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Presidents Message

By Dr. Deidre Crockett, SCDA President



Were you able to attend the December 2024 SCDA House of Delegates meeting? If not, please take a moment to note that the next HOD is December 5th, 2025.

Our outgoing President, Dr. Jim Howell, facilitated the December 2024 HOD meeting. Dr Howell is an innovative and motivating force in organized dentistry. As President, he was able to foster open communication and collaboration with MUSC, SCLLR, and our neighboring states' associations in North Carolina and Virginia. Fortunately for us, he was elected as the new SCDA Speaker of the House, beginning 2025!

Dr. Jim Mercer held our SCDA Speaker of the House position for several years, but he has moved on for an exciting reason: Dr. Mercer was elected by the 16th District as its new ADA Trustee! Congratulations to both Drs. Howell and Mercer!

For members unable to attend HOD meetings previously, the below is a primer on how the HOD functions.

Our state is divided geographically into four districts: Piedmont, Central, PeeDee, and Coastal. Each of these districts has a governing board. For example, in the Central District, we have a President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair. District members who serve on committees and past leaders also attend board meetings. Then, each district has districtwide business meetings (usually with CE) once or twice a year. At these District meetings, motions are voted on, elections are held, and delegates and alternate delegates are elected. Just like in the ADA, the delegates from each district will attend the SCDA House of Delegates and will have voting powers. At the SCDA House of Delegates, we have selected topics that all who attend discuss in one room, and then we split off into our district caucuses. This is where each district will discuss and debate those topics in detail, alongside any district-specific topics, before reconvening with the rest of the state.

Then, we vote on new motions and commence with elections. Just like in the district meetings, we have reports from the ADA, SCDA, Legislative, and other Committees to inform our members of relevant issues and events.

If you haven't attended an HOD meeting, please know that you do not have to be a delegate or an alternate to attend and speak. It is an excellent opportunity to become aware of key professional topics and issues, and to network with fellow members. Personally, I've run into many of my dental school classmates at HOD meetings, and it's always wonderful to see them.

At this year's December HOD meeting, we discussed the "mega" topics of proposed bylaw changes and increasing Membership. Of the three proposed bylaw changes, one passed (unanimously) to eliminate SCDA Committees that were non-active.

As far as legislative issues, in 2024, the Bloodborne Pathogen laws were updated to include dentistry, and there is a Medicaid fee increase.

Member Benefits mentioned new endorsements and updated the membership on the health insurance program.

Several nominations were made for 2025 SCDA positions, and voting commenced. New officers were sworn in, so please note the 2025 positions and dentists' names below.

LIST OF ELECTED FOR 2025

President	Dr Deidre Crockett
President Elect	Dr. Carol Baker
Vice President	Dr Monica Cayouette
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Speaker	Dr. Jim Howell
Central District ADA Delegate	Dr. Julia Mikell
ADA At Large Delegate Position	Dr. Deidre Crockett
At Large Alternate Delegate (1)	Dr. Sarandeep Huja
At Large Alternate Delegate (2)	Dr. Meredith Papadea
At Large Alternate Delegate (3)	Dr. Greg Millwood
At Large Alternate Delegate (4)	Dr. Hannah Bannister
Legislative Chair	Dr. Thomas Edmonds
General Chair Annual Session	Dr. Erin Pruitt
Commercial Co-Chair	Dr. Tommy Parnell

Dr. David Moss updated the membership on the resolutions voted on at the SCDA by our caucus at the ADA HOD in New Orleans last October. Dr. Jim Mercer, as the ADA Trustee, discussed the new ADA software system and alliance with the Forsythe Institute. The ADA is also working on new initiatives with membership.

Dean Huja updated the HOD with initiatives and new faculty at MUSC, and Dr. Tom McDonald presented a Medicaid report with updates on licensure renewal and CE Broker.

The meeting concluded with Dr. Erin Pruett welcoming all to Columbia on August 14th and 15th to the 2025 SCDA Annual Session.

For the Future:
Committees that are still active and were not removed from our bylaws are the Mediation and Community Water Fluoridation Committee. Note that we are in the process of updating our fluoridation guidelines and closely following the water fluoridation topic that has been on the news. More on that topic soon, but you may access ADA articles and opinions on the topic at <https://www.ada.org/about/press-releases/community-water-fluoridation-at-recommended-levels-reduces-tooth-decay>.

Also, year 2025 topics of Legislation include TMJ Legislation, Teledentistry, Dental Compacts (workforce), and watching for legislation that may be filed.

Dr. Thomas Edmonds and our lobbyists are working diligently for our association, and we will update members if action or relevant changes occur.

