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Executive Board Updates

Yoshita Patel Hosking

Hello lovely FAPD members! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and have started the year off with a renewed energy, a skip in your step and a fresh outlook on 2024. Our Exec Board has met several times over the last few months to ensure that this year is full of opportunities to connect and build relationships with colleagues. We are working with leaders from all dental specialties to lobby for more OR time and improved reimbursements for general anesthesia at a state level. We are planning an executive board retreat in April utilizing Practice Potential to help the FAPD come up with a long term plan to make sure we have a vision for our group and can best represent what's most important to our members. We welcome and value any feedback or recommendations that you may have so please reach out to your regional representative or a member of the executive board if you have any concerns you would like us to address! We hope each of you has an opportunity to attend a regional event so please check the calendar for an event near you. Wishing you improved work-life balance and good health - we will report back in June with more FAPD news. Be sure to register for our October meeting to take advantage of the decreased fee!

Sip and Suture 2.0 - by Dr. Marcie Young

Monday January 15, 2024

Tropical Acres Steakhouse, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Drs. Joel Berley, Danny Torres, Joseph Pechter, David Garazi

Huge shoutout to Regional Rep Dr Helena Urea-Feldsberg for a wonderful CE meeting in South Florida on January 15th! Almost 50 dentists met at Tropical Acres Steakhouse for dinner and “Sutures 2.0” CE sponsored by Lightscapel.

It was wonderful to meet new pediatric dentists and see colleagues from Miami through the Palm Beach areas. Local periodontists and oral surgeons helped refresh our suturing skills and techniques using bananas and sutures donated by Henry Schein.

It was a huge success and a great way to start 2024! Our next gathering will be in Palm Beach County on Thursday, February 8th at Popstroke in Delray Beach. Hope to see you there!

FAPD Public Policy Update

Dr. Irwine Sainvil

In the midst of a statewide OR availability crisis, dental providers in Florida are grappling with extended appointment wait times, reaching a staggering 6 months or more. This crisis stems from the limitations imposed on dental procedures within facilities, including hospitals, where the scarcity of OR time exacerbates the situation. Low reimbursement rates for hospitals further contribute to the challenge, hindering their ability to provide optimal care.

However, a glimmer of hope emerges with the recent approval of code G0330. Hospitals are now eligible for a reimbursement of $1318.93, a step towards alleviating financial constraints. While this falls short of covering administrative costs entirely, several states have embraced the code, recognizing its potential to enhance dental procedures in operating rooms.

The Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry is actively spearheading the charge for the adoption of code G0330 in the Sunshine State. In collaboration with allied specialty chapters, notably the Florida Dental Association, the organization is unwavering in its commitment to engaging with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). Despite facing challenges and navigating a deliberate pace, their relentless efforts persistently drive progress in this crucial initiative. Stay tuned for updates as we navigate the landscape of healthcare advocacy in Florida, striving for improved access to dental care in operating rooms.

Tooth Facts

- **100 years ago 50% of adults in North America were edentulous. However, today less than 10% of adults over age 65 have lost teeth.**
- **Only 69% of children in Florida received a dental health visit in the last 12 months**
- **One out of four (25.1%) of Florida 3rd graders have untreated cavities, making Florida the sixth worst state in the nation for this measure.**

UPDATE FROM THE AAPD GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING (ANNUAL SESSION)

DR. YOSHITA PATEL HOSKING

Thank you to all of those who were able to attend the General Assembly meeting during the AAPD Annual Session in May 2023. There was discussion for and against the ability of Affiliate (general dentist) members of the AAPD to use the Academy name or their membership status on their practice website, social media and business cards. AAPD leadership proposed that they would like to allow general dentists to use the Academy name or their membership status on their practice website, social media and business cards to "make them and other general dentists feel welcome under the 'AAPD Tent' ", per Dr. Amr Moursi's article in the March 2023 edition of Pediatric Dentistry Today (PDT), an AAPD publication.

