

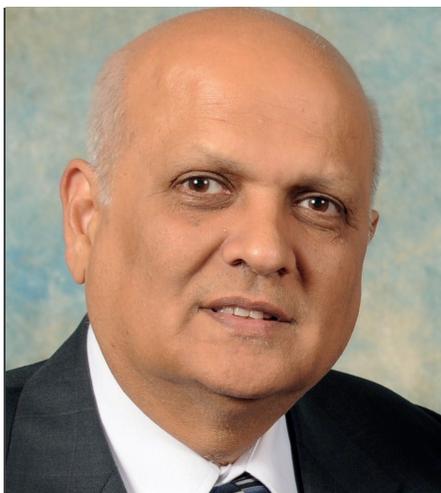


## Executive Director's Message

Playwright Tennessee Williams said, "The future is called 'perhaps', which is the only possible thing to call the future. And the important thing is not to allow that to scare you."

Without a crystal ball, all we can do is look back at history for trends and at present conditions to try to predict what the future of our profession may bring. "Perhaps" any number of changes can occur but, based on what we know about the past and the current state of our profession, we cannot allow "perhaps" to scare us.

As a professional, we have a significant amount of control over our future that



other careers and industries do not have. Since the middle Ages, societies have afforded professions more control over their activities based on their reliance on specialized knowledge and skill, commitment to ethics and the value of their functions to society.

Today we see assaults against professions by outside groups. The bottom line is that the public – the lay people

we treat and for whom we advocate – is aware that dentistry is the gatekeeper of oral health. Don't be fooled, government leadership knows this as well. Ultimately, government will be held accountable for any failure to protect the well-being of the public by diminishing access to quality health care.

Make no mistake; the attacks against dentistry and oral health are out there. Dentistry and, ultimately, oral health itself are under attack from a variety of sources. These attacks are coming from:

- Anti-fluoridationists
- 3rd party payers
- Corporate practices
- Public foundations.

Some "attacks" even come from our medical colleagues who try to limit the scope of practice of competing professions. Third party payers, particularly managed care companies, corporate dental groups and corporate foundations regard dentistry as a source of corporate profits – at the expense of our patients and our colleagues. These industries assume that dentists will be smart enough to ensure their own profitability. As we know, this is not always the case. As professionals, we are responsible to protect the well-being of our patients – a responsibility not shared by profit-driven corporate entities.

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## President's Message

### Dr. Sudhakar Shetty



Dear Friends,

Greetings! It has been a great year so far. Our two CE lectures have been successful, with a very good turnout each time. Thanks to those members who attended and helped out in various ways! To the rest of my well-wishing members who were unable to attend, I urge you to get involved, and be part of your organization. Let us move forward promoting organized Dentistry under the tripartite system of ADA.

On June 8th 2012, I had the opportunity to attend the NYSDA House of Delegates meeting. I was also there representing Indian Dental Association USA with great pride! It was an incredible experience to see the parliamen-

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The U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling on the Affordable Care Act upholds the provisions establishing state health insurance exchanges and minimum benefit packages that include pediatric oral health care. This could expand dental coverage to millions of additional children, many of whom have suffered with untreated dental disease.

What this will mean that there shall be more children and perhaps adults who shall now appear in your office with some form of dental coverage. This shall not resolve access to care problem. Access to care is not just financial but very complex issue. You may read more on my view on access to care in my interview to NYSDA Journal in June 2011.

There shall be more third Party Payers who shall be involved .

How we treat our patients and how we allow them to interfere is still left up to an individual Dentist to decide .We are obligated to do what is in the best interest of our patients and of our profession.

I can go on and on, most importantly now is the time that we should stay united and be involved in organized dentistry. If we do not do this, someone else shall write our fate and fate of future generations.