As mentioned in the last bulletin, membership is our most important item this next year. When you're going to your meetings for the districts for the HOD, please invite new members to become involved. And please invite non-members to participate in and join our association.

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Patient Taking Bisphosphonates Sues Dentist for Implant Failure

By Marc Leffler, DDS, Esq., MedPro Group, an SCDA Endorsed Company

As a dentist, obtaining a patient's complete medical history can prevent treatment complications. In this case study, a dentist is unaware that their patient is taking bisphosphonates, ultimately leading to implant failure and a lawsuit

Key Concepts

- Vicarious liability in dentistry
- Lapses in patient-provider communication
- Obtaining a complete medical history



Background Facts

When E presented most recently to her general dentist, Dr. M, it had been over a year since her lower left first molar was extracted due to a vertical fracture while eating popcorn. E was currently 64 years of age, active, and fit. The front desk administrator asked E to complete an updated medical history form, but E said, "I'm in perfect health, so you don't have to worry about me." With that, the staff member checked "no" for every answer on the office form, and E signed it.

E was unhappy with the empty gap where the extracted tooth had been and had heard about dental implants from commercials she had often seen on television, so she asked Dr. M whether that might be an option for her. After looking at new radiographs and examining the area clinically, Dr. M said that she had more than enough bone height and width to accommodate an implant, which would then be restored with a crown. Dr. M scanned the medical history form, made no comments about it, explained the implant process, and passed E on to the office manager to discuss the finances and scheduling.

A few weeks later, Dr. M placed a single left mandibular implant, with local anesthesia. The procedure went smoothly, with Dr. M ending the visit by explaining that E needed to keep the area exquisitely clean to allow for healing. Given E's excellent home hygiene, Dr. M had little concern in that regard. The plan was to begin restoration in about 5 months.

E began to feel that the area was becoming swollen and tender nearly halfway into the implant healing period, so she came to see Dr. M, who confirmed localized mucobuccal swelling which was very sensitive to palpation. Dr. M asked E whether something had happened – either medically or in terms of trauma – to trigger a change in healing. All that E could come up with was that her endocrinologist had increased her dose of a commonly used bisphosphonate shortly after the implant was placed, because of a slight worsening of hip osteoporosis. Dr. M was surprised to hear that E was on any course of bisphosphonates because E had never disclosed that fact to him or his office staff. When asked why E had not previously discussed it, she said that she did not see it as important because it involved her hip, which had nothing to do with dentistry.

Dr. M placed E on a 10-day regimen of Amoxicillin, after which E was to return. When E returned, there was little change to the area, other than an increase in swelling and redness. A panoramic radiograph showed some troubling signs: a clear bony destructive process was taking place in the left mandible, extending well beyond the area immediately adjacent to the implant. Dr. M referred E to an oral and maxillofacial surgeon (OMS), who suspected osteonecrosis secondary to her ongoing bisphosphonate use. The OMS involved a head and neck surgeon. The two worked together, initially to confirm the diagnosis histologically by way of biopsies, and then to do a segmental resection, which sacrificed mandible and the lower left bicuspids to the second

molar teeth, as well as the inferior alveolar nerve. Antibiotic therapy was instituted, with local measures, leading to a clinically well-healed surgical site.

The surgeons acknowledged that subsequent reconstruction might be compromised by the same process that caused the problem in the first place. So, they consulted with various medical colleagues, who agreed with that assessment. Ultimately, the agreed-upon plan was to bone graft the area as much as possible and restore that area with a removable partial denture, rather than the placement of implants to serve as the foundation for a fixed appliance. That plan went forward uneventfully.

Legal Action

Becoming increasingly upset that she had initially gone to replace a missing tooth and ended up losing a significant portion of her jaw and the function of her left inferior alveolar nerve, she sought out and then retained an attorney to act on her behalf. Dr. M and his practice were sued as the defendants. Defense attorneys were assigned by the malpractice carrier to represent Dr. M and the practice.

The thrust of the allegations made by E, now the plaintiff, and her attorney was that Dr. M had delegated the important task of updating a health history to an untrained, non-professional, and accepting that without confirming the results with the patient. The case also asserted that, given E's age, Dr. M should have been concerned about at least a reasonable likelihood that E might be taking a bisphosphonate and specifically asked about it before proceeding with bony surgery, which was entirely elective. The lawsuit went on to argue that, as a result of these failures, Dr. M put E at great risk for the development of medication-related osteonecrosis of the jaws (MRONJ), a risk that came to pass and caused significant damage.