A vote was taken at the general assembly meeting (only those physically present and in good standing could vote) and by a small margin, the majority voted against allowing general dentist members to use the Academy name. This issue spurred another conversation about the voting practices for our national organization and whether membership was truly being represented if the vote was always done in person at the annual meeting on a Sunday. Given the logistics of traveling, some members brought up the fact that a majority of attendees/members were unlikely to attend the general assembly meeting which raised the concern of proper representation/quorum for voting on AAPD legislation. The idea of virtual voting was suggested by many members on online forums as well as at the general assembly meeting. The FAPD formally requested the bylaws committee to consider online/proxy voting after the annual session.

The AAPD Board of Trustees discussed the issue further at their 2023 Ad Interim Meeting on September 21, 2023. The minutes state "The board agreed that allowing virtual participation in the general assembly might lead to voters making uninformed decisions." If you have thoughts or ideas about this issue, please be sure to communicate with our Executive Director so we may pass along your comments to our trustee, SSPD and AAPD leadership. Without your voice we cannot speak on your behalf!

Ideas proposed by AAPD Leadership to further promote AAPD's mission, vision, and values:

Establish a Learning Lab at Annual Session.

Host "town halls" that educate members about AAPD's purpose.

Use artificial intelligence on the AAPD website, such as a chatbot, to engage visitors and provide guidance to members through FAQs and a more user-friendly experience.

Encouraging more coordinated and strategic communication from district trustees via appropriate platforms to represent AAPD effectively.

Share your thoughts at: https://fapd4kids.org/contact/

Upcoming Important Dates

- **2.5** FAPD Executive Board ZOOM Meeting
- **2.17** Medical Emergencies and Airway Management Course (Orlando)
- **6.1** Early Bird Registration for FAPD Annual Mtg Ends!
- **10.12** Last Date to Register for FAPD Annual Meeting
- **10.18** FAPD 2024 Panel for Residents: Life After Residency
- **10.19** FAPD Annual Meeting

Upcoming Regional Events

South East: Thursday, February 8, 2024
Popstroke in Delray Beach
Dr. Ryan Jelicich

North/Panhandle: April 11, 2024
Virtual Happy Hour
Dr Michelle Thomas

East: May 23, 2024
Oral Surgery Emergencies in Pediatric Patients
Dr. Tamara Robison

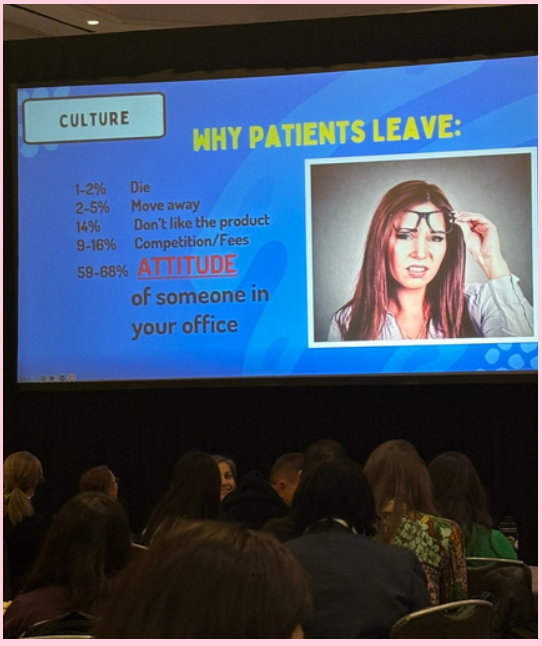
West Coast: August 2024
TBD - Dr. Casey Lynn

Central Florida: September 2024
TBD - Dr. Julie Russo

SSPD Meeting Update - Dr. Ross Fishman

The Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry met in Buckhead, Georgia the weekend of January 12th. The theme was 'Private Practice Pearls' and four successful pediatric dentists spoke about their practice models. 245 people attended including 47 residents and 26 vendors. The 2025 Meeting will discuss Tongue Ties and Sleep/Airway issues.

