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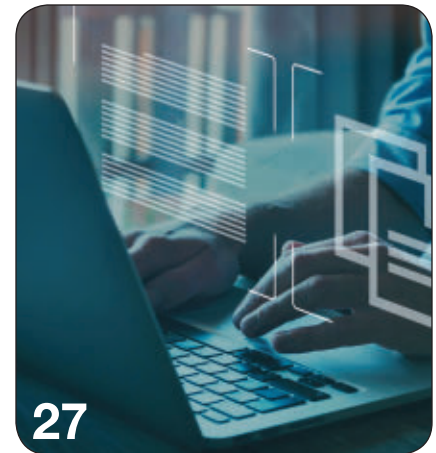


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Painting the Picture of Our Future



By Alayna Schoblaske

ON SEPTEMBER 28TH, ABOUT 50 of our ODA members joined a Zoom call with ADA Executive Director Dr. Kathleen O’Loughlin; ADA President Dr. Daniel Klemmedson; ADA Senior Vice President of Government and Public Affairs Mike Graham; and our newly installed ODA President, Dr. Calie Roa. The event was organized by Dr. Fred Bremner and moderated by Dr. Jeremy Suess (both of Clackamas County Dental Society) to highlight the value of tripartite membership at the national, state, and local levels. It was an honor to have such esteemed leaders in organized dentistry take time out of their schedules (and accommodate a 2-hour time difference) to talk directly to Oregon members about what the ADA’s priorities right now are. They talked about everything from third party payers to Black Butte Porter, and I was proud of the ways that our members engaged in the chat box with pointed and insightful questions.

What stood out to me, though, were the verbs that Dr. O’Loughlin, Dr. Klemmedson, and Mr. Graham continually chose to use: battle, defend, fight, and more. We are

battling Medicare Part B. We are defending our profession from the impact of dental therapist legislation. And we are fighting against third-party payers. (That last one—Fighting Insurance Interference Strategic Taskforce—literally has the acronym of FIIST, just to add a little additional impact.)

What we spent very little time talking about, however, was what the ADA—and ODA and our local component societies—is working to create. What are we advocating *for*? What are we building? What do we want?

The ADA’s mission statement is that it exists to “power the profession of dentistry and to assist our members in advancing the overall oral health of their patients.” I have been taught that an organization’s mission statement is equivalent to an aspirational and long-term aim. Its vision, then, is the specific picture that is painted when they imagine that mission. And then the goals are short- and medium-term actions that will be taken to get closer to their vision and mission. What, then, is organized dentistry’s vision? What does our mission look like in action? I believe that articulating this vision—of painting the picture—is what we could be doing better to attract new dentists to become members. New dentists are excited about what we can create as a profession and what we can create in our careers, so it only makes sense that we would be drawn to what the ADA is creating instead of what it is fighting.

Instead of showing PowerPoint slides about why diversity is

important to the organization, let’s share specific goals for a Board of Trustees with a kaleidoscope of ages, races, gender identities, abilities, and practice modalities.

Instead of decrying Medicare Part B, let’s emphasize that we are advocating for a health care system where patients who cannot afford oral health care are supported in accessing it, and the professionals who provide that care are compensated appropriately so that they can continue to sustainably provide that care for many years to come.

Instead of fighting against private equity groups, let’s share that we want to see a world where private practice sellers find a successor that is aligned with their vision for the practice, buyers find a practice that allows them to achieve their goals, and everyone is supported through the process. (Psst—that’s possible now with the ADA Practice Transitions program. Look it up at www.adapRACTICETRANSITIONS.COM.)

In Dr. Klemmedson’s final statement during the Zoom call, he shared some of his thoughts on the current Medicare reform debate, and he said that “if we can’t design a plan that works for the vast majority of us, nobody will get care.” I think the same is true for organized dentistry. If we can’t paint a vibrant picture of an organization that works for the vast majority of us, then our organization may continue to dwindle and nobody will get the advocacy, the connection, and, yes, the care that we deserve. ●

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Events & Education Component CE Calendar

Calendar provided by Mehdi Salari, DMD

This calendar is current as of September 13, 2021.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, events may be altered or postponed.