E's expert was fervent in putting these exact theories forward, but the defense attorneys were unable to secure a credible expert who was as supportive of the defendants' actions. In fact, several potential defense experts expressed to defense counsel that they were in agreement with the plaintiff's counsel about the claimed negligence and its effects. The case was settled – with the consent of Dr. M – for a significant amount of money, although far less than might have been awarded by a jury to this very sympathetic plaintiff.

Takeaways

While Dr. M did not personally obtain E's updated health history, it was his employee who did so, thereby making Dr. M vicariously responsible for those actions, as though he had acted himself. This concept is regularly applied in the law, and it is enforceable in nearly all, if not all, jurisdictions. Perhaps more common applications of the concept in dental practices involve office staff providing dental or medical advice to patients without consulting the doctor, and chairside staff dropping objects which are swallowed or aspirated. Here, Dr. M magnified the problem by failing to follow up with E beyond what the staff member had recorded, totally unaware of the cursory response E had earlier stated to the front desk administrator, which had been accepted as complete. As in E's case, many patients do not fully disclose their health histories to dentists, perhaps in an effort to hide, but likely more commonly because they do not understand why a dentist would need to know about conditions seemingly entirely unrelated to teeth and jaws. That is why a real discussion, of which the dentist is a part, is needed.

Arguably, a rebuttable presumption might exist that post-menopausal women take bisphosphonates, but that group of medications is not an absolute for those patients and by no means limited to that patient population. The point, then, is clear: a thorough medical history is an integral part of patient care, so it should not be delegated and it must be taken seriously as a critical component of protecting patient safety. That lapse led to the injuries suffered by E, with no available expert opinions to the contrary. In situations of disclosed bisphosphonate regimens, a helpful risk management technique for dentists is to consult the prescribing physician before

the start of a treatment plan, especially one that involves invasive techniques.

While obtaining medical consultations is often a very valuable step, a medical clearance ought to be viewed as a "permission slip" rather than a "requirement slip". Simply because a physician might conclude that it would be medically safe for planned dental procedures to go forward, that does not mean that the obtaining dentist must then go forward if a sense of discomfort still exists. It is, after all, the practitioner performing a procedure who is ultimately responsible for it, and potentially liable if things turn out poorly.

Finally, and related to the issue of medical consultations, this case demonstrates the benefits of a team of providers working together on complex problems to reach the best result possible under the circumstances. It is not a sign of professional weakness or inexperience to seek outside resources, but instead a demonstration of mature professionalism, with the sole goal being the achievement of patient protection and patient health.

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March 28-30	Elevate (Leadership Conference, Washington, D.C.)

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Your District offers Spring and Fall CE and South Carolina Dental Association offers CE at our Annual Meeting and Zoom Webinars see our website for dates and details: <https://www.sdda.org/resources/events>

Need help with CE Broker: <https://llr.sc.gov/bod/ce.aspx>

Questions for the State Board of Dentistry: contact.dentistry@llr.sc.gov

Take advantage of these Member Benefits to help make Continuing Education easier for you and your staff.





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It's time to renew your dues with the South Carolina Dental Association (SCDA) and the American Dental Association (ADA)!

The ADA recently upgraded their database management software. To renew your 2025 dues online, please visit your [ADA login page](#) and change your login to an email address instead of your ADA number. If you have issues logging in please use this guide [ADA New Login Credentials FAQ](#) or contact the ADA Member Service Center at 312-440-2500 or msc@ada.org.

If you have any additional questions or have moved or retired, please let me know.

Wishing you and your family a safe and wonderful holiday season and we look forward to working with you in 2025!

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Dues Renewal Time!

2025 Dues Renewal Notices were recently emailed to all SCDA members!

Questions? Contact Maie Burke at burkem@scda.org!

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"Flora and Floppy Go to the Dentist" is a 20-minute engaging and entertaining puppet show for children ages 3-8.

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The cost of the show is \$300 for locations within 40 miles of Columbia. Add \$25 for each additional 40 miles of travel outside of Columbia.

To learn more about the show online: scohan.org/resources

The theater is currently accepting requests for shows. Please sponsor or schedule a show for children in your community today!

To sponsor or schedule a show contact The Columbia Marionette Theater:
puppetgnomes@msn.com



Contact Dentists Needed

By DenPAC Chair, Dr. Chris Griffin, Legislative Chair, Dr. Thomas Edmonds and Executive Director, Phil Latham

Contact Dentists Needed

The South Carolina Dental Association (SCDA) has enjoyed a very strong presence at the South Carolina Legislature and the main reason is due to our contact dentist system where a South Carolina dentist is assigned to each Senator and Representative across the State.

Our contact system needs to be updated and strengthened as South Carolina saw many new faces elected to the 2025 legislature and having a contact dentist for each of them is very important.

