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Executive Board Updates - Yoshita Patel Hosking

With a busy summer approaching, your FAPD leadership team has been working hard to advocate at a state level and create regional events for social and CE opportunities. We would like to thank Casey Lynn, Matt Bright, and Julie Russo for their service to our organization as regional representatives. I would like to welcome Mark Dawoud, Amber Sun and Khusbu Patel to FAPD to fill those roles this year. We held a strategic planning session with Practice Potential in Jupiter, FL to come up with a new vision and mission for our group and I am honored to have such a motivated and inspiring group of pediatric dentists to work with on your behalf. Follow us @fapd4kids on Instagram!

Be sure to sign up for our annual meeting before the registration fee increases on June 1st!!

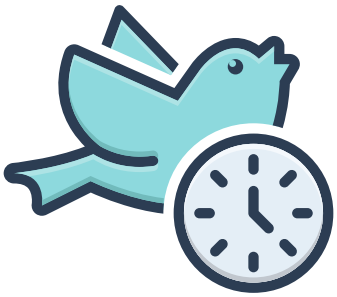
Vision:
A group of pediatric dentists who are passionate, engaged and are supported by peers, healthcare professionals and community as the authority for pediatric oral health.

Mission:
To provide community, advocacy, and resources for the pediatric dentists in Florida so that we can provide optimal care for infants, children, adolescents, and persons with special health care needs.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

ENDS JUNE 1ST!

Early Bird Registration Options*



- ○ FAPD Member ($325.00)
- ○ Non-Member Dentist ($425.00)
- ○ Team Member ($250.00)
- ○ Faculty ($250.00)
- ○ Pediatric Dental Resident ($250.00)
- ○ Undergraduate Dental Student ($0.00)

SAVE THE DATE

FAPD Annual Meeting - Saturday, October 19th 2024
Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort Bonnet Creek

Dr. LaRee Johnson

Dr. Johnson is a renowned private practitioner pediatric dentist in North Carolina. She lectures worldwide on many topics and will be speaking about:

- Treating hypomineralized / hypoplastic first molars
- Behavioral coaching for patients, parents, and providers
- Hiring and training a team to work with children
- Reducing your liability when caring for children: landmines to avoid

Dr. Rick Schwartz

Dr. Schwartz's endodontic practice has become a major referral center for children in San Antonio. He will be discussing:

- Short term and long term goals of endodontic therapy in children
- Preservation of compromised teeth during growth and development
- Case based presentation to review creative solutions to unique problems presented by young patients
- Communication with referring doctors

Jill Slye

Jill Slye is a public speaking instructor at the Harvard University Extension School and teaches at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. She will discuss:

- Building confidence during difficult conversations with patients, parents and colleagues
- Inspiring successful communication in a work environment
- Why we experience communication breakdown and how to overcome it
- Case based scenarios experienced in pediatric dentistry

Upcoming Important Dates

5.21	FAPD Exec Board Meeting (ZOOM)
5.23	Eastern Florida Regional CE Event hosted by Dr. Tamara Robison
5.23	AAPD 2024 - Toronto, Ontario, CA
6.1	**Early Bird Registration /Discount Price for FAPD Annual Meeting Ends!**
6.22	Florida Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Association Meeting Orlando, FL
7.25	NDA Meeting - Las Vegas, NV
8.8	Tampa Top Golf NuSmile Event hosted by Dr. Casey Lynn
9.13	Central Florida Regional Social Event hosted by Dr. Khusbu Patel
9.28	Florida Academy of Endodontics Meeting: Dental Trauma - Orlando, FL
10.12	**Last Date to Register for FAPD Annual Meeting**
10.18	**New Dentists + Residents Event Welcome Reception**
10.19	**FAPD Annual Meeting**

FAPD Public Policy Update

Dr. Irwine Sainvil

In March, Dr. Sainvil attended the advocacy conference in Jacksonville, FL. The meeting was very well attended with residents, public policy advocates, and program directors across the country. The three talking points were funding for Title VII, support of the Ensure Lasting Smiles Act for those kids with congenital anomalies, and to pause interest accruing on student loans while in residency. They also discussed the affects of the cyber attack of Change Healthcare.

DentaQuest Medicaid has finally agreed to pay hospitals for anesthesia. It will officially start in October. Dr. Sainvil is working with Joe DiMaggio's Hospital billing team to connect with DentaQuest. If anyone else works at other hospitals and have contact information on who DentaQuest can directly speak to, then please send the information to Dr. Sainvil.

Regional Event Spotlight!

Please join your Space Coast and Treasure Coast colleagues for an informative discussion with Dr. William Bell from Indian Harbor Beach Oral Surgery. 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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Authorization and Claim Policy Updates for Florida Statewide Medicaid Dental Health Program

The below services did not previously require review. These services will require review beginning 6/1/2024. Please review the list and the required documentation to ensure that your claim and authorization requests process smoothly.

- D2930 - Protective Restoration
- D2950 - Core Buildup
- D2954 - Prefab Post and Core
- D3220 - Pulpotomy
- D3320 - Premolar RCT
- D4355 - Full Mouth Debridement
- D7111 - EXT, Coronal Remnants
- D7140 - EXT, Erupted Tooth
- D9248 - Non-IV Conscious Sedation

Radiograph coverage has new benefit limitations:

- D0210 - FMX, 1x per 12 month period
- D0270 - 1 BWX, 1x per 12 month period
- D0272- 2 BWX, 1x per 12 month period
- D0274- 4 BWX, 1x per 12 month period
- D0330 - Panoramic, 1x per 36 month

The FAPD is actively working on discussing these limitations at a state level as the frequency and limitations are not effective for children with high caries risk.

