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Letter from the DC Dental Society President Ladan Basiri, MA, DMD

Dear colleagues,

This is the last letter that I have the privilege of writing as your president. In the right column, we have listed some of what we have achieved together across the past year, all of which were made possible by the hard work and selfless dedication of our volunteer members, who worked tirelessly on each committee, and our executive director, Mr. Kurt Gallagher, and his team (Tonya Stanback and Andres Bachelet).

Every day, a whole lot goes on behind the scenes, and what you see is the culmination of this hard work. Personally, I believe the biggest accomplishments we have realized over the past year were the response to our letters and requests for dentists and their teams to have the priority 1A for COVID-19 Vaccination, our strategic planning (see our vision and mission below), and the licensing symposium, all of which have all been great successes. I am grateful and thankful to all the committees and their chairs for their service to our society. I am delighted that my good friend and colleague, Dr. Pierre Cartier, will succeed me as president. Dr. Cartier is accomplished, intelligent and kind, and he is a good listener, goal oriented, and knowledgeable in many aspects of dentistry and public health. The future of our dear society is secure, and I cannot wait to see it move forward and accomplish our new strategic goals.

What a year we have had! We are still struggling with the detection and mitigation of emerging and potentially more virulent variants of Covid-19 and vaccine hesitancy, which has been exacerbated by [pauses in J&J](#) and [AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine](#) distribution and administration. About half of current US cases

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Cover Photo: 2021 National Signing Day Virtual Event with the Howard University College of Dentistry.

involve variant forms of the virus, a figure that “underscores the critical need for rapid and ongoing genomic surveillance,” said CDC Director Rochelle Walensky, M.D. [The CDC](#) provides ongoing documentation on the prevalence and virulence of the variants in circulation. [CNBC](#) (4/16) ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#)). On April 23, India reported the world's highest daily tally of coronavirus infections for a second day, surpassing 330,000 new cases, as it struggles with a health system overwhelmed by large volumes of patients and [plagued by lack of oxygen](#).

The Biden administration is making preparations for the possibility that COVID-19 vaccine booster doses will be needed 9 to 12 months after initial vaccination to protect against new variants and ensure lasting protection, according to David Kessler, M.D., chief science officer for the administration's COVID-19 response task force. Spokespeople from several vaccine manufacturers have said yearly vaccination might be necessary, [Reuters and CNBC report](#).

In Washington, DC, as of April 12, all DC residents 16 and older have become eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. And as of April 19, DC residents who are 65 and older were able to get vaccinated at walk-up sites across DC **without** [an appointment](#). In DC, the mayor’s official public health emergency is extended to May 20, 2021, and we are currently in phase 2 of reopening. As of April 23, the total doses of COVID-19 vaccines administered is 422,000; however, only 15.7% of residents are fully vaccinated, while the percent hospitalization of those COVID-19 positive is 6.8% ([10](#), [11](#), [12](#), [13](#)).

At the April 21 meeting of the DC Board of Dentistry, the board reported the final rule for the acceptance of online CE credit for license renewal. They also took up the issue of dentists who charge for PPE. The Board voted to follow the practice established in Maryland, which is to refer all complaints against to the office [of the Attorney General](#). The Board also clarified that there are no DC requirements for having defibrillators in dental offices except those offices with Anesthesia certificates. The Board was not aware of any specific requirement for dental office to have on hand a medical emergency kit and could provide no guidance on the contents of such a kit.

DCDS has had a very busy April with our first virtual and on-demand Symposium for Licensure on April 17. The response

COVID-19 DCDS/ADA Timeline

Throughout the pandemic DCDS provided a steady stream of communication to members to provide DC-specific information and aligned messaging to amplify or supplement information provided by the ADA.

March 11 - World Health Organization declares COVID-19 a pandemic

March 16 - DCDS Board holds emergency meeting to assess the state of the pandemic

March 18 - Board of Dentistry cancels monthly public meeting

March 19 - DCDS switches to remote operation

March 26 - DCDS hosts COVID-19 webinar: Crisis Management for Dentists Cash Flow, Credit and Other Resources

April 1 - DC stay at home order takes effect

April 7 - DCDS hosts COVID-19 webinar: Critical Business Decisions in the Era of COVID-19: Employees and Insurance

April 13 - DCDS submits comments to DC Department of Health on proposed anesthesia regulation with Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

April 15 - Board of Dentistry resumes public meetings. DCDS attends to observe board activity and to provide comments on the state of the dental profession in DC

April 16 - ADA sends letters to Congress requesting “flexibility for EIDL/PPP loans” and allowing dental societies to receive COVID-19 assistance (eligibility for 501(c)(6) organizations)

April 17 - ADA sends letter to HHS Secretary requesting relief Medicaid Relief Payments to dentists

from the DC dental community was strong with 499 people registering for this event. A lot of hard work went into launching this program, and we are grateful to ADA President Dr. Daniel J. Klemmedson for his opening remarks, to our members for their support and participation, and to the organizers and sponsors of this important event. Our special gratitude goes to the chair of the Symposium Committee, Dr. Kim Menhenick, and the members of the committee – Drs. Viviana Avila-Gnau, Larry Bowers, Chad Jones, and Mahboubah Sahrai – for their time, hard work, and vision to ensure the success of this event.

