



Dentistry IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Allied Staff News

Wellbeing is Attainable For All Dental Professionals

By Mary Wolf

I am excited to be partnering with the SD Dental Association to create a culture of wellbeing for dentists and their staff members. My twenty-five year career has been focused on the wellbeing of others as a licensed professional counselor and executive coach. I have extensive experience coaching physicians. I see many differences and commonalities between dentists and physicians. A commonality is the hesitation to seek assistance and suffer in silence. Often professionals do not know the resources or where to start. Concerns over confidentiality also make professionals hesitant.

Due to this hesitation, we want to make it easy to ask for help. I will be providing confidential assessments to process the situation, determine next steps, and offer the right level of referrals as needed. This assessment is free for dentists and their staff members in South Dakota. I want to help dental professionals get out of survival mode and begin thriving.

Here is what one dentist had to say after utilizing coaching. "Mary made it easy to meet with her about the challenges in my practice and personal life. She listened and helped me think through a variety of options to set me on an alternative

path. Her knowledge of the business of medicine makes her stand out as a great option for us dentists running our own practices and dealing with issues from staff to marriage. "

With the partnership, we also will be creating a wellbeing committee with representation from dentists and staff members. Please contact Paul Knecht at paul.knecht@sddental.org if you would like to be part of the wellbeing committee and request a job description. This committee will focus on developing strategies to dental professionals in making their personal and professional wellbeing a priority.



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“Annual OSHA Training & Update— Are You Safe Enough?” Webinar

June 25, 2021 ~ 9:00 am to noon (central time)

This course makes sense of the many safety recommendations for dentistry considering the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Standard Precautions and Transmission-based Precautions will be explained in the context of CDC & ADA Guidelines and OSHA and Dental Board regulations. Options and strategies are presented with question-and-answer time to address your concerns. 3 hours academic/clinical CE provided.

Cost:

- \$50 for member dentists
- \$50 for SDDA Allied members
- \$150 for nonmember dentists
- \$150 for nonmember Allied staff

To Register:

Go to www.sddental.org.
Click the **red bar** on the home page.

Humanitarian Causes Featured

Starting this year, and going forward, each issue of the SDDA newsletter will feature one humanitarian effort lead by a member of the SDDA. The spring issue featured a dental mission in Peru, this issue features a project here in South Dakota. If you have a dental-related cause that you leading or are passionate about we want to hear from you.

Siouxland Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in Sioux Falls is helping high school and college students with their “Wisdom for Wisdom” Program. Siouxland compiled applicant essays on what students wanted to accomplish as they graduate from high school and go on to college and the economic impact free care would have on helping the student and their family. Five students were selected to have their wisdom teeth removed for free and each student also received \$500 to put toward the cost of college. “It helped the kids and family as the kid transitioned out of the home and into college to start their own path in life,” said co-owner, Dr. Denis Miller.



Wisdom for Wisdom patient (left) poses with Dr. Lou George

Seventh Annual Sioux Empire Smiles – October 2

The Southeastern District Dental Society (SEDDS) plans to once again host a free one-day dental clinic for children 21 and under. The clinic is set for beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 2, 2021 and will serve up to 150 patients with comprehensive dental care services, from cleanings and exams to surgical and restorative treatments.

Children's Dental Center has once again donated the use of their facility for the event. Funding for the clinic has been committed by the Sioux Empire United Way and in-kind donations of supplies and materials has been sought from dental vendors and Sioux Falls area retailers.



A clinic of this size needs the participation of many volunteers. Dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants are needed to make this clinic a success. Please contact Dr. Damon Thielen at damon.thielen@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

This clinic promises to be a rewarding experience for all volunteers coming together with a common goal of providing dental care to underserved populations of children and adults who cannot, for whatever reason, obtain care.

In addition to receiving needed dental treatment, patients will learn the importance of good daily oral hygiene practices, healthy diet and routine preventive dental care.

Dental Offices Glad to Attend SDDA Annual Session In Person

South Dakota was one of the first states in the country to hold their Annual Session in-person in 2021. After missing the 2020 Annual Session due to COVID-19, dentists and their staff were happy to be able to attend the SDDA's Annual Session in-person this past spring. More than 800 people participated in the 2021 meeting. Continuing education was offered in a hybrid style, meaning some of the sessions could be attended either in-person or virtually on-line. While several people took advantage of the opportunity to take courses on-line, the vast majority of people attended in-person. This year's meeting featured 14 clinicians and offered 23 hours of CE.



