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SCDA Children's Dental Health Month Brings Exhibit to EdVenture Museum

By Phil Smith

The National Children's Dental Health Month Program of South Carolina is bringing a world class exhibit to the EdVenture Children's Museum in Columbia. "Branches, Bristles and Batteries, Toothbrushes Through Time", a traveling exhibit from the Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry, will be on display during February 2007.

The exhibit is a five panel timeline of the history of oral care and toothbrushes. There are three interactive stations for children to enjoy, as well as assorted displays of oral care items. The "Essential Toothbrush" computerized game encourages the attendees to design their own

toothbrush. EdVenture has assigned 250 square feet to house this unique exhibit. One of the permanent galleries at EdVenture is entitled "Open Wide", which focuses solely on dental health and education. "Open Wide" allows children to experience the sights and sounds of a dentist's office. Children can pretend to be dentists and clean Little Eddy's teeth.

EdVenture Children's Museum has been a frequent participant in our outreach to the youth of South Carolina. Drs. Carol French and Rocky Napier have utilized the facility for numerous meetings and backdrops for Dental Health Month events. This year's

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Bulletin to Begin Electronic Edition

By Phil Smith

The Board of Governors of SCDA, along with a positive vote from the House of Delegates, has approved the transition of your *BULLETIN* into an electronic edition. The publication of the newsletter has been a benefit of membership for decades. It has provided information to the dental

community, and commercial support to our business partners. And this process will be enhanced.

Although the editorial staff of the SCDA has begun an "e-gram" that focuses on short response information, the new evolution of the *BULLETIN* will be a duplicate of the printed

copy that is mailed out monthly. Jennifer Haworth and Christy Campbell work to launch these publications, and do a great job in assisting your editor. It is the opinion of the publication team at SCDA that we can improve our schedule for delivery,

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Master Calendar

- Jan 12** **CDHM committee meeting**, 10 am-12 pm, SCDA Office
- Jan 19** **SCDA Member Benefits Group meeting**, 12:30-1 pm, SCDA Office
- Jan 19** **Regular Board meeting**, 9 am-12pm, SCDA Office
- Jan 26** **Pediatric Dentist meeting**, 9:30 am-12 pm, SCDA Office
- Feb 2** **GKAS Day**, 10 locations to be announced
- Feb 2** **Radiation Safety Exam**, 2-4 pm, Midlands Tech—Airport Campus
- Feb 16** **Piedmont District meeting**, 8 am-12 pm, Greenville Tech Auditorium
- Mar 9** **Regular Board meeting**, 9 am-12pm, SCDA Office

Please visit www.scd.org for more events.

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Premed Dilemma, Do I really need to Premed?

I am frequently frustrated or confused about prophylactic premed of patients who have MVP or joint replacement. I realize that most of us follow the guidelines. And non of us would want to have a patient develop a bacterial endocarditis because that patient did not take four antibiotic tablets. I would even go as far as to say, that most of the reason we do it is medical/legal. Protocol says medicate, so I medicate. I do not believe that our medical brethren feel the same way.

A few weeks ago I had a long running patient of record show up on my doorstep complaining of generalized pain. He was a patient with a history of knee replacement, and needed premed. His face on the right side was killing him. He had been to see his physician about six weeks earlier, and was being treated for a sinus/ear infection. He had been on a light antibiotic for weeks. When he came to see me, besides facial pain, he mentioned that his legs had been hurting too.

Upon examination I determined that #30 was abscessed and might even be split. My local endodontist, Matt Evans, opened the tooth the next morning and confirmed the fracture. Mr. patient was sent to an oral surgeon who removed the tooth and commented on the excess of infection. (By the way... patient was not swollen) The patient gained quick relief, but the legs still hurt.

Next day, visit to the orthopedist where 35cc's of infection was

drained from the artificial knee and 20cc's from the other knee. Opinion was that the tooth was the source of this systemic infection. His surgeon was obviously upset, and, according to my patient, chewed his physicians out because his dentist was the only one who premedicated this needy fellow. A day or two longer and the joint would have been removed and replaced.

So the moral of the story is, when in doubt premedicate! If uncomfortable with the physician's instructions to the patient, call the doctor. I expect all of us have hard patients tell us that their doctor said to premed only "when they have a tooth taken out". WRONG! Do it with cleanings, fillings, impressions, anytime the tissue might be broken.

I have never had a patient with a serious complication due to premed. My patient appreciated our being thorough. So will yours.

Mailing Concerns:

I have become aware in recent delays in mailing of THE BULLETIN. Although SCDA has changed to a different mail processor, it is unclear whether it is holiday mail traffic that has contributed to this regretful delay. I am evaluating the situation and expect a prompt correction. I apologize for any inconvenience.

