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### President's Message

By Jim Howell, DMD, SCDA President



"Your vote matters..."

As I write this, we are embarking on the beginning of the presidential election year. The first presidential election I was eligible to vote in was 2000. During this cycle George W. Bush defeated Al Gore and we all may remember the margin of victory in Florida being only 537 votes out of almost 6 million cast, which made this state victory the closest in United States presidential election ever. Those 537 votes contributed to the outcome of the presidential election and the next 8 years of George W. Bush serving as the 43rd President of the United States of America.

When I consider this thin margin of votes I realize how the influence of a small number of people can change the trajectory of history. This is why our membership matters and why growing the number of active members back to 80% threshold is important in helping to establish and maintain the influence of the SCDA at our statehouse in Columbia. The SCDA currently has 1,743 members, more than three times the margin that determined the outcome of the Florida electoral votes in 2000.

Over the next few months, the SCDA and ASDA will be participating in both state and national lobby days. In South Carolina, the second regular session of the General Assembly begins its 124th session which runs from the second Tuesday in January until the second Thursday in May. This session is the second year of a two-year session which means all bills must pass through both chambers and be signed by the Governor by the end of the 2024 session. Dr. Thomas Edmonds serves as our SCDA Legislative chair and in conjunction with our lobbyist, Richard Davis and Annie Wilson, leads our legislative agenda that was approved at the House of Delegates. I look forward to updating the progress on our agenda over the course of this year.

On a national level, ADA lobby day is being held April 7-9, 2024, at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, DC. During this time more than 1,500 dentists and students come together to advocate for the issues most important to dentistry. Presently the ADA is finalizing the lobby day, and it will be shared in the coming months.

In regard to the South Carolina state elections, I want to share that we have two dentists running for State Senate in South Carolina. Dr Charles Bumgardner of Lexington, SC is running for the **State Senate District 10** seat. Dr. Bumgardner has served on the state board of dentistry since 2017 and has practiced dentistry in SC for 45 years and is a founder of Advanced Dental Care. Dr. Dan Nickles of Greenville, SC is running for the **State Senate District 6** seat. He graduated from MUSC college of dental medicine and has practiced dentistry in SC for 32 years.

I want to conclude with an exciting announcement and commend our membership on rising to the occasion. I am proud to announce that the ASDA voluntary dues contributions have raised over \$15,000. This support will be used to support the MUSC dental students who truly represent the future of our great profession.

**Lastly, please let us remember to start this year focusing on who we can bring into the SCDA today.**

## Contact Dentists Needed

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

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### 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 2023 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 contact them if needed and be willing to deliver a campaign check when appropriate.

The SCDA provides you with all the information when or if contact needs to be made.

This is extremely important. Without a good contact system, legislation can get passed that may be detrimental to dentistry.

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## Convention Corner

SCDA president Jim Howell and the Piedmont District Dental Society are excited to host the 2024 SCDA Annual Session. This year's meeting will be honoring our own Dr Jim Gaines. Jim served as the 130th President of the American Dental Association in 1994, South Carolina's only member to ever serve as an ADA president.

This year's meeting will have a bit of a new look. For starters it will be held in the upstate. We will be returning to Greenville after a 40 years absence. If you haven't visited Greenville recently, you're in for a treat. A few newsworthy mentions: Travel and Leisure. "The Best Food Cities in the US." Greenville was in the top 10. Only SC city in that list! Forbes: "Why Now is a Terrific Time to Visit Greenville, South Carolina's Most Charming Town." NY Times: #14 in the list of "52 Places to Go." If you come to Greenville, you will not be disappointed!

A second new look is the timing of the meeting. This year's meeting will be August 22-24. Our traditional May meeting dates seemed to be getting more and more crowded with conflicts, graduations, proms, etc. So we decided to try something new. We decided late August after school starts but before football begins. Folks should be finished with summer vacations and getting back into a more regular schedule. Everyone we mentioned this change to felt this would be a positive move. A little different, but we think you are going to like it.

As this year progresses, we will have other information about your meeting. Next time I'll give you a glimpse of the CE opportunities. All I'll say now is I have never seen the number of options that you'll have at this meeting. Get ready, it's gonna be a great one!