It should be noted that dentists are not required to join the AAPD to be members of the FAPD.
The cost of membership is $220 for any dentist who would like to join - you don't have to be a Florida resident. Membership types are listed on our website!

Established AAPD members moving to our state can join the FAPD by sending an e-mail to fapdexec@gmail.com with their name, e-mail, phone, and address.

Regional Reps are working on gathering information to create regional WhatsApp groups to keep you in the know. Please reach out if you haven't heard from yours so we can include you in our events and activities! We look forward to meeting you and supporting you in all the ways we can!

Want to get involved?
Contact FAPD at
https://fapd4kids.org/contact/

special alert

Florida Dental Association

florida dental ASSOCIATION

Gov. Ron DeSantis signs **SB 892** (HB 1219) into law, which will ensure dental plans cover prior authorized services for patients and protect dentists from predatory virtual credit card payment processes.

“This legislation will address key issues that have created costly and time-consuming challenges for dental offices and patients,” said President of the Florida Dental Association Dr. **Beatriz E. Terry**.

Dental plans often default to automatically provide contracted dental offices with payment in the form of a virtual credit card instead of a check or ACH payment. Dental practices that accept these virtual credit card payments, which are issued by third-party companies in contract with dental plans, are charged a 3-5% service fee on each payment transaction. This is in addition to the transaction fee imposed for processing the payment through the practice’s credit card terminal.

“This predatory practice requires dentists to actively opt-out of virtual credit card payments, often multiple times, which creates an administrative strain on dentists and their staff,” said Dr. Terry. “Or they are forced to make the choice to accept the virtual credit card payment with the high fees to avoid payment delays and keep the practice running most efficiently. Many dental offices are small businesses, and these additional fees and overhead costs add up, creating an unnecessary and costly burden.”

This new law will make the virtual credit card process an opt-in option for dental offices. It will also address another arduous process for dental offices – appealing coverage denials and collecting payment for services that have received prior authorization from a patient’s dental plan – by ensuring that dental plans cover pre-approved services.

“Dental offices accept many dental plans to better serve their patients, but these plans must be held accountable for their end of the agreement, including covering prior authorized services and ensuring dentists receive full payment for services provided,” said Dr. Terry. “We applaud Governor DeSantis and the Florida Legislature for taking these important steps to protect Florida’s dentists and patients.”

ONLINE VOTING DISCOURAGED BY AAPD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 2023 PDT Article Published by Dr. Amr Moursi

FAPD Exec Discussed Concerns About General Dentists Able to advertise AAPD Membership

FAPD Sent Letter To AAPD Executive Board with Concerns and Met with Leadership

A vote was taken at the 2024 AAPD Meeting majority voted against general dentists advertising membership.

FAPD Exec requested a bylaws change for online voting to allow more member engagement.

Share your thoughts with us at www.fapd4kids.com

MODIFICATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY PARTICIPATION AND VOTING PROCEDURES

The following proposed change to the AAPD Bylaws was requested by the Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (FAPD), a state unit/chapter of the AAPD. As required in the Bylaws, the proposal was properly submitted in writing to the AAPD Constitution and Bylaws Committee no later than 45 days prior to the next winter meeting of the Board of Trustees. As a condition precedent to the presentation of any Bylaws amendment for consideration considered by the General Assembly, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee must properly formulate and word the proposed language. The proposed language as drafted by the committee was reviewed by the AAPD Board of Trustees at their January 25, 2024 meeting.

Background

The FAPD requested that proxy voting or electronic voting be made possible for future General Assembly votes.

AAPD Board of Trustees Recommendation

Vote no. The board believes this change would not foster informed discussion and decision-making by the General Assembly. No other dental specialty association allows online voting for its General Assembly, annual membership meeting, or House of Delegates. The board believes this change would defeat the goal of having a thoughtful, considerate, in-person discussion and/or debate followed by a vote. While ostensibly allowing more opportunity for Active and Life member participation in the General Assembly, the board believes that online involvement does not encompass the same attention and interaction among voting members as takes place with an in-person meeting.

Further, adopting this proposal would add governance costs to the AAPD Annual Session in terms of providing a live, televised feed and software (including support personnel) to conduct secure online electronic voting. Such costs would also need to include a live televised feed from the Reference Committee hearings. **These additional technical support costs are estimated at a minimum of over $20,000 annually, plus an additional commitment of AAPD staff time estimated at $10,000.**

Job Posting

Suncoast Community Health Centers, Inc. near Tampa, Florida is looking for a full-time pediatric dentist/attending faculty member to work with the NYU Langone residency program.

Great work-life balance, excellent benefits, qualifying employer for PSLF loan forgiveness and NHSC loan repayment.

If interested, please contact residency program director, Dr. Ruchi Shukla, at rshukla@suncoast-chc.org

Upcoming Website Updates

Are you moving to Florida? Looking for an associate? Looking to sell your practice?

We plan to add a page to our website for job seeking/job posting so send us an e-mail at drmichael123@comcast.net if you would like to use this free service!

www.fapd4kids.org

Follow Us On Social Media For Updates!!

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Instagram photos and videos

instagram.com

UPCOMING CE COURSES FOR OUR REGION

January 10-12, 2025

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

Dr. Soroush Zaghi, Dr. Nora Ghodousi-Zaghi.
Dr. Tim Yu, Dr. Audrey Yoon,
Dr. Kevin Coppelson, Lesley Kupiec

2024 FAE Fall Forum
September 27-28, 2024
The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes

"Building Blocks of Endodontics"
A Focus on Dental Trauma

Fred Barnett, Bob Grover, Nestor Cohenca,
Nicholas Mastroianni, Hazel Glasper