SSPD has money for state grants that are available via application. This includes the Farrington Scholarship that can be given to residents up to 2 years out of residency for community service. The current SSPD President spoke how the Reference Manual is considered the gold standard in pediatric dentistry.



Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Meeting

January 10 - 12, 2025

Grand Hyatt Hotel - Atlanta, GA

Early Interventions, Lifelong Benefits: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Pediatric Airway Health

This meeting is designed to offer an incredible, engaging, and high-yield learning experience for novice, intermediate, and advanced learners in regards to sleep, breathing, airway, maxillofacial development, myofunctional therapy. Participants will learn how to screen, identify issues, discuss with parents, refer for treatment and participate in treatment.

Dr. Soroush Zaghi:

- Introduction to a functional approach to sleep and breathing
- Tongue-tie, tongue-tone, and tongue space
- Screening, evaluation, and management of pediatric sleep
- Breathing from an ENT perspective

Dr. Nora Ghodousi-Zaghi:

- Integrative pediatric dentistry/early interceptive orthodontics (< age 6) — clinical applications

Dr. Tim Yu:

- Orthodontic airway - treatment options for young children, teens, and adults

Dr. Audrey Yoon:

- Roadmap of craniofacial modification for children with sleep disordered breathing

Dr. Kevin Coppelson:

- Identification and management of craniofacial anomalies and dysharmonies with OMFS

Lesley Kupiec:

- Myofunctional therapy: Tongue-Up, Lips-Closed, Healthy Breathing Through The Nose.

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TRIPARTITE MEMBERSHIP:
Benefits of FAPD, SSDP, and AAPD Membership

Dr. Yoshita Patel Hosking

A critical assessment of membership benefits is generally the primary determining factor or whether an individual decides to join or not join an organization. Some individuals value learning opportunities, others thrive on collaboration, and some utilize the organization for personal growth. Our tripartite membership is comprised of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (national), the Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry (regional), and the Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (state). The AAPD Southeastern District Trustee is Dr. Ann Bynum from South Carolina and our representative to the Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry (SSPD) is Dr. Ross Fishman.

Tripartite membership has the ability to unify our voices on a state, regional and national level to encourage a collective effort of representation of our profession's interests. This requires an active and vocal membership so our leadership can influence legislative decisions, promote oral health initiatives and protect the rights and interests of pediatric dental professionals and our patients. We are fortunate to have a powerful advocacy network through the AAPD that helps address and shape legislation that positively impacts our ability to do our jobs.

Our Executive Director, Dr. Michael Roseff, has been instrumental in creating opportunities for continuous learning and professional growth through the offering of numerous online on-demand CE courses. These courses help all of us stay updated with best practices, state requirements and the latest advancements in our field. Future in person courses that may interest you include:

- AAPD Annual Session - May 23-26, 2024 (Toronto, Canada)
- FAPD Annual Meeting - October 18-19, 2024 (Orlando, FL)
- SSPD Annual Meeting - January 10-12, 2024 (Atlanta, GA)

Our regional representatives are planning social events that will help facilitate the exchange of ideas, collaboration, and potential career opportunities as residents will be invited to each event. These local meetings will allow connection between colleagues, mentors, and leaders within our communities. Our goal is to also provide community and service opportunities to pediatric dentists who would like to give back through service initiatives. The Florida Mission of Mercy will be held May 30-June 1st, 2024 in Lakeland, FL at the RP Funding Center and we hope that many of you and/or your team members will volunteer your services that weekend if able. If you have more service opportunities in your area, please share them with your regional representatives so they may disseminate information on your behalf.

The tripartite membership allows us all access to research and updated clinical guidelines that keep us up to date and proficient which is essential to providing the best patient care possible. The AAPD is committed to evidence-based dentistry and volunteer members of our professional community help develop and update them throughout the year. The benefits and advantages to tripartite membership include advocacy, professional development, support, community service opportunities, access to updates in clinical guidelines, and a commitment to advancement of the field of pediatric dentistry. We hope that by joining this alliance, you feel more connected to like-minded individuals and can positively impact the future of our profession through your individual contributions.