Please visit the host dental society website for the most up-to-date information.

Date	Host Dental Society	Course Title	Speaker	Hours CE	Location	More Information
10/16/21	Clackamas	Composite Restorations	Carmen Phifer, DDS, PhD	2	Zoom—Virtual	executivedirector@clackamasdental.com
10/20/21	Multnomah	3D Printing Techniques—Biomaterials & Tissue Engineering	Luiz Bertasonni, DDS, PhD	2	Wilsonville (ODA Building)	Register: www.multnomahdental.org
11/16/21	Clackamas	CBCT Radiography	Kate Dubois, DMD	2	Zoom—Virtual	executivedirector@clackamasdental.com
1/19/22	Multnomah	Teen Invisible Alignment	Judah Garfinkle, DMD	2	TBD	Register: www.multnomahdental.org
1/25/22	Clackamas	Prosthodontics	Brian Bray, DMD	2	Oregon City (Providence Willamette Falls Community Center)	executivedirector@clackamasdental.com
3/15/22	Clackamas	Functional Occlusion for Full & Removable Partial Dentures	Jim Sagawa, DMD	2	TBD	executivedirector@clackamasdental.com
3/16/22	Multnomah	Cyber Crimes Safety, Social Media/Website Accessibility & Professional Insurance—What do I need?	Cory Roletto, Chris Verbiest & a Cyber Security Attorney	2	TBD	Register: www.multnomahdental.org
4/26/22	Clackamas	The Current State of Practice Valuations and Transitions	John Van Leeuwen	2	TBD	executivedirector@clackamasdental.com
5/08/22	Multnomah	Table Clinics	-	1	TBD	Register: www.multnomahdental.org

Find this calendar online at www.oregondental.org. Click “Meetings & Events” > “Calendar of Events”.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many component meetings were canceled or postponed. Looking for additional ways to get CE? The American Dental Association has a large collection of webinars and on-demand video learning opportunities available, many of which are free to members. Visit adaceonline.org to catch up on the latest offerings on your own schedule. 🎧

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- Dr. Fred Bremner was chosen as the recipient of the 2021 Tom Tucker Humanitarian Award, to be presented at the 2021 House of Delegates.
- The Board reviewed the resolutions that will be brought to the 2021 House of Delegates in September.
- The Board approved meeting dates for the 2022 calendar year.
- Dr. Rachel Hogan was appointed to the Annual Meeting Council.
- Dr. Leslee Huggins, Dr. Phillip Marucha, and Dr. Elizabeth Tomczyk were appointed to a three-year term, and Dr. Christine Chin and Dr. Lisa Yarborough were appointed to a two-year term on the Regulatory Affairs Council.
- Dr. Paul Lamoreau was appointed to DOPAC. 🗣️

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ACDE Web Series: Genetics in Dental Practice, Are you ready?
Presented by The University of British Columbia

11/12/2021 8:00am-10:00am PST 2 CE \$69
ACDE Web Series: Tertiary Implant Stability
Presented by McGill Dental School

11/17/2021 5:00pm-6:00pm PST 1 CE \$39
ACDE Web Series: 5 STEPS To a Practicing Dentistry Pain-Free: Evidence-based Strategies for a Long & Healthy Career
Presented by University of Washington

12/1/2021 5:00pm-7:00pm PST 2 CE \$69
ACDE Web Series: Partial Root Extraction Therapy (PET): A tactic to rescue the buccal plate
Presented by University of Dalhousie

12/5/2021 12:30pm-2:30pm PST 2 CE \$69
ACDE Web Series: Educating the Dental Team on Nutritional Counseling for the Patient: From Birth through the Life Cycle
Presented by AT Still Missouri

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ACDE Web Series: Treating Anterior Discolorations: Microabrasions, Resin Infiltration, and Bleaching
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House of Delegates Recap

THE 2021 ODA HOUSE OF DELEGATES WAS held via Zoom on Saturday, September 25. At the event, 71 delegates, ODA Board of Trustees members, and special guests discussed important issues impacting the Oregon Dental Association and the profession of dentistry. Thank you to all those who participated in the 2021 ODA House of Delegates – your time and service are greatly appreciated!