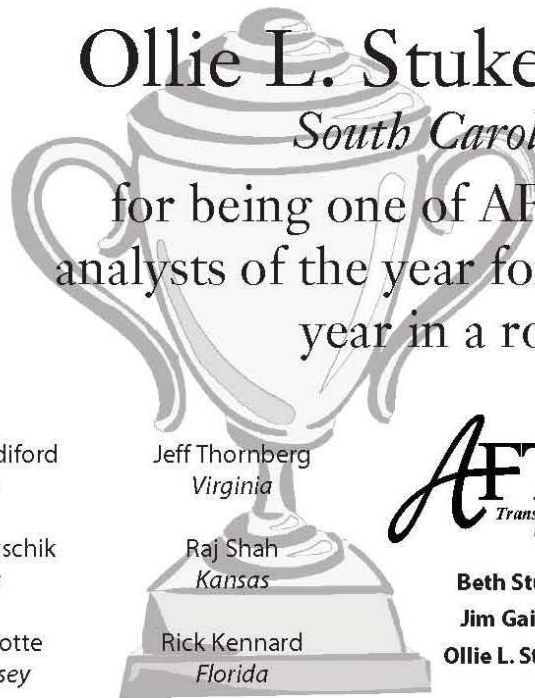
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President's Message

Happy New Year to my extended dental family. I hope that all of you have had a chance to rest and relax with your families and friends over the Christmas holidays and to reflect on the past year.

The New Year offers a chance to start over with our spirits invigorated and our minds refreshed. Many of us start the New Year off by setting goals, making plans for our calendar of events for the year, or just pondering the future. Some of us are very traditional and still make New Year's resolutions as we sing Auld Lang Syne.

We go through the motions, make a list of tidy little goals and set about changing the behaviors necessary to read more books, become more proficient in our dental offices, spend more time with our families or lose 10 pounds. This is good stuff, and it typically lasts until about the first week in February, when we begin to realize that we're bored with our goals. Let's face it: It's hard to stay motivated by incremental change.

However, as we begin 2007 changes affecting our profession of dentistry are looking us squarely in the face. We must face the aspect of change with enthusiastic critical thinking that will ensure that every man, woman, boy, or girl has the opportunity to receive the very best dental care that our dental teams can deliver.

I am strongly committed to addressing the access to care problem with solutions that will improve the dental health of all South Carolinians, solutions that will provide ample opportunities for the public to be treated by dentists and their dental teams. The continual disparity between the affluent and poorer regions of our state emphasize the importance of reducing poverty and dental disease by extending the benefits of our dental education to everyone. Our age is prominently an age of science and technology and these continue to offer the best promise for improving the human condition of dental disease.

Also, improving the delivery of dental care will involve critical thinking by all who are decision makers. Our society has proven that the methods of science and graduate education levels of thinking are paramount to understanding nature and solving human problems. I believe that science and reason are the best way of expanding discovery and knowledge and bringing about a more healthy and prosperous statewide community.

As I complete the balance of my term as President of the SCDA, I am looking forward to the work that lies ahead of us for 2007 because "Together We Can Chart the Future of Dentistry in South Carolina."

Larry Ferguson

"The continual disparity...emphasizes the importance...of extending the benefits of our dental education to everyone."



SCDA Recognizes Legislators of the Year



Drs. Millwood and Newton present Dr. Cleary (top, center) and Rep. Edge (bottom, center) with their awards.



Drs. Charlie Millwood and Rusty Newton of the South Carolina Dental Association presented “Legislator of the Year” awards to Dr. Ray Cleary and Rep. Tracy Edge on Tuesday, December 5. The congressmen received the awards for substantially assisting in the advancement of SCDA policy agenda and legislative priorities. They worked closely with the association to introduce or support legislation or amendments that advance SCDA legislative goals. We sincerely thank these gentlemen for their leadership in congress in supporting the mission of the SCDA.

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Executive Director's Notes

By Hal Zorn



Hal Zorn
Executive Director

Sen. Verne Smith died last month at age 81, just 29 days after the death of his wife. He was hailed by his Senate colleagues as the father of the Medicaid program in South Carolina.

He continued to play that role in 1999 when the SCDA sought revision of the Dental Medicaid Program. He was a strong supporter of the proposal, but laid his cards on the table when he said the revision would be reversed if the dentists did not step up and produce needed results.

I talked with him two years later by phone to his home. He was quite straight forward in his assessment. He stated he did not know in 1999 if the SCDA members would fulfill their obligation under the new Dental Medicaid Program. He acknowledged that, in fact, the dentists had done so.