The contact dentist is usually someone who knows the legislator and is willing to pick up the phone and call them about any legislative issue that directly or indirectly affects dentistry. However, you do not need to personally know the legislator but be willing to make contact with them if needed and be willing to deliver a campaign check when appropriate. This is extremely important. Without a good contact system, legislation can get passed that may be detrimental to dentistry.

PLEASE review the list below and let Phil Latham (lathamp@scda.org) know who you know or who you are willing to be the contact dentist for.

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*JD Chaplin – Darlington, Lee, Sumter
*Jason Elliott – Greenville
*Tom Fernandez – Berkeley, Orangeburg
*Jeffrey Graham – Kershaw, Lee
*Carlisle Kennedy – Lexington

*Matthew Leber – Charleston, Colleton
*Roger Nutt – Greenville, Spartanburg
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- Documentation of practice investment (if applicable)*
- 1040 form from most recent tax return
- Copy of SLED state criminal background check

*Not required for MUSC Dental Faculty applicants

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- Must practice in an area of need* or contract to serve on the faculty at the MUSC College of Dental Medicine

*see map on page 2

Find more information and apply online at:

www.scahec.net/recruitment



10 Milestones at MUSC from 2024

By Dr. Sarandeep Huja, Dean, James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine Medical University of South Carolina



Dear SCDA member:

What an incredible year! 2024 was pivotal for the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine. We have much to be grateful for and much to celebrate.

Many significant initiatives, some of which have been years in the making, came to fruition this year, advancing learning for our students, furthering research with big implications, and improving the patient experience. Our faculty and staff are truly making change possible.

We also could not have done it without collaboration at the enterprise and university leadership levels and the staunch support of our loyal alumni and friends.

As always, this is my list, which I am so proud to share with you. I'm sure if you asked any member of our CDM Family what their favorite moments were this year, they would have their own favorites to recognize. Top 10

1. We created an Innovation Laboratory, which gives students the opportunity to learn the entire digital workflow – from the initial treatment plan to the final restoration – with dedicated faculty guidance.
2. We will start a general practice residency (GPR) program, with a hub in Florence, SC, anticipated to open in July 2026, and small spokes in Lake City and Marion to serve the rural needs of our state.
3. Faculty recruitment is a forefront of our efforts, and each day we continue to interview, recruit, and onboard highly qualified new faculty members. And we have a number of new staff to support our faculty and students.
4. Student clinical rotations expanded to MUSC Dental and Oral Health—Nexton: In this small-footprint, community-based location, students diversify their experience with the provider and care team, and in a setting similar to a private practice.
5. No increase in D.M.D. tuition: For the seventh consecutive year. We even reduced some fees for the second year. Plus, scholarship giving is five times greater vs. seven years ago, which nearly completes the first half our \$10 million Pay It Forward campaign goal.
6. One year after implementing a new electronic health record, the majority of patients have been activated in the new system: In addition to giving patients a more unified experience at every step, we customized training for our students and staff, further preparing us all for a future of deeper integration of oral and systemic health – a vision shared by the American Dental Association and MUSC.
7. The Carlos F. Salinas Dental Program for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Individuals with Special Health Care Needs celebrated 25 years of providing professional development in special needs dentistry to our state's current workforce.
8. Our reinvigorated partnership with the South Carolina Board of Dentistry and the South Carolina Dental Association promises to strengthen our responsiveness in addressing future oral health needs and workforce challenges.
9. Student leaders instituted Field Day and Friendsgiving: These two new traditions are already favorites of the entire CDM Family and reflect the dedication of our faculty and staff to our students and residents.
10. The renovated Dr. Richard and Stacy Boyd Lobby incorporates a modern design and space for collaboration. The main entrance to the college had not been updated since the college opened in the 1960s. We look forward to its official opening at Alumni Weekend 2025.



Dental students Sam Stepp, Olivia Decho, Anna Rule, and Ashlea Willis congratulated Raymond Kessler, D.M.D., associate professor and director of the pre-doctoral dentistry clinic, who received MUSC's 2024 Teaching Excellence Award, given to just one educator mentor out of all the university's clinical/professional areas.



The first college Field Day was all about the very best of what makes our CDM Family so special – we know that the brightest smiles reflect compassionate care for overall health and wellbeing.

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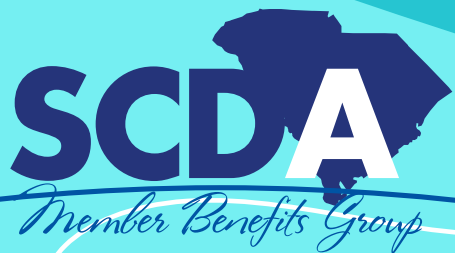
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