David Watson, Convention Committee Member



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## Inadequate Informed Consent Leads to Legal Action Against Dentist

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

### Key Concepts:

- Obtaining Informed Consent
- How proper informed consent can mitigate malpractice risk
- Recording/documenting patient interactions

As a dentist, obtaining proper informed consent is crucial to ensure patients are aware of all the potential risks and outcomes of undergoing treatment. In this case study, a dentist fails to inform a patient about all the possible negative outcomes associated with dental implants, and when the patient's implants eventually fail, the dentist is sued for malpractice.



### Background Facts

W, a retired 68-year-old woman, had been fully edentulous in her maxilla for over a decade, and she functioned adequately with a complete denture, which had been changed once and modified several times. She wore a lower removable partial denture which replaced 5 missing teeth and was very satisfied with every aspect of it. After seeing many recent television commercials talking about the great benefits of implants and implant-supported prostheses, she met with and discussed with her general dentist of many years, Dr. C, the potential for having upper implants (only), to be followed with a fixed bridge.

After examining W, clinically and radiographically, Dr. C determined that W had adequate bone anteriorly for implant placement, but placing posterior implants would require bilateral sinus lifts and grafting, which were procedures that W was unwilling to undergo. So, they both agreed that 4 upper anterior implants would be placed by Dr. C such that a semi-precision removable partial would later be fabricated and placed after implant osseointegration.

Dr. C had taken many courses regarding both the surgical and restorative aspects of implants and had incorporated that into his practice. Dr. C was very technically oriented, which was reflected in his dentistry and in his office infrastructure: among the systems installed in each of his operating suites was a camera/audio set-up, about which he advised his patients, and which was legally permissible – according to his business attorneys – in his state of practice. In this regard, the consultation visits with W were recorded, as were informed consent discussions and the dental procedures. Based upon this system, Dr. C did not employ “consent forms”, but instead conducted what he believed were casual, thorough, back-and-forth spoken interactions, very specific to each patient, to address what he believed were the important pieces of information to make his patients informed consumers.

On the day of surgery, Dr. C placed 4 maxillary implants without any apparent complications. He instructed W as to his usual post-operative protocols, and she followed all of them precisely. Two weeks after surgery, while wearing her existing denture, as modified by Dr. C for that purpose, she presented to the office with inflamed tissues around all the surgical sites, but no signs of infection; no antibiotics were prescribed, but the need for excellent hygiene was reiterated. At a month after surgery, the patient appeared similarly from a clinical standpoint, stating that she was cleaning the areas and rinsing as instructed. Dr. C took a panoramic radiograph and saw what he feared were the beginning stages of implant loss, with some loss of bone at the coronal aspects of all the implants. That situation worsened still, as demonstrated on another panoramic several weeks later.

Dr. C reached the conclusion that the implants were failing and that they should be removed. After explaining this to W, who agreed, he proceeded to remove them, which was an easy process, given their mobility upon flap elevation. Dr. C relined the denture and replaced it, telling W that he would place a new set of implants after the area fully healed. W said that she did not want more implant surgery but would rather just keep her denture and receive a refund for the fees she paid for the implants. Dr. C was unwilling to give a refund, explaining to W that he performed every step of the procedures properly, so he did not understand why he should be returning what was a significant fee. Despite W's repeated request, Dr. C remained unwilling.

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## **Legal Action**

Upset about what she viewed as Dr. C's inappropriate stance, she contacted an attorney. As a first step, the attorney requested W's full set of records from Dr. C, who immediately provided copies of his chart and radiographs. When the attorney looked through what was provided, she asked W if she had signed a "consent form," to which W responded that she had not; but she told her attorney that there was a discussion before the procedure, which she believed was recorded. So, the attorney then requested a copy of all visual and audio records involving W, which were provided.

The attorney consulted with a dental expert who examined the records, but no errors in technique were found by that expert. However, the expert advised the attorney that there was no evidence in any of the recordings that W had been advised of the possibility of implant failure, which was, according to the expert, a foreseeable and routinely advised risk. On behalf of W, her attorney instituted a malpractice lawsuit in which the sole claim was the failure to have obtained informed consent prior to the placement of implants.

Dr. C was provided with legal counsel by his malpractice carrier. Dr. C's attorney raised the issue with Dr. C of not having advised W of the potential risk of implant loss, to which Dr. C responded that he "always does that." Not until Dr. C viewed and listened to all recordings involving W did he acknowledge that he had apparently forgotten to advise W of that risk. With Dr. C's agreement, the matter was settled before any further legal steps were taken.