The new program started in January 2000 was revolutionary. It provided a core set of essential, comprehensive Medicaid treatment to the needy children of this state based on a reimbursement rate pegged at the 75th percentile. There were 619 dentists signed up as providers for the program in 1999. This number

was increased by more than 200 new providers before the end of 2000 and has risen to more than 1,100 in 2005.

DHEC's Dental Advisory Committee at its meeting in early December acknowledged the accumulated neglect in place in 1999 has significantly been addressed through the comprehensive care provided. This is not to say all is well and we (being all groups having decision making roles in this continuing effort) should rest on our laurels.

There is much left to be done and a key to that is making sure in the coming years that the reimbursement level for the comprehensive dental care provided is brought up to the 75th percentile of current statewide figures.

All accomplishments from all parties involved have hinged on the General Assembly approved Dental Medicaid Program reimbursement program being implemented. What are other accomplishments other than traditional in-office comprehensive dental care?

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National Provider Identification (NPI)

By Phil Latham



Phil Latham
Deputy Executive Director

Several years ago, we were all introduced to a new acronym in the dental world, HIPAA. This was the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. This act brought on many changes in the health care field dealing with privacy standards, patient's rights and administrative requirements.

Today, a new acronym has surfaced, NPI. This stands for National Provider Identification and is part of the HIPAA Act of 1996. HIPAA mandated the adoption of an NPI which is a standard unique identifier for health care providers and organizations.

All health care providers, including DENTISTS, are eligible for NPI's. You must have an individual NPI even if you have obtained one for your incorporated practice. Officials recommend that every practicing dentist obtain an individual NPI even if you do not submit claims electronically. This is because some carriers will require an NPI on paper claims. South

Carolina Medicaid is one of those entities that will require an NPI on paper claims.

This new regulation will be required on May 23, 2007. Most carriers have or will notify providers when they will be capable of accepting only the NPI rather than another identifier.

Obtaining you NPI number is free and as simple as applying for a Social Security Number.

Complete the application online at

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>

As mentioned, South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will require the NPI on all Medicaid dental claims effective May 23, 2007. On or after May 23, 2007, South Carolina Medicaid will no longer accept your 6-character provider ID.

In addition to requiring the NPI number, South Carolina Medicaid will also change to the new 2007 ADA dental claim form. Effective

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touring program is especially rewarding due to the limited availability of this popular theme. Targeted to elementary age children, the "Brushes" program will engage all kids, and help them to have a lifetime of healthy smiles. Dr. Napier is expecting this to serve as a centerpiece for SCDA's efforts for Children's Dental Health Month.



The EdVenture Museum is the tenth largest children's museum in the country, and the largest in the Southeast. Since opening in 2003, EdVenture has received over a half million visitors from all over the world. Although not finalized, it is the hope that SCDA can "kick-off" the NCDHM campaign with a legislative reception.

More information will follow, but until then, mark your calendars for this exciting event.

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but the real benefit of e-mail text is a substantial savings of our production costs. Projections suggest that as much as \$20,000 could be moved back into our general fund. In a time when dues income does not cover half of the operating expense of the association, any savings generated is a plus to the membership. During the House of Delegates meeting there was a concern for those members who do not have access or comfort downloading a text. There is also value for our historian to keep records of the *BULLETIN* for documentation purposes. In the end, it is the belief that this move will generally be beneficial. For those who prefer, there will still be access to a printed copy of the monthly publication. It is the

intent of this transition to improve the quality of this valuable member service.

The SCDA has a number of publications that are prepared by your editor and the staff. Christy and Jennifer design the layout of the *BULLETIN*, assemble the member directory, format the convention brochure and assorted mailings. SCDA also provides members with pamphlets for dealing with various regulations. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes, and your editorial staff is always seeking improvements. Remember, you will receive both a printed issue and an electronic issue until July. After that period, all printed copies will be on a requested basis.



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Executive Director's Notes

- The in-school programs by Communi-Care are one.
- The four Medicaid dental centers are another.
- The comprehensive dental care provided by vans manned by dentists going to various schools. The preventive programs under the auspices of DHEC's Memorandum of Agreements.

Sen. Smith got the comprehensive dental treatment ball rolling for the children he championed. The end result of his commitment has not been written. It is up to all parties involved in the initial step to make sure the journey continues.

The Legislative Year Ahead

The key committee the Dental Association deals with each year is the House 3M Committee. The make up of this committee has changed dramatically this year with the defeat of long-time chairman Joe Brown and the fact that half the committee for 2007 is made up of freshmen.

Any legislation proposed by the S.C. Dental Hygienist Association similar to that introduced a year ago, will likely go to this committee. As this column is written, the subcommittee assignments have not been finalized.

Other legislative items have already been introduced such as amendments to the van/portable equipment bill which was passed last year and signed into law by Gov. Sanford with the understanding that the SCDA would provide amendments clarifying certain aspects of the legislation. These changes have been introduced by Sen./Dr. Ray Cleary.

