry. 🗣️



**Paul Lamoreau, DMD:** I have been involved in advocacy since my freshman year of dental school, and it is staggering the amount of legislation that has the potential to radically affect our profession. DOPAC keeps the ODA and member dentists informed by actively working for our member dentists and by supporting candidates on both sides of the aisle, lobbying to protect our profession, and gathering dentists and dental students at the Capitol to make sure our voices are heard.

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# American Dental Political Action Committee: ADPAC

**THE AMERICAN DENTAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (ADPAC)** remains one of the largest political action committees in Washington, D.C. Its main function is to reach our dentists and help educate them about what they can do to help the dental profession through advocacy. ADPAC also builds relationships with incumbents and candidates for federal office. ADPAC raises money, distributes political contributions, and engages in grassroots advocacy and political education to help elect leaders who are focused on improving oral health.

One of ADPAC's largest events, ADA Dentist and Student Lobby Day, brings more than 1,100 dentists and students to Washington, D.C., for issue briefings, grassroots education, and political training. We're looking for new ways to do even more education and engagement within the political process. When was the last time you took any grassroots activity to engage in helping the profession or your patients in Washington, D.C.? Let's find ways where we can do even more together. First, if you haven't already done so, sign up to be an advocate at [actioncenter.ada.org](http://actioncenter.ada.org)



and receive the latest alerts about critical public policy issues impacting the profession. Second, if you're ever interested in running for any political office, ADPAC hosts a Candidate Workshop for dentists interested in running for political office at any level. Check out [ADA.org/ADPAC](http://ADA.org/ADPAC) to get involved and make your voice heard. ●

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# Leadership Academy Profiles

**THE OREGON DENTAL ASSOCIATION** kicked off the fifth year of the Leadership Academy in January. The Academy provides participants with a unique backstage pass to ODA offerings and experiences, while developing and enhancing leadership and interpersonal skills. Learn more about the 2022 class below:



**Sam Bae, DDS, MD**

***What most excites you about being part of the 2022 ODA Leadership Academy?***

I have been away from organized dentistry for some time. I am excited to be a part of a group working together to enhance the field and practice of dentistry in Oregon. I look forward to learning new skills, collaborating with like-minded colleagues, and exploring different leadership styles.

***What do you think the true role of a leader is?***

A leader is someone who leads by example with kindness and respect and motivates others to achieve common goals. Leaders inspire others, humbly listen to feedback and concerns, and strive to make positive changes and solutions.

***Who has been a primary mentor/influential person in your life, and what have you learned from them?***

I have been fortunate to have many influential mentors in my life both personally and professionally. They have all helped me to become the person I am today, and I am truly grateful for their guidance. Above all, I thank my parents for teaching me what it means to work hard, be confident with humility, and to serve others.

***What do you most appreciate about the profession of dentistry?***

I appreciate the opportunity to provide personalized care in methodical and creative ways. We as dentists and specialists have unique skill sets to deliver comprehensive care to improve our patients' quality of life. It is a joy to be able to do what I do with my team and colleagues each day.



**Chip Carriere, DMD**

***What most excites you about being part of the 2022 ODA Leadership Academy?***

I am most excited to be with a group of people with a common goal of becoming a steward for the profession of dentistry. I am also looking forward to becoming more involved in organized dentistry.

***What do you think the true role of a leader is?***

The true role of a leader is to help prepare for the future, promote the well-being of everyone in their organization, and foster better team effectiveness.

***Who has been a primary mentor/influential person in your life, and what have you learned from them?***

The primary influences for me have been the faculty from my GPR. They have helped me to realize that doing the right thing is not always easy.

***What do you most appreciate about the profession of dentistry?***

I appreciate that the profession of dentistry is continually working to provide the best experience for our patients and reach as many people in our communities as possible.

I also appreciate that we continue to advance the practice through research and technology.