In Memoriam

The Oregon Dental Association expresses sorrow at the passing of the following individuals since September 2020. In some cases, where the date of death was prior to September 2020, the ODA was notified after the 2020 House of Delegates.

- **Angela Blizzard, DMD** – Washington County Dental Society
- **William Crawford, DMD** – Klamath County Dental Society
- **Rupert Fixott, DMD** – Washington County Dental Society
- **Robert Gill, DMD** – Multnomah Dental Society
- **Floyd Holady, DMD** – Washington County Dental Society
- **Lawrence Hughes, DMD** – Lane County Dental Society
- **Kenneth Johnson, DMD** – Southern Willamette Dental Society
- **Jerrold Larsen, DMD** – Multnomah Dental Society
- **Bruce Logan, DDS** – Southern Oregon Dental Society
- **Selma Moon-Pierce, DDS** – Marion & Polk Dental Society
- **Jack Over, DMD** – Multnomah Dental Society

- **Gary Robert Pedersen, DMD** – Clatsop Dental Society
- **Michael Raschko, DMD** – Marion & Polk Dental Society
- **John Seal, DMD** – Multnomah Dental Society
- **Lee Watson, DMD** – Multnomah Dental Society
- **Charles Wingard, DMD** – Marion & Polk Dental Society

Election Results

The following individuals were elected by the House of Delegates to serve on the Board of Trustees, Leadership Development Committee, as Editor, and as ADA Delegate at Large. Congratulations on your appointments!

- **Jordan Anderson, DDS:** Leadership Development Committee
- **Todd Beck, DMD:** Board of Trustees
- **Bruce Burton, DMD:** Leadership Development Committee
- **Bryan Guthrie, DMD:** Board of Trustees
- **Brad Hester, DMD:** Leadership Development Committee
- **Alayna Schoblaske, DMD:** Editor
- **Deborah Struckmeier, DMD:** Leadership Development Committee
- **Caroline Zeller, DDS:** ADA Delegate at Large

Presidential Citations

Presidential Citations were presented to the following individuals

for their significant contributions to the ODA and the dental community.

- **David Dowsett, DMD:**

Originally a single-year commitment, the work of the Task Force lasted three years.



Dr. Dowsett served all three years and stepped up as Chair for the last year after Dr. Barry Taylor vacated the role to accept the ODA Executive Director position. Under his leadership, the Task Force finalized their recommendations and brought three resolutions to the 2021 House of Delegates. Thank you for your efforts leading the work of the Task Force.

- **Scott Hansen, DMD:**

Current ODA Speaker of the House, Dr. Hansen also chaired the Legislative Task Force in 2019, 2020, and 2021. The 2021 session was extremely time-intensive, with dental therapy and other important bills. Dr. Hansen was an amazing leader through all of it, facilitating member engagement. Thank you for your work on our advocacy and legislative efforts.



- **Josephine Stokes, DDS:**

Currently on her second term with the Leadership Development Committee, Dr. Stokes is finishing two years as Chair of this group. She has been absolutely critical in the ODA's work to identify and develop leaders and has



overseen significant refinements to the association's nomination processes. Thank you for your time and effort in leading the important work of this committee.

• **George Okulitch:**

George has worked as ODA's lobbyist for over a decade, ensuring that dentists are at the table for key state legislative discussions. It is important to recognize his extra efforts during the 2021 session,



working around the clock to ensure HB 2528, the dental therapy bill, passed with appropriate safeguards. Thank you for your work on behalf of all Oregon dentists.

