



Executive Director's Message

I am excited to inform you that I have arranged a continuing education program on Sunday June 10, 2012. This is an all day event with multiple well-rounded speakers. This event will take place in Saklad auditorium at the NYU College of Dentistry in New York City. Participants will earn 7 (seven) continuing education credits. Boxed lunch will be provided.

From time to time many of my colleagues have called me regarding the latest philosophy, techniques and materials for restoring endodontically treated teeth, hence I have invited Dr. Frederick Kahn. Dr. Kahn will discuss restoration of endodontically treated teeth with limited or compromised tooth structure with post and core. A Post neither streng-



thens nor reinforces teeth but is needed to support a crown in cases where a large amount of coronal tooth structure has been lost.

Another hot button issue is dealing with the Office of Professional Discipline. How is an OPD investigation generated, what happens once the investigation starts, what is the office of the professions expected to do and much more.

Director of Prosecutions Mr. George Ding of the Office of the Professions will be speaking on this matter. Leading attorney and past prosecuting attorney for Office of the Professions (now in private practice) Ms. Amy Kulb will be talking on how to protect your most valuable asset, your dental license. What to do once you get a letter from the OPD?

There have been many changes in the law due to Obama care and related implications. Dr. Mark Feldman will discuss many issues related to general healthcare laws and New York State Dental Association, legal counsel, Mr. Lance Plunkett will be on hand to provide answers to all legal questions from attendees. I expect this to be a very interactive and interesting session.

We also have our own Dr. Doron Kalman, Diplomat of the American Board of Oral

and Maxillofacial surgery, who will be speaking on latest techniques in preserving hard tissue architecture and placing of dental implants.

Registrations for this event are being handled by NYSDA. Pre registration is required and can be easily made by calling 1 800 255 2100 and speaking to Ms. Carley Libertucci or by sending an email to clibertucci@nysdental.org. You may also contact NYSDA via regular mail. Please write to Ms. Carley Libertucci, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Suite 602, Albany, NY 11221. I hope to see you all there in large numbers.

Sincerely,
Chad P. Gehani DDS
President
New York State Dental Association

President's Message

Dr. Sudhakar Shetty



I would like to extend warm wishes for a successful and productive new year. Congratulations to Dr. Viren Jhaveri, who has done a fantastic job these past two years as our President.

We are proud and honored to have our very own Executive Director and Trustee, Dr. Chad Gehani, rise to the position of President of New York State Dental Association. Along with his rising popularity and recognition both nationally and internationally, IDA is also gaining recognition.

I have had the privilege to be a part of the IDA for more than twenty years, and in recent years have been proud to have greater involvement through the executive committee. I have also been involved in organized dentistry

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President's Message

through Queens County Dental Society and New York State Dental Association through my work on the Continuing Education, Chemical Dependency, and Peer Review committees. These opportunities have given me the chance to meet motivated and passionate colleagues, and work collaboratively on issues that affect our profession.

My hope is that during my term, we can continue to move forward in balancing our professional goals, enhancing our clinical expertise through continuing education, broadening access to dental healthcare for our patients and strengthening the profession through mentorship. Those who know me would likely agree that I aim to be approachable and interested in any ideas that you may bring forth.

While I am fortunate to be part of a dedicated and able leadership committee, I consider all members of IDA to be integral parts of the team. I urge one and all to get involved as we can make a greater difference together. I feel very strongly about involving our younger US graduates of Indian background. They not only can bring in fresh ideas, but will

also bring new energy into our association and will sustain growth and maintain a bright future for our association.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President. I am excited to embark upon this journey along with you, and will give you my every effort. I look forward to building upon the solid foundation that we have as an organization. Thanks to our entrepreneurial past leadership who made innovative changes. This is your association, I urge you to participate in it to the best of your abilities, to make a difference in the future of our association because none of us is as good as all of us.

Congratulations

Dr. Daniel Gehani for becoming Diplomat of American Board of Orthodontics.

Best wishes to Proud Parents
Drs. Rekha & Chad Gehani.

Do Not Let Your License Expire!

Dr. Chad Gehani

It is a violation of the Dental Code in the state to practice without a license.