## **Takeaways**

While the various states might differ as to whether conversations may lawfully be recorded, and under what conditions that may occur, Dr. C's jurisdiction did allow for exactly what he did (local attorneys are the best sources to learn whether recordings are permissible, and if so, the conditions under which they are). But dentists who choose to avail themselves of laws which allow for recording patient conversations should be aware that, in the event of litigation, those recordings might become available to other parties to the litigation and their attorneys. It is quite common for dentists who are sued to testify as to their usual course of conduct in practice, whether clinically or in communication; here, had a recording not been available, Dr. C would have likely – and seemingly in good faith – testified that, as he told his attorney, he "always" advises patients of the risk at issue, and that would have resulted in differing testimony by the opposing litigants, to be determined by a jury. But in this case, there was no dispute because of the tangible evidence that existed.

Dentists may have varying reasons for wanting to record their interactions with their patients, from memorializing conversations, to documenting their clinical techniques and results, to wanting to do periodic self-reviews to make sure that their practice methods are working. Regardless of their intended use, recordings are clear and unwavering evidence of all actual events at hand, whether intended or not. So, as valuable as they might be, they can make their way back to surface in a litigation situation, whether that litigation involves a patient, business associate, or staff member.

Addressing the clinical picture discussed in this case study, it is a simple fact that implants do, at times, fail, despite all having been properly performed. The same goes for a variety of other dental procedures. But as the plaintiff's expert in this case appropriately noted, the fact that a result was undesired, alone, does not mean that there was actionable malpractice; for a malpractice case to succeed, there must not only be an injury, but that injury must have been caused by negligent treatment.

Next, we address the issue of informed consent. Although the specifics will differ between states, the concepts are generally constant: prior to a patient undergoing a procedure, they are entitled to be advised of the information necessary for them to become an educated consumer, to be able to make an intelligent choice as to what they might opt to undergo, or not. Here, even though the procedure was properly performed, the fact that W was not made an educated consumer in advance, and the procedure she agreed to without adequate knowledge led to an undesired result, led to a valid and viable lawsuit.

Finally, we note, without comment, that Dr. C opted against providing W with the fee refund she requested, and that was presumably a factor which led her to retain an attorney and institute suit. It is an entirely open question as to what actions W would have taken, if any, in the face of failed implants, if she had been given the refund she sought.

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## Celebrating the Bicentennial of MUSC

By Dr. Sarandeep Huja, Dean, James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine

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Dear SCDA member:

MUSC turns 200 this year!

The bicentennial celebration kicks off at Alumni Weekend, which is Feb. 29 to March 2. For our alumni, you can register for this exciting weekend at [www.muscevents.org/alumniweekend2024](http://www.muscevents.org/alumniweekend2024).

In addition to favorite dental alumni events from reunions and homecomings past, this year all MUSC colleges are hosting our alumni on the same weekend, and up to 6.5 continuing education credits are available. It's our biggest homecoming yet!

In keeping with MUSC's bicentennial celebration theme of "**Then. Now. Next.**" I encourage you to explore <https://bicentennial.musc.edu>, which relays the deep history of MUSC's impact in the biomedical and health sciences, how we continue to serve South Carolina and beyond today, and how we're making change possible for a healthier future.

**Then:** In case you were wondering, MUSC's big 200 makes all of us in dental and oral health quite young, relatively speaking! "Then" for the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine began in 1952, when the SCDA sponsored a study of South Carolina's needs in dental education. The college was established by the state as a result. For nearly six decades now, the college has been training scores of new dentists and oral health care providers each year, resulting in thousands of providers who have gone on to serve their communities.

As we celebrate MUSC's grand milestone, we remain grateful for the past, present, and future support of the SCDA, and your leadership of the dental community.

**Now and Next:** My monthly contributions to this newsletter in 2024 will highlight our enthusiasm for where we are today in service to South Carolina and beyond – and highlight where we aim to go next, to shape the future of dental and oral health care. From innovations in the training of highly skilled and compassionate future practitioners, to precision health care, to digital dentistry, to clinical trials, to community partnerships in underserved areas, and more, I look forward to continuing to share our transformational journey with you.



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