SDDF Fundraising Results

Thanks to all who contributed to the Foundation/Annual Session fundraisers! Because of you, the Foundation Board is able to contribute to many worthwhile programs and projects.

A special thanks goes out to Jan Bierschbach, who chaired the raffle during the social event. She secured more than 85 prizes for this fundraiser. Also, special thanks goes out to Dr. Andy Wiswall, who chaired the golf tournament. This year's golf tournament had more golfers than it ever has.

- Best for Last Raffle: \$8,025
- Golf Tournament: \$3,338
- Chinese Raffle: \$14,370
- Silent Auction: \$550
- **Total: \$26,283**



Best For Last Winners

\$2,000 Winners! The last four raffle tickets drawn during the Best For Last Fundraiser on May 14 scored \$2,000/each for Drs. Roger Wilson, Monty Bechtold, Andrew Boyd, along with Sara Johnson. Congratulations!

UPCOMING CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

“Sedation & Anesthesia Monitoring in the Dental Practice”

September 11, 2021

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (central time)

Chamberlain, SD



This course has been approved by the SD Board of Dentistry for the purpose of obtaining a permit to monitor patients under anesthesia or sedation.

“Insurance and Coding Seminar/Webinar”

Friday, October 8, 2021

Location and Time To Be Determined

Dealing with dental insurance is overwhelming but key strategies can save you time, prevent hassles, and increase cash flow. You will receive essential tools to properly submit dental insurance claims, and calculate primary and secondary insurance patient responsibility and provider write-off.

Dental Professionals Use Hesy-Re to Find Employees

Hesy-Re.com is a marketplace for dentists and dental professionals to post and apply for jobs, buy and sell practices, and buy and sell used dental equipment.

Looking to hire dental professionals? As an employer, you can easily post job opportunities and view job seeker profiles that match your specific criteria. Add your listing to our robust job board and take advantage of all the features Hesy-Re.com has to offer! Promote your post or search using expanded filtering options, and set up digest emails based on the criteria YOU are looking for in potential candidates. Job seekers have the option to reply directly back to you – right from your listing!

Seeking employment? You can post your profile (anonymously!) and let hiring organizations find you! Hesy-Re.com offers detailed filtering options, expanded features for posting ads, and the ability to create your own digest email, which you can choose to receive daily or weekly based on your personalized search criteria.

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Classified Ads

Dental Hygienist: Are you a dental hygienist looking for a change? Delta Dental of South Dakota’s Mobile Program is looking to hire a dental hygienist who will work under collaborative supervision in southwest South Dakota, primarily on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. This hygienist 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. Opportunity for summer weeks off is available. The target start date for this position is August 1. 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.

We are a dental team looking for a dental hygienist who is outgoing, ambitious, a team player and passionate about their work. Applicants should be interested in joining a completely computer-based, hi-tech dental office with intra-oral cameras and digital x-rays. We work with patients of all ages from infant to adult and perform the following types of dental procedures including: prophys, scaling and root planing, perio maintenance, fluoride application, sealants, alginate impressions, oral hygiene instructions, local anesthesia, and nitrous oxide administration. We offer a competitive salary plus benefits. If interested send a resume to: Missouri River Dentistry; 304 Island Drive; Fort Pierre, SD 57532; Phone (605) 223-2021; Fax (605) 223-9021; Email : info@missouririverdentistry.com

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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: Brenda Goeden 605-224-9133

www.sddental.org

May 12-14, 2022 Rapid City, SD

ANNUAL OSHA TRAINING & UPDATE

Contact: Brenda Goeden, 605-224-9133

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www.sddental.org (click on the red bard on home page to register)

➤ June 25, 2021 via webinar

SEDATION & ANESTHESIA MONITORING IN THE DENTAL PRACTICE

Contact: Brenda Goeden, 605-224-9133

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➤ September 11, 2021; 9 AM—5 PM (central time); Chamberlain, SD

WESTERN DAKOTA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Contact: 605-718-2410

Dental Radiology 2-Day Course

July 24-25; Aug. 21-22, 2021; 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)**
October 8-9, 2021

LAKE AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Contact: Amy Meadors, 800-657-4344

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

Home Study Radiology Courses available:

➤ Radiology Safety
➤ Radiography Production

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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