



Dentistry IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Allied Staff News

Host a Wellbeing Workshop for the Office

The South Dakota Dental Association supports the wellbeing of dental professionals in multiple ways. The SDDA has partnered with Mary Wolf, a licensed professional counselor and executive coach, to create a culture of wellbeing for dentists and their team members. Mary has twenty-five years of experience in focusing on the wellbeing of others, including healthcare professionals. Through the SDDA Wellbeing Program, Mary provides free confidential assessments to any dental professional licensed in South Dakota. Through an assessment, she will process the situation, determine next steps, and offer the right level of referrals as needed. Mary will be available during the Annual Session in Rapid City. Contact her to schedule an assessment.



Mary Wolf

Mary provides wellbeing workshops on site in dental offices, which include:

- Wellbeing Strategies and Discussion
- Building a Culture of Wellbeing
- Overview of the free and confidential assessments offered through SDDA's "Be Well" Program.

Following a workshop, individual team members feel more trust in reaching out to Mary for assistance. A typical workshop lasts an hour and costs approximately \$300. For more information regarding wellbeing workshops, contact Mary.

Here is one clinic's wellbeing workshop experience:

"Our goal in bringing Mary Wolf into our office to have the staff meet her face to face was to introduce them to the wellness initiative that the South Dakota Dental Association has taken on. We wanted them to have a face associated with the name that they have been given as a resource. Our goals were met 100 percent! Mary's presentation introduced some broad concepts of wellness and mental health, as well as gave us tactical, practical advice to make each day a little better. It was an hour very well spent. Our team members are our practices greatest assets, investing this one hour on their wellness and mental health was a privilege and an honor to provide them."

Dr. Jaclyn Schuler and Dr. Samantha Kappenman – Dakota Dental

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Everyone's Invited!

2022 SDDA President's Mixer and Foundation Fundraiser

Thursday, May 12, starting at 5:30 pm



"Let's Play the Feud!" Get your teams ready and test your gameshow skills with a night of Family Feud and Name that Tune!

Survey says it will be a ton of fun! Dustin Miller with Encore Events will be our gameshow host for the evening, bringing a lot of energy and excitement to the 2022 President's Mixer and Foundation Fundraiser on Thursday, May 12, 2022, beginning at 5:30 pm at the Holiday Inn, Rapid City, SD.

*The SD Dental Foundation will once again be conducting the Chinese Raffle and Best For Last Raffle.

Upcoming Webinars

Infection Control

Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. Central Time

Course description: This course outlines the essential components of an infection control program, emphasizing respiratory protection, reviewing CDC Guidelines and State regulations for Infection Control. Updates include strategies against future safety challenges, such as other aerosol transmitted diseases (ATD's) and evolving /resistant pathogens. 2.5 continuing education credit hours.

Presenter: Nancy Dewhirst

Price: Sponsored by PCI HIPAA (Register at www.sddental.org>MemberCenter>Continuing Education>Statewide CE)

Risk Management

Friday, July 15, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Central Time

Course description: This course will focus on the dental practice and those circumstances which can reduce and sometimes prevent increased risks that often lead to malpractice claims. Learn practical approaches to avoid common hazards that lead to malpractice claims and explore how professional liability insurance protects a dental practice.

Presenter:

Price: Sponsored by Professional Insurers and the Professional Protector Plan

Managing in the 'Marvelous' Middle: Maximizing your Influence and Energy

Wednesday, September 14, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Central Time

Course description: Learn to navigate the complexity of being a Middle Manager and leading in multiple directions while keeping the wellbeing of yourself and others at the top of the priority pile. Collaborate with your fellow managers to find solutions to common challenges in dental clinics. Discover the resources available through the South Dakota Dental Association's Be Well Program and share your ideas for the program's success!

Presenter: Mary Wolf

Price: \$100. Free to SDDA member dentists and member allied staff.

Dental Offices Invited to Partner with Dental Assisting Students

The Build Dakota Scholarship program offers a full-ride opportunity for dental assisting students studying at a technical college in South Dakota. The scholarship covers 100% of tuition, fees, books, tools/equipment and other required program items.

Industry partners (dental offices) cover a portion of the scholarship in return for the scholar's commitment to work for the dental clinic for three years after graduation. Scholars also agree to maintain a 2.5 GPA and adhere to attendance and behavioral policies.

Not only can Build Dakota Scholarships open the door to a pipeline of talented dental assistants into your practice, but participating in the program is also an affordable way to upskill your practice's current workforce.

New, degree-seeking students of all ages can apply for the scholarship during the January 1 - March 31, 2022 application window. Students must be accepted by the technical college before they can apply for the scholarship.

Participating dental offices review applications and follow their typical hiring process to determine which student(s) may be a good fit for our practice. Scholars also sign contracts with the industry partner and Build Dakota which outline commitments by all parties, including repayment terms.