Maintaining one's current dental license is the dentist's obligation, just as it is to maintain a driver's license. Administratively, there are



forms, fees and continuing education verifications to provide to the NYS education department in a timely manner so that the license does not lapse. Practicing on a lapsed or expired license is subject to disciplinary action by the state Dental Board, resulting in fines and other penalties as established by the state.

What you might not know is that the NYS education department, upon request from insu-

rance carriers on lapsed or expired licenses and, in turn, the insurance carriers will terminate a participating agreement with the licensee upon notification by the licensing Board. This termination can adversely impact your practice's bottom line. Insurance patients will lose their ability to see you as a participating dentist and may

alter their decision to seek care at your practice because of the increase in their out-of-pocket expenses. Often, the benefits received will change when the patient goes to an out-of-network dentist and, most often, the check from the insurance company will be mailed

directly to the patient, rather than to a non-participating dentist.

It is your responsibility to follow the steps to keep your license current. You may receive a courtesy notification from the dental plans in which you participate, but ultimately, you must be sure to keep your professional and participation status current with the Dental

Board and with your insurance networks. If your participation has been terminated in error or if you have additional information to share with the carrier to support a reinstatement, please contact the insurance carrier's Professional Relations departments immediately to rectify the situation. It may be necessary to reapply to the program in some circumstances.

OBITUARY

Our condolences to Dr. Vinit Shah & family. Dr. Vinit Shah's mother-in-law passed away in January.

A Report

Governor Cuomo's Executive Order

Governor Cuomo Signs Executive Order to Reform Excessive Compensation at State-Funded Service Providers

Albany, NY (January 18, 2012) Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today signed an Executive Order to limit spending for administrative costs and executive compensation at state-funded service providers.

"We must make sure that taxpayers' dollars are always used efficiently and effectively to improve the lives of New Yorkers," Governor Cuomo said. "This Executive Order will prevent public funds from being diverted to excessive compensation and unnecessary administrative costs, and will ensure that taxpayer dollars are being used to help New Yorkers in need."

Below is the text of the Executive Order signed this afternoon:

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Limits on State-Funded Administrative Costs & Executive Compensation

WHEREAS, State Government in New York directly or indirectly funds, or authorizes reimbursements with other taxpayer dollars to, a large number of tax exempt organizations and for-profit entities that provide critical services to New Yorkers in need; and

WHEREAS, State Government in New York has an ongoing obligation to ensure that taxpayers' dollars are used properly, efficiently, and effectively to improve the lives of New Yorkers and our communities; and

WHEREAS, in certain instances pro-

viders of services that receive State funds or State-authorized payments have used such funds to pay for excessive administrative costs and oversized compensation for their senior executives, rather than devoting a greater proportion of such funds to providing direct care or services to their clients; and

WHEREAS, such abuses involving public funds harm both the people of New York who are paying for such services, and those persons who must depend upon such services to be available and well-funded;

WHEREAS, to curb such abuses in executive compensation and administrative costs and ensure that taxpayer dollars are used first and foremost to help New Yorkers in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of New York, do hereby order as follows:

1. Within ninety days of this Order, the commissioner of each Executive State agency that provides State financial assistance or State-authorized payments to providers of services, including but not limited to the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, Office of Mental Health, Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, Office of Children and Family Services, Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Department of Health, Office for the Aging, Division of Criminal Justice Services, and the Office of Victim Services shall promulgate regulations, and take any other actions within the agency's authority inclu-

ding amending agreements with such providers, to address the extent and nature of a provider's administrative costs and executive compensation which shall be eligible to be reimbursed with State financial assistance or State-authorized payments for operating expenses.