**Baber Khatib, DDS**

***What most excites you about being part of the 2022 ODA Leadership Academy?***

Working with like-minded individuals and learning how to engage as a relatively early career dentist is what excites me about the ODA Leadership Academy. I am passionate about improving access to dentistry and encouraging a dental team approach to complex patient needs.

***What do you think the true role of a leader is?***

The true role of a leader is to recognize others' strengths and encourage them to apply themselves in roles that allow them to be most successful. A leader reflects on their own experiences to propel colleagues and pupils to achieve a common goal.

***Who has been a primary mentor/influential person in your life, and what have you learned from them?***

My father has been my primary mentor. He has taught me that strong character, charity, supporting friends, and honest hard work will allow you to be successful in life.

***What do you most appreciate about the profession of dentistry?***

I am most appreciative of the gift of being able to make people feel better about themselves. Whether it be relieving pain, treating a life-altering disease process, or giving someone their confidence back, dentistry is a unique and rewarding profession.



**Landis Kwong, DMD**

***What most excites you about being part of the 2022 ODA Leadership Academy?***

I'm excited about meeting other inspiring leaders in dentistry and becoming more involved in organized dentistry as an actual dentist.

***What do you think the true role of a leader is?***

Someone who works to inspire others and is kind. The role of a leader is to be approachable for guidance and advice.

***Who has been a primary mentor/influential person in your life, and what have you learned from them?***

I have been fortunate enough to have many mentors throughout my life. One of the most memorable lessons I learned early on, a mentor asked me, "Would you rather be at the top of a small class in a space where things can be readily accessible? Or do you want to be in the middle of a large class and be challenged to work hard and reach your full potential?" This really resonated with me as a teen-ager, and I greatly attribute this lesson to directing me toward the field of dentistry.

***What do you most appreciate about the profession of dentistry?***

My favorite part of dentistry is being in a unique position to see someone and immediately help them out of pain. Many patients I see in a public health setting have been in pain for a long time and do not have many clinics they can go to for help. I love being able to help those in need, and most patients I see have no other place they can go to for dental services.



**Ashish Patel, DDS, MD, FACS**

***What most excites you about being part of the 2022 ODA Leadership Academy?***

I've been the beneficiary of services provided by the ODA, and I've also participated at ODA meetings as a speaker. I'm most excited to learn about the mechanics of how these benefits and programs are made available to members. Getting a "behind the scenes" view of all the effort and skill that goes into ODA programs will help me understand how I can better contribute to our community. Making connections with peers and practitioners will also give me a better sense of what dental providers (including myself) want for the ODA and the community.

***What do you think the true role of a leader is?***

A leader is one who can elevate those around them to advance society. A leader should be one to identify the skills of individuals and inspire them to contribute to our community.

***Who has been a primary mentor/influential person in your life, and what have you learned from them?***

Many of my greatest mentors surrounded themselves with the brightest and most innovative people. Rather than spawn jealousy, this inspired their peers to do better. I learned the importance of embracing new ideas and learning from one another rather than viewing it as "competition."

***What do you most appreciate about the profession of dentistry?***

The relationships I build with patients. Other humans, often total strangers, trust us with their bodies and minds—this is an incredible privilege. Becoming a part of a person's life as their health care provider can have a lasting impact on our patients and ourselves. Developing meaningful connections with other humans, often in a vulnerable state, helps me to stay grounded. As the world around us seems to move faster and become more de-personalized, the importance of patience and empathy cannot be overstated. This is so critical in dentistry, and it has carried over to most aspects of my life.





**Joshua Smith, DDS**

***What most excites you about being part of the 2022 ODA Leadership Academy?***

Networking and growing my non-clinical dental career. I'm looking forward to being active in the ODA for years to come and to help lend a hand in steering our profession through the difficulties it faces today and in the future.