I would like to offer special thanks to all the candidates who are participating in the DCDS election this year– your dedication and service to your society is admirable.

April 23 witnessed the virtual ADA National Signing Day of the Seniors at Howard University College of Dentistry with a panel of young DCDS members. The program started with opening remarks from Dr. Donna Grant Mills (Associate Dean for Student Affairs), Dean Andrea Jackson (Dean of HUCD), and me. The panel was moderated by Kurt Gallagher, and the amazing panelists (all in private practice) were our own Dr. Aliya Kassam (General dentist and faculty member at HUCD), Dr. Nina Latifi (Endodontist), and Dr. Pamela Vranis (General Dentist). The panel was very effective and informative for the D4 students, and we are grateful to them for sharing their valuable experiences with the students. We are also grateful to Laurel Road and R.K.Tongue insurance company for providing information for the students. On a related note, I would like to congratulate and commend HUCD for their success and participation in the [2021 Give Kids A Smile Day event](#) during the pandemic. We are all extremely proud of the HUCD students and faculty.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our May 17th monthly meeting which includes our business meeting at 5:45, followed by a presentation by Dr. Nate Lawson on the subject of current materials.

In closing, I leave my tenure as your president in the good and capable hands of your new president and all the current officers and committee members. Your camaraderie has been as impressive as it has been invaluable, and in surviving this pandemic, we have grown stronger than ever. I look forward to watching our society continue to grow in its bright future. It has

May 1 - DCDS issues warning about counterfeit PPE

May 4 - ADA announces to state societies that FEMA elevated dentists as a priority recipient for PPE. ADA provides guidance on request to state emergency management agencies for PPE.

May 4 - DCDS Board of Directors meets and discusses additional options for supporting membership

May 6 - DCDS surveys members on PPE stocks

May 6 - ADA sends letter to CDC request guidance on how to protect dental patients and staff from infection during the deceleration phase of the COVID-19 pandemic (i.e., return to work).

May 8 - DCDS submits request for PPE to Mayor Bowser and DC Homeland Security & Emergency Management Agency Director Chris Rodriguez

May 12 - DCDS hosts May monthly meeting as virtual event

May 18 - DCDS meets with Board of Dentistry to request assistance in securing PPE

May 18 - DCDS hosts Virtual Candidates Forum to meet DCDS officer and board candidates and first annual election by electronic ballot

May 20 - ADA sends letter (DCDS co-signs) of thanks to Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD) for his proposals on a dental-specific Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for Medicaid, which could be used to cover the costs of dental services for children and adults.

May 20 - Board of Dentistry Meeting – DCDS

been an honor and a privilege to serve as your president, and please always remember to support the society that supports you.

We are proud to be DCDS and to have our critical vision and mission:

Vision: We are DCDS: Passionate About Advancing Dental Medicine, Serving Our Community and Engaging Dental Professionals

Mission: The mission of DCDS is to promote the growth of the dental profession through educational programming, advocate for our profession, and optimize oral health outcomes in our community.

Sincerely yours,

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DC Dental Society President

DCDS Election and Electronic Voting

The DC Dental Society election will be open for voting the week of May 17 and will close at 12 Noon on Thursday, June 10. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year the **election will be conducted by electronic vote only**. Please watch for instructions by email the week of May 17 on how to cast your ballot. Those email instructions will include your unique password to log into your ballot.

If you have any questions about the 2021 election please reach out to your DC Dental Society staff at info@dcdental.org or (202) 367-1163.

provides input on waiving limit on the number of CE hours that can be earned through online education

May 21 - ADA announces that CDC updated guidance for dentistry as requested in letter to agency

May 27 - DCDS President and Executive Director interview with ABC7 WJLA on urgent need for PPE among DC dentists

May 29 - DC Phase 1 of reopening begins

June 2 - DCDS annual election closes. DCDS hosts special virtual meeting to announce elect results and install new officers/board members

June 4 - PPE Starter Kits begin to arrive at DC dental offices from DC Department of Health

June 9 - DCDS conducts survey of members to assess level of distribution of PPE Starter Kits

June 9 - DCDS issues statement on Racial Violence and Health Disparities with DC Dental Hygienists' Association

June 11 - ADA sends letter to U.S. Senate leaders (DCDS co-signs) supports temporarily increasing the federal share of Medicaid costs if used to support state Medicaid programs with adult and child dental services (federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP)), while also keeping in place maintenance of effort (MOE) protections