UNITED WE STAND

Sincerely,

**Chad P. Gehani DDS**

President

New York State Dental Association

## OBITUARY

**Mr Deepak Gandhi beloved friend of IDA (USA) and husband of our long time life member Dr. Panna Gandhi passed away in India.**

**They had retired and were enjoying their retirement in Gujarat, India.**

**Mr. Deepak Gandhi was a community leader and a Past President of Bronx Business and Professional Association.**

**He was very well informed about issues in the Dental Practice, specially Access to Dental Care issues.**

**May his soul rest in Peace.**

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## ***President's Message***

tary system at work with regards to decision making and the great deal of discussions involved in the passing of resolutions. All of this was proof that our elected officials are hard at work to benefit the Dental profession. Above all, it was heartwarming to see our very own IDA Executive Director, Dr. Chad Gehani as the President of NYSDA! Dr. Chad Gehani and Dr. Rekha Gehani were honored by NYSDA. An impressive dinner/dance was given in their honor. The large turnout was a testament to the extent of love and respect they receive from the Dental fraternity. It was indeed a historic moment! Dr. Gehani spoke at length of the achievements of NYSDA under his Presidency. Here are some of his many achievements.

Dr. Gehani has worked very hard to preserve dental care for adults provided by Medicaid in New York State. He has also fought to keep fees as high as possible while at the same time accomplishing one of his prime objectives which was to limit the administrative fees a managed care company can charge to 20 %-in fact it may eventually be capped at only 15 %. At the same time, he kept an ill-conceived expansion of the scope of practice of dental hygiene out of Medicaid reform and put in a loan forgiveness

program for those new dentists who choose to practice in a designated underserved area. Finally they have also established a relationship with the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General to be certain our members are given due process in any audit proceedings. And this is all in just the Medicaid arena.

As President, Dr. Gehani with the support of the NYSDA team, also redefined the scope of dental practice to include smoking cessation. The NYSDA team is working hard to expand the scope of practice for our oral and maxillofacial surgeons, making sure any prescription reform legislation is fair and not punitive, and keeping up to date on what is happening with Electronic Health Records. In addition the Board has developed a new Strategic Plan—a living plan that will guide us in the years ahead to be certain we stick to our priorities, and that our member's precious dues dollars are used wisely. All in all he has had a very busy and productive year. Speaking with one "United Voice" for our profession, he said, was reason for success. We all know that membership has always been one of Dr. Gehani's passions. Membership numbers increased from last year, thus proving his success in this area as well.

Dr. Gehani has been working hard for the past 25 to 30 years and is committed to the upliftment of the dental profession. As he strives to reach higher goals, let us all stand by him and support him, as his success is our success too!

Lastly, I would like to inform all members that we have planned our annual convention on Oct 27th and 28th 2012, at World's Fair Marina and NYU. Please make every effort to attend and make your event a success.

Wish you all a fun-filled summer!

## **Announcement**

The Gehani Family is Proud to announce that Dr. Daniel Gehani, Diplomate, American Board of Orthodontics has opened his practice limited to Orthodontics in Dallas, Texas.

The name of the practice is Cinema Smiles- Kids Dental and Orthodontics located at 4271 Highlands Drive McKinney TX 75070

### **Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Gehani family**

The Indian Dental Association congratulates Drs. Neal and Tejus Gehani who tied the knot on Saturday, May 26, 2012 in Long Island NY. We wish them the very best and a long successful married life.

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- 5:30 – 6:30 pm Sign in and badge distribution
- 6:30 – 7:30 pm Hors de oeuvres
- 7:30 – 9:00 pm Invocation and honoring of dignitaries.
- 9:00 – Midnight: Cultural presentations and dinner dance.

We have made arrangements to accommodate cultural presentations by family members of IDA (USA) members, please send us an email as soon as possible if you would like to have your loved one perform, accommodation is on first come first served basis as space is limited due to time constraints.

## October 28, 2012

All Day CE Event

Time: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Sign in starts at 8:00 am registration is online thru PayPal, see registration information for details.

**Venue: Saklad Auditorium  
NYU College of Dentistry  
325 East 24th Street  
New York, NY 10010**

CE credits: 7 CE Credits awarded, we will have 3 speakers. Boxed lunch will be provided.

### Speaker information

#### Speaker one:

**Advanced Concepts in Implant Dentistry - Meeting the Demands of Today's Implant Patient**

by **Dr. Manraj Bath**  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon,  
Pickerington, Ohio.

#### Speaker two:

**Dealing with Dental Codes and Dental Insurance**

by **Dr. Andrew G. Vorrasi**  
Past chair of the New York State Dental Association Council on Dental Benefit Programs and also of the ADA Reference Committee on Benefits, Practice, Science, and Health. He

is currently a member of the ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs.

#### Speaker three:

by **Dr. Michael Bral**  
Topic: Periodontics for General Dentist.

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