***What do you think the true role of a leader is?***

The role of leader shifts throughout time. In the 20th century, a good leader was a visionary who set and met lofty goals, sometimes at the expense of those they led. A true leader in today's day and age is someone who can set a goal and create an environment where there is a mutual benefit for everyone involved to meet that goal, taking into consideration team members' individual strengths and personal goals.

***Who has been a primary mentor/influential person in your life, and what have you learned from them?***

I don't think I can pick one person! I am an amalgamation of my parents, teachers, friends, coaches, co-workers, and everyone else who has helped shape me into the person I am today. Kindness and selflessness are the common denominators of all those influential people, so I strive to reflect that kindness and selflessness back to my patients and community.

***What do you most appreciate about the profession of dentistry?***

I think there is an opportunity in dentistry to make a connection to another person in a unique way. It is a combination of winning a patient's trust, meeting and exceeding their expectations (perhaps low expectations from past experiences) while providing an inherently odd service that involves science and artistry. The most satisfying experience is when I hear a patient say, "That was the easiest dental visit I've ever had" at the end of an appointment.



**Haley Van Volkenburg, DMD**

***What most excites you about being part of the 2022 ODA Leadership Academy?***

I am most excited to collaborate and work with colleagues who are also interested in getting involved in the dental community and further improving our profession. I am also looking forward to learning more about organized dentistry and leadership development.

***What do you think the true role of a leader is?***

The true role of a leader is to cultivate an environment where all teammates are able to fully realize their potential while working together toward a common goal. A leader is someone who encourages, motivates, and lifts up their team.

***Who has been a primary mentor/influential person in your life, and what have you learned from them?***

The first person who comes to mind when I think of someone who has influenced me the most in life is my mom. She leads her life with positivity, a strong sense of self, and a genuine love of being involved in her community and in the lives of those around her. It is through being raised by her that I have developed a passion for people and relationships, and an innate drive to be involved and always be learning.

***What do you most appreciate about the profession of dentistry?***

My favorite aspect of dentistry is working with people all day. I truly enjoy building relationships with my patients and team in order to create a joyful and positive environment. 🌟

# Dentists Running for Office

**THIS ELECTION CYCLE, THERE ARE THREE ODA** member dentists running for legislative office. Meet the candidates below:



**Representative  
Cedric Hayden,  
DDS**

Four-term State Representative Cedric Hayden (R-Fall Creek) filed to run for the newly drawn Senate District 6 seat, which encompasses parts of Lane, Linn, and Marion Counties. Hayden, who was first elected to the House of Representatives, has served in the Legislature since 2015. In that time, he has served on several health care-related committees, including as vice-chair of the House Committee on Healthcare, on the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services, and, most recently, as vice-chair of the House Health subcommittee on COVID-19. Additionally, Representative Hayden has served on the Ways and Means subcommittees on Natural Resources and General Government, as well as the Human Services policy committee.

As a dentist, Hayden's priority since becoming a legislator has been focused on expanding health care access while working to keep costs down. In this most recent legislative session, Representative Hayden was the chief sponsor of House Bill 4095, a bill to create a state dental benefit for Oregon veterans, and House Bill 4096, a bill to allow 30 calendar days of license reciprocity to out-of-state health care practitioners for the purpose of participating in charitable health clinics. Some health licensing boards severely limited this practice, and this measure will expand non-profit care in Oregon.

Representative Hayden is unopposed in the Republican primary but will face a Democratic challenger for the Senate seat in November. He hopes to be part of a push to win Senate races and bring balance back to the Legislature.



**Cyrus Javadi,  
DDS**

Dr. Cyrus Javadi runs a dental practice in Tillamook. A father of five, he and his wife moved to Tillamook 10 years ago because of their love for the small-town feel, clean air, and sense of community found on the North Oregon Coast. His business background is obviously in dentistry, but he also holds an accounting undergraduate degree and has been involved in financial and tax work.