June 17 - Board of Dentistry Meeting

June 22 - DC Phase 2 of Reopening begins

June 26 - DCDS conducts survey on status of business operations

July 23 - DCDS hosts COVID-19 webinar: 10 Powerful Strategies to Increase Production in the COVID-19 Era

July 15 - DCDS submits letter to DC Health and Board of Dentistry requesting support for the ability of dentists to administer COVID-19 tests and the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available

Dr. Ioana “Anna” Bettios - President Elect

Dr. Bettios is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Prosthodontics at Howard University College of Dentistry. She received her Bachelors of Sciences and Doctorate of Dental Surgery Degrees at the University of Maryland; she joined the military service during Dental School, and retired after 30 years of highly decorated service. Dr. Bettios completed a Clinical Fellowship program in Prosthodontics in San Diego, CA, and a Residency program in Prosthodontics at the Naval Postgraduate School in Bethesda, MD, and a Master’s Degree in Health Sciences at the George Washington University. During her military service, she held several Senior Healthcare Executive leadership positions, in the Mid-Atlantic and the Pacific theaters. She authored many healthcare policies for the Department of Defense at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery for the Surgeon General of the Navy, and Health Affairs. During her military and civilian career, she has Chaired many Healthcare Committees and has lectured to large scale audiences worldwide. She has Chaired the Membership Committee at the DC Dental Society with four ADA awards the past four years.



An active member of the American College of Prosthodontists Digital Dentistry Task Force with publication in April 2018 for the Digital Curriculum for the Dental Schools. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, and the American College of Prosthodontists; a member of the ADA, the International College of Prosthodontists, and the Academy of Osseointegration. Dr. Bettios is a passionate clinician volunteer with many missions with over 1200 hours for the Capital Area Red Cross Chapter, the Northern Virginia Dental Society, the Maryland Mission of Mercy, and Remote Area Medical Virginia Section with thousands of dollars of dental services provided to local underserved communities every year.

July 15 - Board of Dentistry Meeting

July 20 - DCDS joins coalition of DC health organizations to provide the public with guidance on returning to physicians, dentists and other health professionals

July 29 - DCDS joins with Medical Society of DC to issue comments opposing mandatory CMEs/CEs on suicide prevention

August 5 – DCDS hosts special webinar on New Financial Fundamentals for Dentists Post-COVID-19 presented by Dr. Amr Alian

September 8 – the 2020-2021 DCDS continuing education program begins with a virtual presentation by Dr. Seena Patel on “Non-Odontogenic Sources of Tooth Pain: Demystifying the Mystery of “Phantom Tooth Pain”

September 24 – DCDS hosts wellness continuing education program on Four Patient Lifestyle Habits That Influence Healing presented by Dr. Uche Odiatu

October 13 – ADA releases new toolkit providing guidance on conducting COVID-19 testing in dental practices

October 13 – Monthly continuing education program begins with a presentation by Dr. Kitrina Cordell entitled “Can You Identify These 20 Lesions?”

October 20 – DCDS promotes wellness and the ability to breathe better under PPE by hosting a special webinar on Pranayama yoga, a branch of yoga focuses on specific breathing techniques

November 10 – Monthly meeting presentation by Dr. Matt Nejad on “The Biomimetic Approach: Permanent restorations that mimic natural teeth”

December 8 – Monthly meeting presentation by Dr. Subha Giri on “Oral Appliance Therapy,

Dr. Cheryle Baptiste- Vice President

I am a native Washingtonian who was born at Freedman's Hospital on the campus of Howard University where my father, the late Roy L. Baptiste, DDS, completed an Oral Surgery Fellowship. I graduated from the Howard University College of Dentistry in 1984. I attended the DC Dental Society Spring Meetings and Holiday Events throughout my childhood so it was a natural move to join organized dentistry when I graduated from dental school.



I am currently serving my second year of presidency of the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society which is the DC chapter of the National Dental Association. I have also been a long term volunteer for the NDA annual conventions. I have served on the DC Dental Society Board of Directors since 2019. I am a fellow of the International College of Dentists and a Fellow of the International Academy of Mini Dental Implants.

My general dentistry practice has been located in Tenleytown since 1997.

I enjoy learning, mentoring and spending weekends on the Eastern Shore with my significant other.

Board of Directors Candidates

Dr. Kathryn "Katie" Clark

As someone who grew up just outside of DC, I am incredibly thankful to now be practicing here and part of this amazing dental community.