2. Each such agency's regulations shall include but not be limited to requirements that providers of services that receive reimbursements directly or indirectly from such agency must comply with the following restrictions:

a. No less than seventy-five percent of the State financial assistance or State-authorized payments to a provider for operating expenses shall be directed to provide direct care or services rather than to support administrative costs, as these terms are defined by the applicable state agency in implementing these requirements. This percentage shall increase by five percent each year until it shall, no later than April 1,

2015, remain at no less than eighty-five percent thereafter.

b. To the extent practicable, reimbursement with State financial assistance or State-authorized payments shall not be provided for compensation paid or given to any executive by such provider in an amount greater than \$199,000 per annum provided, however, that the commissioner of each agency shall have discretion to adjust this figure annually based on appropriate factors and subject to the approval of the director of the budget, but in no event shall such

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Our own Dr. Chad Gehani has been working extremely hard for our interests as NYSDA President. His dedication in striving for improvements in our profession, and continued work toward uniting professional groups for a common purpose are certainly inspiring to us all. Please express your support and pride in his ongoing efforts on our behalf by attending a celebration in his honor, hosted by NYSDA on June 8 at Roosevelt Hotel, NYC!

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figure exceed Level I of the federal government's Rates of Basic Pay for the Executive Schedule promulgated by the United States Office of Personnel Management.

3. A provider's failure to comply with such regulations established by the applicable state agency shall, in the commissioner's sole discretion, form the basis for termination or non-renewal of the agency's contract with or continued support of the provider. Each agency's regulations shall provide that, under appropriate circumstances and upon a showing of good cause, a provider may be granted a waiver from compliance with these or other related requirements in whole or in part subject to the approval of the applicable state

agency and the director of the budget.

4. The commissioner for each such agency shall regularly obtain the data from providers that are needed to monitor the providers' compliance with these requirements and shall report to the director of the budget on an annual basis the impact of these requirements on the use of public funds to support excessive executive compensation and administrative costs among providers.

GIVEN under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State in the City of Albany this eighteenth day of January in the year two thousand twelve.

BY THE GOVERNOR

Secretary to the Governor.

Implant Techniques/Legal Issues in Dentistry

Sponsored by New York Dental Association

Sunday, June 10, 2012 (7 CE Credits)
Registration 8:00a.m.

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

ADVANCED BONE GRAFTING AND IMPLANT

PLACEMENT TECHNIQUES: The field of implant dentistry continues to evolve, thus providing advanced technology and more predictable forms of therapy with an increased focus on aesthetic success. Innovative techniques now allow for improved aesthetic outcomes and greater patient comfort. Dr. Kalman will be discussing the latest techniques in bone grafting and implant technology.

Objective: At the completion of this brief presentation clinicians will understand how to optimize hard tissue architecture for predictable surgical implant placement and restoration, and the utilization of Cone Beam CT scanning.

Speaker: Doron Kalman, DDS is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial surgery and a Fellow in the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons as well as an adjunct professor at Long Island Jewish hospital. Dr. Kalman currently serves as the President-elect of Queens County Dental Society and is in private practice in Elmhurst, Queens.

9:00a.m.-1:00 p.m.

LEGAL ISSUES IN DENTISTRY MODERATED BY MR. LANCE PLUNKETT, NYSDA GENERAL COUNSEL:

***Professional Discipline in the Profession of Dentistry:** A 2012 Update. Presentation will include an overview of the disciplinary process in New York State as well as review of the most common types of misconduct violations, and a review of the New York State Education Law and related rules and statutes.

Objective: Attendees will gain an improved knowledge of the laws governing the profession and

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will be better equipped to conduct their practices in conformance to the law.

Speaker: George M. Ding, J.D., M.P.A., an attorney, is the Director of the Prosecutions Division in the Office of Professional Discipline in the New York State Education Department.

***Legal Update for Dentists on Professional Discipline and Audits:** This presentation includes an overview of current professional discipline, regulatory, law enforcement, and audit issues in dentistry. It will acquaint dentists with the impact that certain actions can have on their professional practice and privileges.

Objective: Attendees will learn strategies for responding to investigations by OPD and other governmental agencies and audits.

Speakers: Andrew Feldman, Esq. is admitted to practice in both State and Federal Court, and handles matters for clients throughout New York State. He has distinguished himself by counseling and defending professionals in all fields, particularly in the areas of health care and professional liability. He is experienced in matters involving products liability, environmental law, toxic tort law, labor law, personal injury, insurance coverage and health law.

