



NORTH CAROLINA
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Friends and Colleagues,

I am reaching out to you as president of the North Carolina Dental Society and asking you to abide by the ADA's recommendations to postpone elective procedures for the next three weeks. [Take a look at how the ADA defines dental emergencies versus elective procedures.](#)

While the Dental Society cannot mandate that you close your offices, these recommendations are aimed at curtailing the spread of COVID-19. We recognize that each practice has its own nuances and those differences are what makes the practice of dentistry so unique. However, we ask for your cooperation during these uncharted waters. Please, use good judgement in only seeing true emergencies that if not cared for would cause severe harm to the patient or increase the load on local hospitals and emergency centers.

In accordance with state and federal guidelines, the **NC Dental Society has decided to cancel this year's Annual Session** in May in Myrtle Beach.

- You will receive an email in the next 30 days indicating that your registration fee has been refunded
- If your room was part of the NCDS room block, your reservation will be automatically canceled. Kingston Resorts will send out confirmation emails.
- If your accommodations were not part of the room block, you will need to contact the hotel directly. [You can cancel online](#) or call 800-876-0010.

On a personal note, I'm sincerely disappointed that we won't see each other at this wonderful event, but our first priority is the health of our members, our patients and the public in general. In these unprecedented times, we are here to help. Keep checking our [COVID-19 Resource Center](#), which is constantly being updated.

Stay healthy,

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