Congratulations to the 2021 Leadership Academy Class

Over the course of the past year, the 2021 Leadership Academy participants have completed a series of immersion experiences and leadership trainings to gain a better knowledge of themselves as

leaders and leadership opportunities within the ODA. Thank you for your participation in the Leadership Academy, and congratulations on your pursuit of continued excellence and leadership growth.

- **Hannah Glazunov, DMD** – Southern Willamette Dental Society
- **Thien-Y Hoang, DMD** – Marion and Polk Dental Society
- **Rachel Hogan, DMD, M.Ed.** – Multnomah Dental Society
- **Monica Kowalski, DMD** – Marion and Polk Dental Society

Tom Tucker Humanitarian Award

The Tom Tucker Humanitarian Award is the highest humanitarian and service award for the dentists of Oregon, awarded to those who mirror the image of Dr. Tom Tucker with a can-do attitude and a genuine desire to serve the common good. The 2021 Tom Tucker Humanitarian Award was presented to **Dr. Fred Bremner**.

Currently serving as Clackamas County Dental Society's Executive Director, Dr. Bremner is a long-time volunteer and leader at both the state and component level. In his current role as CCDS Executive Director, he works to recruit new members to volunteer positions, developing their skills to become future leaders at all levels of the tripartite. Dr. Bremner also led CCDS's partnership with Clackamas County Veterans Village, with CCDS members providing treatment to veterans in need of dental care.

He was a past Trustee, Editor, and Secretary-Treasurer at the Oregon Dental Association and currently serves as a Wellness Ambassador for the ODA's Wellness Initiative.

Dr. Bremner is an active member of his local community, volunteering at numerous clinics providing dental services to underserved populations including Compassion Tigard, Compassion Sandy, Helping Hands International, Canby Cares, and Impact Your Health Portland. Outside of dentistry, Dr. Bremner serves as the President of the Board of Directors for the B-17 Alliance Foundation.

It is not difficult to see why Dr. Bremner is deserving of this honor! The ODA thanks Dr. Bremner for his contributions and service to the dentists of Oregon and his community!



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House of Delegates Resolution Report

The 2021 House of Delegates considered seven resolutions, submitted by the Board of Trustees and the House of Delegates Task Force. Below is a summary of the resolutions and results. You can view the resolutions in full at bit.ly/ODAHOD2021.

BOT-1-21: Dues Streamlining – Life Active PASSED

To secure a more balanced approach to membership and revenue, the 2019 American Dental Association (ADA) House of Delegates approved and implemented changes to the ADA dues pertaining to life members. The Board of Trustees recommended that the ODA align with these changes for the 2022 dues cycle and beyond. The House passed BOT-1-21, eliminating the 50% ODA dues discount for Life Members who have not yet fully retired. A grandfather clause was added, retaining the discount for members who obtained life status prior to 2022.

BOT-2-21: Dues Streamlining – New Graduates PASSED

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to new graduates. The Board of Trustees recommended that the ODA align with these changes for the 2022 dues cycle and beyond. The House passed BOT-2-21, restructuring the current 4-year dues discount structure for new graduates to a 2-year dues discount structure.

BOT-3-21: Life Membership Eligibility PASSED

The 2020 ADA House of Delegates approved changes to the requirements to obtain life membership. The Board of Trustees recommended that the ODA align with these changes. The House passed BOT-3-21, eliminating the age requirement to obtain life membership.

BOT-4-21: Cost of Living Increase PASSED

Since 2012, the ODA Board of Trustees has submitted an annual dues increase based on the Portland CPI for the House of Delegates' consideration in order to be able to continue to provide the same level of valuable programs, with the rising cost of doing business. The House passed BOT-4-21, increasing the 2022 ODA annual dues by \$12.

HODTF-1-21: House of Delegates Format and Budget PASSED

After review and significant discussion of all elements included in the House of Delegates Task Force's multi-year study, the Task Force significantly modified their preliminary recommendations presented to the 2019 ODA House of Delegates. The Task Force's final recommendation was that the ODA retain the current governance structure with an annual House of Delegates meeting but switch to a virtual offering to reduce association costs and further engage members from throughout the state.