"I've never been a politician and I never saw myself running for office, but I believe it's time for people to step up and to sacrifice for this state and this great country if we want to have a better tomorrow. The divide between the right and the left is growing so large. I still believe we can find common-sense solutions without abandoning our values. That's where most of the people in our coastal communities are at, and it's what they want from their leaders."



**Hai Pham,**  
**DMD**

Dr. Hai Pham's family came to Oregon after fleeing Vietnam. Through hard work and community support, he overcame hardships to become a pediatric dentist. He founded Hi 5 Dental: Dentistry for Kids, to provide care for the underserved children of Washington County.

To give back to the community that has given him so much, Dr. Pham serves on the board of the Dental Foundation of Oregon and volunteers with the Tooth Taxi—a way to provide free care to children and adults who cannot access a dentist in their community.

*"My story is one of incredible opportunity—and I believe others deserve access to the same opportunities I've had. As a State Representative, I'll fight to improve health care, make our communities safer, and ensure a quality education for all children."* —Dr. Hai Pham

In the Oregon Legislature, Dr. Pham will prioritize:

- Ensuring that medical and dental coverage for all is a right, not a privilege.
- Providing all residents of Oregon with the same high-quality education that transformed his life.
- Supporting the diversity of our communities and helping to ensure that all people feel welcome and included.

Dr. Pham serves as the pediatric dentistry chair at Randall Children's Hospital. He serves on the Governor's Children's Cabinet and previously served on the Oregon Board of Dentistry. He has a BS from Oregon State University and DMD from OHSU. Dr. Pham lives in Hillsboro with his wife, Natalie, and their newborn son, Elijah. ●

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The 2022 ODA House of Delegates will take place virtually on **September 24, 2022**. All ODA members are welcomed and encouraged to attend—mark your calendars and plan to serve as a delegate for your local component society. We look forward to “seeing” you there!

### House of Delegates Election

Nominations are now open for the positions listed below, to be elected by the ODA House of Delegates September 24th. Please submit all applications and nominations by July 1st.

#### Leadership Development Committee

Positions Open: 1  
Term: 3 years

#### At-Large Trustee

Positions Open: 2  
Term: 4 years

#### Speaker of the House

Term: 3 years

All ODA members are encouraged to participate in the leadership of this organization. For more information about any of these positions, please email [leadership@oregondental.org](mailto:leadership@oregondental.org). Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and a resume. Email your materials to [leadership@oregondental.org](mailto:leadership@oregondental.org) by July 1, 2022.

### Tom Tucker Humanitarian Award

Established at the 2017 House of Delegates, the Tom Tucker Humanitarian award is the highest humanitarian and service award for the dentists of Oregon. Award criteria include:

- A significant number of years as an ODA member.
- Active in leadership roles within the ODA and their local component society.
- Demonstrated commitment to being an active member in their local communities.
- Demonstrated to their communities and the ODA a unique attitude and a willingness to serve.
- Mirror the image of Dr. Tom Tucker with a can-do attitude and a genuine desire to serve the common good.

Submit your nominations to [leadership@oregondental.org](mailto:leadership@oregondental.org) by July 1, 2022.



## 2022 CHIP! FOR TEETH GOLF TOURNAMENT

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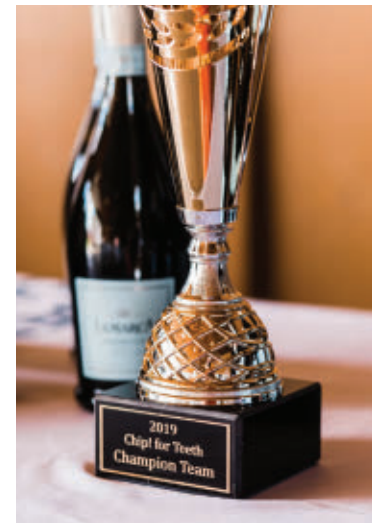


Join us for the 17th Annual Chip! for Teeth Golf Tournament at Langdon Farms Golf Course in Aurora, Oregon. Visit [SmileOnOregon.org](http://SmileOnOregon.org) to register for this year's event before it sells out again!