To learn more about how we can help address your local workforce issues, visit [Build Dakota Industry Partners | Build Dakota Scholarship \(bulldakotascholarships.com\)](http://BuildDakotaIndustryPartners|BuildDakotaScholarship(bulldakotascholarships.com))

Or contact:

Lake Area Technical College: Dental Assisting Diploma or AAS- Melissa Walder 605.882.5284

Southeast Technical College: Dental Assisting Diploma- Paula Hawks- 605.367.5512

Western Dakota Technical College: Dental Assisting Diploma- Jennie Best- 605.718.2436

Build Dakota Scholarship (General Questions): Deni Amundson- 605.347.1804



Classified Ads

Dental Essence in Sioux Falls, SD is expanding and we are seeking a full time **Dental Hygienist**. We are looking for someone who is committed to the highest quality of care, can make patients comfortable and at ease, and is excited to treat our wonderful patients. Our modern dental office and exceptional team provide a great work environment. Competitive benefits include PTO/holiday pay, incentive plan, retirement, and more!

Brookings Dental Clinic is now taking applications for a full or part time **dental assistant** to join our established family practice. Front office experience preferred. We take great pride in our team and community, and our mission statement is high quality compassionate care for all patients. If you are a caring, hard-working, and motivated individual, our team is the right fit for you. Send resumes to: openwide@brookings.net or 2215 Derald Drive, Brookings, SD 57006.

Dental Hygienist: Are you a dental hygienist looking for a change? Delta Dental of South Dakota's Mobile Program has opportunities for dental hygienists. These opportunities include both—full time and/or part-time flexible schedules, including working specific weeks and/or months out of the year. The dental hygienists will work under collaborative supervision in southwest South Dakota, primarily on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The dental hygienists will join a team providing preventive services and oral health education in schools, Head Starts, etc. Extensive travel is required. Excellent salary and benefits including health, dental, vision, life/long term disability insurance, paid holidays, vacation/sick leave, 401k, and more. For more information visit www.deltadentalsd.com. Submit a cover letter and resume to: summer.sporrer@deltadentalsd.com. Questions? Contact Summer Sporrer at 605-494-2569.

Teledentistry

Effective January 1, 2022, Delta Dental of South Dakota reimburses certain services when provided via teledentistry. Delta Dental follows the South Dakota Medicaid program which began reimbursing for similar services July 1, 2021.

Teledentistry can be an effective way to create efficiency in care delivery, increase access to care, and improve the quality of care. Unsure of how teledentistry can be used in your practice? Sign in to your account at www.deltadentalsd.com/dentist and click the link to the teledentistry information for teledentistry resources, including a recorded presentation by Dr. Nathan Suter on *Teledentistry and the Digitization of Patient Care*. Delta Dental of South Dakota and the Teledentistry Workgroup are identifying additional resources, so check the site periodically to see what's new.

For a more hands-on experience, plan to attend *Teledentistry: Innovate your Practice* at the SDDA Annual Session on Thursday, May 12 at 9:30 a.m. Sponsored by Delta Dental of South Dakota, this session will include a practical demonstration of teledentistry technologies and provides 2.5 hours of clinical CE.

Let's Celebrate!

Please join us in recognizing **Brenda Goeden's 20 years of service to the SDDA/SDDF**



OPEN HOUSE
Friday, May 13, 2022; 4:30 pm
Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn , Salon D

We are grateful for her 20 years of dedicated service to the SDDA and SDDF. Stop by and wish her well on her next chapter of life. Thank you, Brenda, and congratulations!

Wellness Wednesdays

Watch for wellness tips each week

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CONTINUING EDUCATION CALENDAR

The listing of these programs is provided as a service to SDDA Newsletter subscribers, and does not mean that these programs have been endorsed or approved by the SD Dental Association or the SD State Board of Dentistry. All members are cautioned to evaluate the programs on their own merit.

SDDA 2022 ANNUAL SESSION

Contact: Melissa Afdahl 605-224-9133
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May 12-14, 2022 Rapid City, SD

WESTERN DAKOTA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Contact: 605-718-2410

Dental Radiology 2-Day Course

April 9-10, or May 7-8, 2022 in Rapid City

Third Friday of the Month, mornings

- American Heart Association CPR Class for Healthcare Professionals

Third Friday of the Month, afternoons

- American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR Recertification

SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Contact: 605-367-4607

➤ **Dental Radiology (2-day course)**

April 29-30, 2022 & Nov. 18-19, 2022

LAKE AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Contact: Amy Meadors, 800-657-4344

Amy.Meadors@lakeareatech.edu

<https://www.lakeareatech.edu/corporate-education/corporate-education-registration/>

Home Study Radiology Courses available:

- Radiology Safety
- Radiography Production

CPR

Contact: Tia Meyer, 605-842-5672
meyertia@hotmail.com

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Contact: Dept. of Dental Hygiene
605-677-5379

Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Sedation Course

Offered two to three times per year

Home Study Radiology Courses available:

- Digital Radiography, Advantages & Disadvantages
- Exposure Errors of Periapicals & Bitewings
- Processing Errors
- Occlusal Exposures for Children
- Oral Effects of Head & Neck Radiation Therapy
- Panoramic Radiography
- Radiation Safety
- Vertical Bitewings
- Fluoride Varnish, Indication & Application

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