The Task Force further recommended that the cost savings from switching to a virtual offering be used to offer regional events throughout the state. This allows opportunities to further engage with the association as a whole and foster local community connections. The House passed HODTF-1-21, transitioning the ODA House of Delegates to a virtual event moving forward, reallocating the cost savings to offer regional events.

HODTF-2-21: Policy Setting Authority FAILED

Currently, ODA policy can be set by either the House of Delegates or the Board of Trustees. The House of Delegates Task Force recommended that the authority for setting policy for the Association reside solely with the ODA Board of Trustees, as timing and flexibility are often critical and cannot wait for an annual review/approval. In addition, with a full understanding of the strategic plan including the mission, goals, and objectives of the association, the Board's comprehensive knowledge is critical when determining policy. HODTF-2-21 failed to pass, maintaining both bodies' authority to set ODA policy.

HODTF-3-21: House of Delegates Handbook PASSED

The House of Delegates Handbook outlines the rules and operating procedures of the ODA House of Delegates meeting. Modifications must be approved by the House. The House of Delegates Task Force proposed two versions of the handbook, one for an in-person format and one for a virtual format. The House passed HODTF-3-21, approving the modifications to the in-person handbook and the new virtual handbook. 🎯

Save the Date

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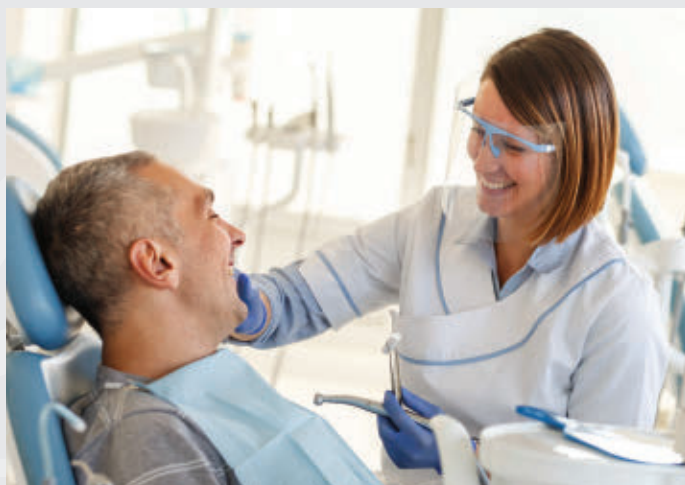


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ODA Members Now Have Access to the Oregon Wellness Program

LIKE ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, DENTISTS SOMETIMES suffer from burnout and other stressors. As an Oregon Dental Association member, you have access to specialized resources to support your physical and mental well-being—including the newest addition, access to anonymous and confidential counseling services through the Oregon Wellness Program.

The Oregon Wellness Program has long promoted the health and well-being of Oregon's medical community. As of September 1, 2021, the state-wide program has been expanded to include Oregon dentists, meaning ODA members can now receive up to eight free counseling sessions with one of the Oregon Wellness Program's mental health providers, who are all experienced and vetted clinicians. A standardized process ensures consent and confidentiality, and many providers offer telemedicine services.

We're thrilled to announce the expansion of the Oregon Wellness Program to include Oregon's dentists, which is made possible by a generous three-year grant from Permanente Dental Associates. "This ongoing pandemic has solidified our belief that every healthcare professional needs these important resources," said Dr. John Snyder, executive dental director and CEO of Permanente Dental Associates. "Sponsoring access to the Oregon Wellness Program is one way we can support the broader community of dentists across the entire state of Oregon."

Oregon Wellness Program coverage will supplement services already available through the Oregon Dental Association's Wellness Ambassador Network, which includes nearly two dozen volunteer dentists trained to provide confidential, peer-to-peer support to our members.