Where Are Your Dues Going?

- Online CE Courses Available 24/7
- PALS/BLS Biannual Certification
- Regional Social Events
- Public Policy Advocacy
- Advocacy at State Level
- Community Water Fluoridation Assistance
- Community Service Opportunities
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Efforts
- In Person CE Courses
- Mentorship and Peer Support

Please join your Space Coast and Treasure Coast colleagues for an informative discussion with Dr. William Bell from Indian Harbor Beach Oral Surgery. We are all familiar with the difficulties associated with limited access to hospital operating room time for pediatric dentists. It has become increasingly difficult to stabilize our youngest patients with severe dental infections, swelling and pain (especially those patients not responding to oral antibiotics). Dr Bell will share his insights on medication protocols and treatment options for addressing infections, achieving adequate anesthesia, and performing extraction or incision and drainage procedures.

The lecture will be held at Viera Pediatric Dentistry located at
5600 Porada Dr Ste 102 Viera, FL 32940 at 6 PM - 8 PM on 5.23.24.
Dinner will be provided so please respond with any dietary restrictions when RSVPing so we can accommodate any specifications.

Tamara Robison
FAPD East Coast Regional Representative
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SPOTLIGHT

RESIDENCY PROGRAM DIRECTOR: DR. JUDITH CHIN

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

What's an interesting fact that your residents probably don't know about you?
I didn't pass by written board exam when I first took it.

What do you miss about Chicago?
I miss walking around Lake Michigan.

What got you interested in pediatric dentistry?
I had horrible teeth growing up as a child with a lot of cavities and Class III malocclusion. I had a bilateral posterior crossbite. I learned at young age from a photographer at school - they said don't smile so big and I never got complimented on my smile. I was 13 and in braces when I was told I had a beautiful smile. I stopped getting teased and instead getting compilments and I wanted to have that impact on someone else's life.

Dr. Chin has 2 kids who are ages 18 and 15 and 2 mini goldendoodles. We are fortunate to have such an incredible person shaping the pediatric dentists of the future!

WHAT YOUR E-BOARD LOVES MOST ABOUT FAPD

Joining FAPD has by far been the best way to exchange information with people who can help me professionally, all while having fun.

Dr. Irwine Sainvil
Kidzvil Pediatric Dentistry
Lake Worth, FL

The joy of bringing people together and celebrating their successes is one of the greatest privileges of leadership within the FAPD. Pediatric dentistry is my passion and being able to share that locally with like-minded empathetic individuals is pretty amazing.

Dr. Yoshita Patel Hosking
Viera Pediatric Dentistry
The Hive: A 4th Trimester Collective
Viera, FL

Want to get involved?
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2023 Winners

Miami Childrens
Dr. Jennifer Shamsian

Nova Southeastern
Dr. Arash Goshtasby

NYU Langone
Dr. Kaitlyn O'Connell

University of Florida
Dr. Fatima Khan & Dr. Kathryn Kiskaddon

The Robert E. Primosch Academic Excellence Award

The Robert E. Primosch Award for Academic Excellence was established in 2018 in honor of Dr. Robert E. Primosch, a former faculty member at the University of Florida College of Dentistry and active member of the Pediatric Dental community in his retirement. Each year, the distinction is given to the graduating resident in each pediatric dental residency program in the State of Florida who achieves the highest score on the AAPD Post-Doctoral In-Service Examination given in the final year of his/her program. The accomplishment is announced and recognized at the Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (FAPD) annual meeting each year at which time recipients also receive a plaque to mark their accomplishment.

Frank A. Farrington Service and Leadership Award

The SSPD awards a $2000 Frank A. Farrington Service and Leadership Award to a current resident or someone who has graduated within 2 years of residency. The applicant must show a commitment to service/leadership for their for the community. Please contact Ms. Kimberly Brooks if interested.
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