For 17 years, Dental Foundation of Oregon supporters have traveled from all parts of Oregon for a delicious breakfast buffet, morning on the greens followed by a luncheon awards banquet. Your involvement this year will help us achieve our goal to raise \$50,000 to help Oregon's children and vulnerable communities receive important dental and oral health care. The day begins at 6:30 a.m. with a hot breakfast buffet followed by a 7:45 a.m. scramble format, shotgun start. A delicious buffet lunch will be served soon after players come back from the course, and attendees are encouraged to purchase raffle tickets for a bevy of prizes.

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## TOOTH TAXI

### OVERALL STATS

(September 2008 to March 4, 2022)

Since September 2008, the Tooth Taxi has provided the following services:

Students screened - 25,254

Appointments on the TT - 15,042

Dental education in the classroom - 25,655

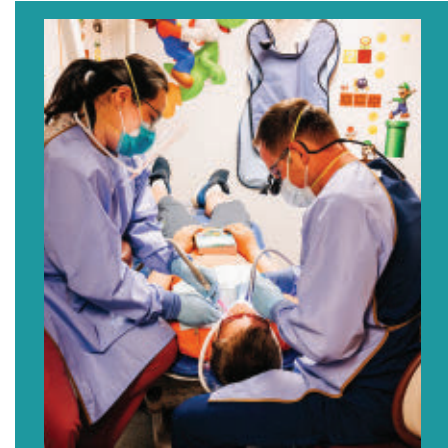
Value of services provided - \$8,583,679

### TOOTH TAXI 2.0 UPDATE

Since our last update, the Winnebago factory has a chassis for the Tooth Taxi 2.0 and assigned a VIN number to the vehicle. Global supply chain issues continue to have a profoundly negative impact upon production time since the DFO Board approved placing a new Tooth Taxi into production in May 2021. We are delighted to announce that the vehicle was placed into production Friday, February 25, 2022!

We are always in need of volunteer dentists to assist us on the Tooth Taxi, especially as we work to identify a full-time dentist to replace Dr. Davis, who accepted a new career opportunity last December. To learn more about volunteering on the Tooth Taxi, please contact Carrie Peterson, Tooth Taxi Program Manager at [carrie.peterson@modahealth.com](mailto:carrie.peterson@modahealth.com).

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# American Dental Association— Political Advocacy



By Dr. Mark Vitale

## EVERY DENTIST'S VOICE HOLDS THE POWER

to make meaningful changes for the profession of dentistry. I did not realize how impactful this statement would be when I first began advocating for the profession within my state many years ago. Since then, I have had the opportunity to lead dedicated advocacy efforts for the entire profession at the national level in Washington, D.C., and it has better positioned me to find successful methods for collaboration within the different levels of our tripartite membership that I would like to share with you.

The need to mobilize all dentists, especially the newer dentists, has never been greater. The ability for us to reach new advocates who can help us offer even more education to legislators and become more involved in the political process has never

been more vital. We saw early on during the pandemic the significant impact dentists had on reaching every member of Congress to discuss critical issues dentists faced as the reason for the numerous legislative accomplishments helping dentistry. Let's keep that momentum for supporting the profession going.

This past year, we saw a number of steps in the right direction in Congress as the ADA continued to educate lawmakers on many bills aimed to help patients and the profession. We saw the successful introduction of numerous bipartisan bills. The federal legislative and regulatory accomplishments from 2021 are now on the ADA's advocacy website, [ADA.org/advocacy](https://www.ada.org/advocacy). This year's priorities will build on the successes of the past year.

For example, we will continue to work to push dental insurance reforms like the Dental and Optometric Care Access Act (DOC Access Act), the Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act, and the Medicaid Dental Benefits Act. All three of those bills impact different challenges patients and dentists face, particularly the dental insurers' interference with the doctor-patient relationship and the dental coverage options in public and private plans.