You can learn more about the Oregon Wellness Program at oregonwellnessprogram.org. Review all of ODA's Wellness resources at <http://bit.ly/ODAWellnessInitiative>.

During this prolonged global pandemic, the overall well-being of dentists in the Oregon community is more important than ever. You aren't in this alone. We encourage you to reach out to a colleague through ODA's Ambassador Program or a trained mental health provider with the Oregon Wellness Program for support. 🗣️

Thank you Permanente Dental Associates for your partnership and generous support to expand the Oregon Wellness Program to dentists!

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Thank You, ODA Members!

It is with a heart filled with gratitude that we thank the following ODA members for their generous contributions to The Dental Foundation of Oregon. These individuals gave an additional gift to the DFO when they renewed their ODA membership between January 1 and March 31, 2021. In future editions of *Membership Matters*, we will share the names of more individuals who have donated, along with their stories and reasons for giving to the DFO.

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The Dental Foundation of Oregon Board of Directors is a volunteer body whose purpose is to safeguard the mission of the organization while providing oversight and governance. Our mission is dedicated to advancing oral health education, providing charitable care, and coordinating resources for Oregon's children and vulnerable communities.

As a board member, you will:

- Advocate for the DFO's mission.
- Attend at least 75% of board quarterly meetings. Four meetings are held each year currently via Zoom due to the pandemic.
- Annually make a personal financial contribution at a level that is meaningful to you.
- Participate in one or more fundraising activities such as the annual Chip! for Teeth Golf Tournament or the Motor Mouth Raffle.
- Introduce friends and colleagues to the mission of the Foundation.
- Participate in one or more standing committees.
- Review, approve, and monitor the strategic plan.
- Consider for yourself, and encourage others, to include the DFO in estate planning.
- Understand the fiduciary responsibilities of serving on the board of directors.
- Maintain appropriate donor confidentiality.
- Stay informed about goals and current activities of the Foundation.
- Work in good faith with staff and other board members toward achievement of the DFO goals.

Our current priorities include strategic planning, fund development, marketing, and growing our community to increase awareness of the DFO throughout the state of Oregon.

The DFO is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and seeks board members who represent the many diverse populations of our great state.

Please contact Amber Fowler, executive director, to learn more. She may be reached via email at foundation@smileonoregon.org or by phone at 503.594.0881. ●



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A Note from our Executive Director

As I reflect on my third year as executive director of The Dental Foundation of Oregon, I remain amazed by the commitment to the DFO and our Tooth Taxi program by those within the dental community, schools, and business partners that continue to make our organization so successful. Since 1982, the DFO has been a leader and advocate for quality dental health care and education for the underserved and at-risk populations in our state. Due to greater challenges over the past 18+ months, we have faced new lessons, revelations, and transformations, and yet we remain a strong organization, but our challenges are not over. The COVID-19 pandemic will not allow us to return to *normal*. Instead, we are required to return to *better*.

As we approach 2022, I look forward to sharing in future editions of *Membership Matters* more about the progress being made on the new Tooth Taxi, how we are tackling fundraising during the pandemic, sharing stories from the Tooth Taxi road that showcase the Tooth Taxi team and our community partners, and have you meet the amazing—yes, AMAZING—board leaders and volunteers to our organization!

As your executive director, it remains an honor for me to be part of the Oregon Dental Association. Together with the DFO, we are always in a constant state of evaluation, reflection, and adjustment. The past 3 years have been a blur of laughter, smiles, community, hope, perseverance, purpose, and even a few tears.

Thank you for being an important part of our dental family. I am honored to work alongside all of you.