There are several proposals which will be introduced by the staff at the State Dental Board. These include implementation of the van/portable equipment legislation, allowing prescription writing authority for dental school graduates in the specialty training pro-

grams at MUSC and a proposal from the S.C. Dental Laboratory Association calling for certification of out-of-state dental labs.

An additional item that will be sought by the SCDA is additional funding for the Rural Dentist Incentive Program. An attempt will be made to double the amount of funding for this program to \$500,000 per year.

The SCDA has an excellent lobbying team to direct our agenda. This group is headed by long-time lobbyist Richard Davis and his staff members Ashley Smith and Shell Suber. The SCDA efforts are also ably directed by Legislative Chairman Dr. Rusty Newton and Dr. Hal Fair.

Much more will be written about decisions made concerning these legislative ideas and probably many others during the coming months.

Donate Life

At its last meeting, the SCDA Board of Governors voted unanimously to encourage its member dentists to participate in Donate Life South Carolina by providing free dental exams and care for indigent transplant patients.

Ms. Melissa Blevins, RN, Donate Life's Executive Director, wrote, "The generosity of the S.C. Dental Association in providing free dental assistance to our most indigent transplant patients is most appreciated... The success of any transplant is highly dependent upon the minimization of infection. To this end, all patients must have a pre-

cautionary dental check-up to insure that no oral infection is present prior to being added to the transplant list."

The Board encourages you to sign up as a volunteer. Dentists are needed throughout the state and Donate Life is eager to work with dentists in the patient's local area. To volunteer, please contact Ms. Blevins at mblevins@donatelifesc.org.

Information on volunteering for Donate Life South Carolina and helping it meet its mission "to increase organ and tissue donation in South Carolina and to provide patient assistance to transplant recipients" is on the SCDA website at www.scd.org.

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March 1, 2007, South Carolina Medicaid will begin accepting both the new ADA claim and the current claim form (ADA 1999 version 2000). At that time, you may also use either your NPI or current provider ID number. Please note, effective May 23, 2007, South Carolina Medicaid will ONLY ACCEPT the new ADA claim form with the NPI.

To assist dentists and their staffs in this transition, South Carolina Medicaid has set up workshops. All workshops will be held 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Please plan on either attending yourself or have one of your staff attend.

You will soon receive a schedule of these workshops along with the locations, but they are listed below for your convenience. Please keep in mind that providers need to register to attend one of the training sessions. To register, visit the following web site: www.scm Medicaidprovider.org or call provider outreach at 1-888-289-0709.

Tuesday, January 23 – Florence – Florence Darlington Tech
Tuesday, January 30 – Charleston – Main Library Auditorium
Wednesday, February 7 – Columbia – Blue Cross/Blue Shield
Tuesday, February 13 – Columbia – Blue Cross/Blue Shield
Wednesday, February 21 – Greenville – Greenville Tech

You may visit the SCDA website and find several items of information regarding the NPI number. Remember the date May 23, 2007 – the lack of an NPI(s) could delay claims processing and payment.

SCDA Welcomes New Members

By Phil Smith

The South Carolina Dental Association would like to recognize our new members. Forty-two dentists joined during the fall meetings of this year. The Board of Governors of the Association is pleased with your decision to be a part of organized dentistry, and invites you to take full advantage of the many benefits that are offered.

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by Mark K. Brown

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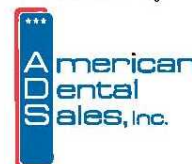
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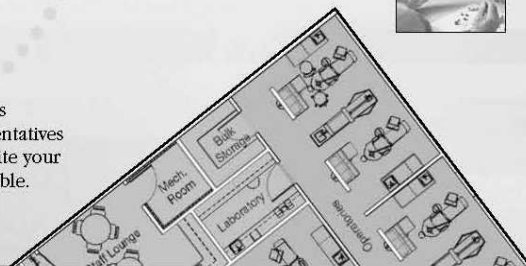


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CENTRAL DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY
Friday, March 23, 2007

Embassy Suites Hotel Columbia - Greystone, 200 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia, SC
(Across From Riverbanks Zoo)

Dr. Pamela J. Sims
(Pharm. D., Ph.D.)

“Review of Drugs Used in Dentistry”

Morning Session Only - Doctors, Spouses, and Staff

4 C.E.U.'s

Agenda

8:00 am - Registration
8:30 am – Scientific Session
12:00 Noon - Business Meeting
12:30 pm – Lunch

Our Speaker

Dr. Sims is Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical and Administrative Sciences in the McWhorter School of Pharmacy at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama.

NOTES:

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