The level of educational debt that new dentists face after graduating from dental school is astronomical. Fixing this has been a priority, and we have been advocating for numerous federal student loan repayment bills in Congress. Recently, the U.S. Senate introduced a bipartisan bill called the Resident Education Deferred Interest Act (REDI), which would allow dental

students to defer interest accrual on federal loans during their residency. We're going to need your advocacy to help pass this legislation and many other important student loan reforms that will be necessary to help the newer generation of dentists.

In March, we re-invigorated dentists and dental students' lobbying efforts and abilities in Washington, D.C., with the first in-person lobby day in two years due to the pandemic. We learned during the pandemic how grassroots advocacy is essential to achieving the ADA's legislative goals, and we are going to use this in-person opportunity to find ways of engaging dentists and dental students on important issues. It was exciting to encourage dentists to become more involved and feel like they are part of a group that is making a difference and creating changes.

We're now looking at improvements to the grassroots and advocacy programs to engage all relevant and necessary conversations that will be required to move the needle to help the profession and patients. How we mobilize our membership will have to change to mirror the ways that all generations of dentists wish to participate. This means connecting with everybody so that all voices are heard, not just those who shout the loudest or who have participated in organized dentistry the longest. These experiences like my own example are important, please don't misunderstand, but let's not overlook those newer and younger dentists who have not yet become a part of the process or who might have become disillusioned that their voices don't matter—they do. Let's



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include everybody in this important advocacy experience.

We know that in Oregon, a big part of your mission is focused on fixing some of the dental insurance issues that frustrate patients and dentists and seeking solutions to student debt issues for recent dental school graduates. Insurers can disrupt practice operations and patient relationships, especially when they lease networks. I learned this firsthand when a plan, without any notice, leased a network I had joined many years prior, requiring me to have tough conversations and make hard choices. States are steadily enacting transparency solutions in their legislatures to prevent this disruption. Using past successes to bolster future wins is what the ADA's State Public Affairs (SPA) Program is all about. SPA was created to help address issues like the ones Oregon is pursuing. In 2021, we saw 28 new laws enacted in 18 states that positively reform

dental insurance operations, many of these enacted with a collaborative effort between ADA and state dental societies. We're ready to help initiate a proactive pro-dentistry agenda this legislative session and beyond in Salem and Washington, D.C.

Participating in the ADA SPA Oversight Workgroup with my fellow dentist leaders has provided me with a greater perspective on regulatory challenges and opportunities in the states and how each state requires a different tack to achieve effective public policy results. I see the state societies' efforts to protect dentists from regulatory burdens that can interfere with patient care and am pleased with the collaborative nature between the state and national organizations that brings about positive changes to the profession. Working together with state dental societies, we develop and share resources that amplify the work of addressing the most urgent issues dentists face. I'm proud of

the enhanced influence brought by combining the energy of state dental societies and ADA in a very focused and intentional way through the SPA program. I hope you see the value in our shared commitment, too. 🌐

*Mark A. Vitale, DMD, is chair of the Council of Governmental Affairs at the American Dental Association, chair of the ADA State Public Affairs Oversight Workgroup, chair of the NJ Dental Political Action Committee New Jersey Dental Association, past president of New Jersey Dental Association, and past president of Middlesex County Dental Society. Dr. Vitale has been advocating for his patients in Edison, New Jersey for years to make sure dental insurance is fair for all parties involved. His knowledge and experiences on what providers and patients face when it comes to dental insurance has helped educate the next generation of advocates on a variety of priority reform issues.*

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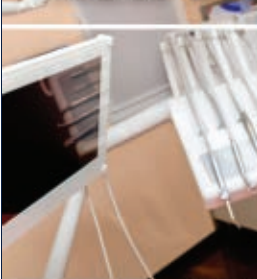


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