With gratitude,

Amber Fowler, executive director & dog mom to Flap Jack the Handicapable Pup (seen here with his 5-year-old cousin, Miss. Elle) 🐾



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ODA Mentor Program Update

ESTABLISHED IN 1999, THE ODA MENTOR PROGRAM has always served as a bridge to connect OHSU dental students and practicing dentists, providing students with invaluable insights about the profession including practice types, dental techniques, patient relations, and the business side of dentistry. In February 2021, a Mentor Program summit was held, bringing together past program participants, current OHSU students, and the ODA New Dentist Council. Attendees discussed the current needs of students, how to encourage participation throughout the state, and other ideas to move the program forward. One idea that resonated with all attendees was the concept of establishing small pods for ongoing engagement. A mentor pod would consist of 10-12 people including established

dentists, new dentists, retired dentists, and OHSU D2-D4 students. Pods would meet every other month, attend ODA-sponsored events, and have a text group for casual communication. Meetings could take place virtually, enabling established and new dentists to participate throughout the state. Although not included in the pod structure, D1 students would be invited to larger events such as the mentor dinner for early exposure to the program. Dr. Britta Martinez, chair of the ODA New Dentist Council, commented, "The new mentorship model is built around the concept of collaboration. It is so exciting to bring together dentists all across the career spectrum to learn from and support one another!"

In June, the New Dentist Council along with the ODA staff secured three beta groups to meet once a month to test the mentor pod concept. The mentor meetings have taken place both virtually as well as in person with two to three mentors meeting with a small group of students. In these small gatherings, dentists and students have discussed a variety of topics, from clinical knowledge to residency programs to work-life balance. Meetings typically begin with an open discussion to answer questions and offer resources and move on, if time allows, to a predetermined topic with conversation starters. A messaging platform is used in between meetings to communicate within the pods or directly between mentor and student. We are now asking for volunteer mentors to expand the program. Mentors from all over the state and from all practice models are needed with both virtual and in-person ways to participate. If you are interested in participating or learning more about the ODA Mentor Program, please email [Melissa Juenger, membership specialist, at mjuenger@oregondental.org](mailto:mjuenger@oregondental.org).



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Share your advice and experience with dental students. The ODA Mentor Program provides dental students with a chance to meet with practicing and retired dentists who can answer students' questions about "life after dental school". Volunteers needed throughout the state.

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Analysts who answer The Dentists Insurance Company's Risk Management Advice Line field thousands of calls about practice

challenges—many of which are related to navigating paper and digital documents.

The Downside of Paper Docs

As reported during a recent TDIC Advice Line call, a dentist who shared a storage area with another tenant experienced an issue when the space was being remodeled. When returning to work after the weekend, she realized that some charts were misplaced and was unsure whether

information was missing and possibly even compromised. The analyst advised the dentist to conduct a HIPAA breach assessment. Without any certainty of the scope of the issue, the practice might have needed to send a blanket notification to all patients whose charts were contained in the storage area.

The inability to monitor, track, and access paper documents during practice interruptions—no matter how brief—introduces risk. Whether



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Saying Yes to Paperless in Four Steps

- **Understand retention guidelines.**

The amount of time you keep dental records after a patient’s last visit is determined by each state’s laws and the provisions of any contracted benefit plans—ranging from several years to “indefinitely.” Employment documents, tax returns, business contracts, and insurance policies all have unique retention guidelines. Digital solutions allow you to more easily find and access documents on the cloud without the clutter. Check with your state dental association or dental board for region-specific requirements.

- **Secure records against risks.**

One of the biggest benefits of going paperless is the ability to protect important and confidential information from loss, theft, or damage. Your role is to ensure that the right individuals on the practice team have access, that passwords are strong, that protocols are consistent, and that your practice is insured for potential liabilities. Comprehensive protection to respond to and recover from cyber-related incidents is essential for dental offices of any size.

- **Get on a backup cycle.**

Another paperless upside is anytime, anywhere access. During an emergency or unforeseen event, you can have confidence that you’ll connect to the data

you need. Your backup cycle is determined by your risk tolerance. How much data can you afford to compromise in a day, a week, or a year? Secure, HIPAA-compliant, cloud-based solutions can back up data dependably but still need to be checked that they are functioning as expected.