Amy T. Kulb, Esq. : began her career as a prosecuting attorney with the Office of Professional Discipline. From 1986 to the present, Ms. Kulb has been in private practice with the firm Jacobson, Goldberg & Kulb, LLP. She is Risk Management and Ethics and Jurisprudence instructor for New York State Dental Association and lectures on a regular basis to medical, dental, pharmacy and professional groups on professional discipline and related topics.

1p.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Implant Techniques/Legal Issues in Dentistry
(7 CE Credits)**

**Registration Form: June 10, 2012
Implant Techniques/Legal Issues in Dentistry (7 CE
Credits)**

Please use one form for each attendee.

Lunch Break (A boxed lunch will be provided.)

1:30 p.m.- 4 p.m.

**RESTORING ENDODONTICALLY TREATED TEETH
USING NEW INNOVATIVE, TECHNOLOGICAL
METHODS.**

A post and core are most often used to restore an endodontically treated tooth where a large amount of coronal tooth structure has been lost. Posts neither reinforce nor strengthen teeth that have had endodontic therapy but are needed to retain an artificial crown. Post cementation and core buildup techniques will be shown. All material presented will be founded upon evidence based published information.

Objective: This presentation will give the restorative dentist a guide to the selection and insertion of a post system using new, innovative fiber post systems whose selection is based upon canal and root morphology.

Speaker: Frederick Kahn, D.D.S, F.A.C.D. is a clinical professor in the Advanced Education Faculty, Department of Endodontics, New York University College of Dentistry. Dr. Kahn has lectured nationally and internationally. He has been a researcher and author of many published papers in national and international journals such as the JADA, Journal of Endodontics and International Journal of Endodontics to name a few.

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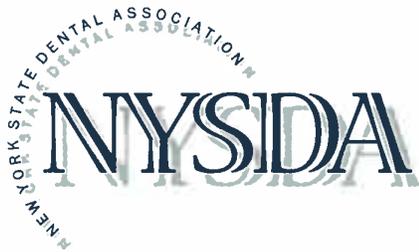
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January 26, 2012

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
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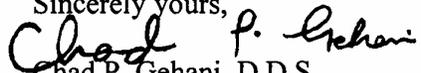
Dear Governor Cuomo:

The New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) is very supportive of your Executive Order # 38, embodying a principle of directing state expenditures towards actual service to the public and away from inefficient administrative costs. NYSDA has been advocating for several years to the Legislature to pass a bill – A.1834 (Wright) – that would have required a minimum of eighty percent of dental funding for Medicaid managed care plans to be put towards the actual delivery of dental services to patients. Your Executive Order # 38 is a superior, comprehensive solution that phases in an eighty-five percent minimum for allocating funds to the actual delivery of services and, additionally, includes a cap on executive compensation that will be useful.

Executive Order # 38 will both save state funds and improve the dental health of our citizens. A cap on administrative costs always appeared to be a logical way to ensure that state dental Medicaid managed care funding was going to the patient care purposes for which it was intended and not to inefficient administrative bureaucracies, but only your leadership has shown that there is the willpower to make this helpful change and the initiative to put it into action as a government priority of the executive branch. NYSDA can only offer our applause and praise for this farsighted initiative, further borne out and supplemented in a responsible and eminently sensible state budget proposal.

NYSDA looks forward to the regulations from the Department of Health to implement Executive Order # 38 and their long overdue application to dental Medicaid managed care. You have signaled a new, more effective way of getting things done in the State of New York, and NYSDA thanks you for that leadership and action on an issue that has always been of the utmost importance to the profession of dentistry and to the Medicaid patients we serve.

Sincerely yours,


 Chad P. Gehani, D.D.S.
 President

cc: Nirav R. Shah, M.D., M.P.H.
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SAVE THE DATE

The New York State Dental Association will be honoring

Dr. Chad Gehani

as he completes his term as NYSDA President

The gala President's Dinner

Dance is being held on the evening of

Friday, June 8th

at the landmark Roosevelt Hotel in New York City

Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres beginning at 7:00 P.M.
with dinner and dancing from 8:00 P.M.-Midnight.
Please join your friends and colleagues to honor the
Gehani family and all NYSDA officers

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