- **Facilitate team buy-in.**

While digital documents can streamline processes, the entire team still needs to be aligned. Use consistent naming conventions for files so that information can be cross-referenced or searched with ease. Provide training and opportunities for staff to weigh in on how the practice can be most successful at going green. Those who do the most paperwork can be the best champions for reducing repetitive tasks.

Saving Paper Beyond the Chart

Of course, patient records aren’t the only place to go paperless. Discover new ways to go green, streamline, and save time.

For example, here are three ways to manage insurance documents:

- **Policy documents:** Through TDIC’s enhanced website (<http://www.tdicinsurance.com/>), policyholders can access accounts 24/7 to download insurance policy documents, update profile information and preferences, and make or request policy changes.
- **Bill payment:** TDIC’s site also offers online bill payment and the option to set up recurring autopay debits. “Set it and forget it” billing ensures that payments are trackable and on time for many of your practice’s services and

vendors, and online statements can facilitate budget reconciliation.

- **Claims reporting:** When experiencing an accident or emergency, you’ll want to file a claim quickly and return your focus to patient care. Whether you report your claim online or by phone, logging in to track your claim through the process can provide more transparency and relief.

And here are more ways to streamline tracking equipment and supplies:

- **Inventory and asset tracking:** In the event of an emergency, you’ll want records of your practice’s contents to be accessible too. With a little time invested on the front end, you can create a full view of the value of your assets in software or apps designed just for the task. Update and sync as you introduce new equipment and capture warranties, receipts, manuals, and serial numbers.

- **Supply shopping:** From dental equipment to break room essentials, creating digital checklists of frequently ordered items can help you cut down on shopping time, better organize and review invoices, and avoid gaps and duplications. Bundling orders is another way to go green. Cut down on packaging and reduce your carbon footprint with fewer, well-planned deliveries.

Engage the whole team in your efforts toward a paperless practice. Start with quick wins, like online access for insurance and business services. And commit to consistent safety and security protocols that allow you to enjoy the flexibility of digital documents. ●

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COVID-19 Resources

IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP MEMBERS INFORMED during these uncertain times, the ODA has compiled a list of COVID-19 resources on our website. We have information on a wide variety of COVID-19 topics including:

- Guidance from the Oregon Health Authority and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Access to ODA's COVID-19 Hot Topics webinar series
- Wellness tools and resources

The ODA continues to update these resources as the COVID-19 situation develops. Visit oregondental.org/government-affairs/regulatory-information/coronavirus for a full list of updates and resources. 📺

ODA Wellness Initiative

With increasing professional and personal demands, the overall well-being of dentists in the Oregon community is more important than ever. The ODA's Wellness Program offers a robust network of compassionate Wellness Ambassadors armed with resources to help support colleagues dealing with wellness issues, including, but not limited to: stress management, practice issues, debt, fraud, family obligations, illness, injury, depression, loss, grief, and addiction. Wellness Ambassadors are available to assist dentists at all levels of their career, including dental students. Learn more about serving as a Wellness Ambassador or request support at <http://bit.ly/ODAWellnessInitiative>.



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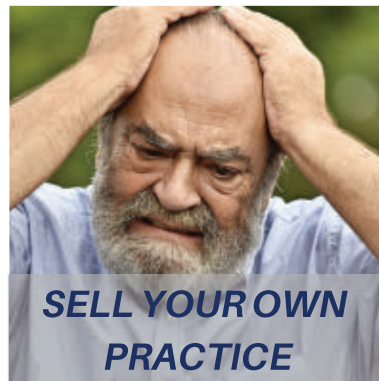
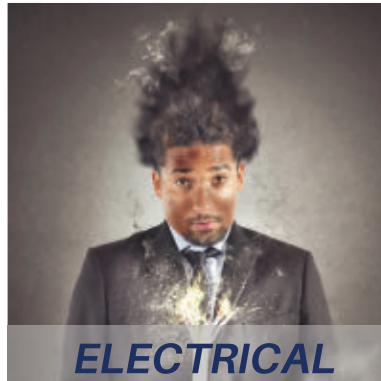


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