I completed my dental training at the University of Maryland Dental School and my orthodontic residency at Oregon Health Sciences University. I received my undergraduate degree in Neuroscience from the College of William and Mary. I have been in practice in Tenleytown for the past 10 years. I am an active member of the AAO, DCDS, GAWD and Spears study clubs. I served on the Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting Committee from 2015-2017 selecting the capsule clinic lectures and coordinating the volunteers. Currently, I am serving as ADA Alternate Delegate and Chair of the DCDS Membership Committee. In my spare time, my husband and I enjoy watching our three kids participate in their many sporting events and activities. With whatever time is left, I also love to knit, make pottery, read, and to swim.



Finally, I was recently reminded of a story from dental school in which I had relayed a dental joke to my sister that my classmates and I had found funny. She responded that I had, "found my people!" I truly did, and I hope to have the opportunity to represent our local dentists as a Board Member.

Sleep Apnea"

December 10 – ADA convinces the National Council of Insurance Legislators to adopt the Transparency in Dental Benefits Contracting model act

December 11 – DCDS sends letter to Mayor Muriel Bowser requesting that dentists be authorized to administer COVID-19 vaccinations at mass vaccination sites

December 15 – ADA releases new COVID-19 vaccine fact sheet

December 16 – ADA unveils updated COVID-19 toolkit with video "[ADA's COVID-19 Response: We've got your back. Always.](#)"

December 22 – ADA secures a repeal of the McCarran-Ferguson antitrust exemption for health insurance companies when Congress passes the Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act (HR 1418)

January 7 – ADA releases new vaccination FAQs for practice owners and employee dentists

January 8 – ADA along with a coalition of other dental organizations called upon the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to expand the scope of practice for dentists to including administering vaccines

January 12 – Monthly meeting presentation by Dr. Mark Kleive on "Occlusion, Bite Splints and the New Patient Exam"

January 19 – DCDS board of directors approves new strategic plan with focus on four areas: the community within DCDS, the broader DC community, advocacy activities and membership growth

Dr. Chad Jones

As the Owner of Navy Yard Dental, Dr. Jones is thrilled to be providing cosmetic, advanced restorative and surgical dentistry services to D.C.'s fastest growing neighborhood. His emphasis on patient comfort, as well as keeping up to date with the latest advancements in dentistry, enables him to provide the best possible care.



As a strong believer in continuing professional training and learning about the latest advancements in dentistry, Dr. Jones strengthens and develops his restorative, cosmetic, and implant dentistry skills by completing extensive continuing education programs each year in order to keep providing his patients with expert-level oral health treatment.

In his previous role as a General Dentist at So Others Might Eat (SOME), a community health non-profit, Dr. Jones served as attending doctor for rotating St. Elizabeths general practice residents, providing ongoing mentorship and training. In addition to his role on the Board of the District of Columbia Dental Society, Dr. Jones is also involved with the American Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry; and has volunteered with the Give Kids a Smile program, providing underserved children with free oral health services.

Dr. Jones has a deeply rooted understanding of the importance of oral health, from his childhood days of volunteering in his father's dental practice in Greenbelt, MD. He graduated from Howard University where he earned both his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Dental Surgery degrees. Dr. Jones received advanced general dentistry training at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Southeast Washington, the country's first public psychiatric hospital, where he worked with patients challenged by substance addiction, mental illness and living in extreme poverty.

As a proud recipient of the 2018 Prince George's County Social Innovation Fund *Forty UNDER 40 Award*, Dr. Jones is thrilled to share his passion for dentistry with the broader DMV-community.

Outside of dentistry, Dr. Jones enjoys spending time with his wife, Shivonne, and toddler son, as well as playing tennis, golfing, and exploring new restaurants in the D.C.-area. A native of the DMV, Dr. Jones currently resides in Mount Rainier, MD.

February 9 & 10 – DCDS hosts a two-part webinar on “Risk Management and Malpractice Avoidance” presented by R.K. Tongue

March 3 – DCDS Foundation announces a new partnership with the DC Catholic Charities Health Care Network (CCHCN) to provide pro bono oral healthcare to the underserved in our community

March 9 – DCDS monthly continuing education program on “Mastering Anterior Implant Esthetics” presented by Dr. Lee Ann Brady

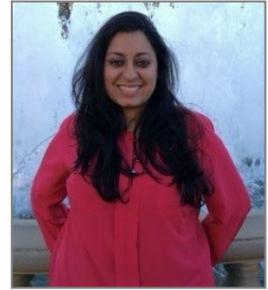
March 17 – DCDS sends follow up letter to Mayor Bowser and Director of DC Health Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt requesting that dentists be authorized to administer COVID-19 vaccinations at mass vaccination sites

March 30 – DCDS launches the Virtual Small Group series, a new educational and networking program; the first session focuses on a review of dental case studies

April 17 – DCDS hosts 2021 Spring Symposium for Licensure to provide DC dentists and dental team members with those difficult to find required continuing education courses all in one event.

Dr. Aliya Kassam

I have been an active and dedicated member of the District of Columbia Dental Society since 2014. This prestigious organization is very important to me and I wholeheartedly believe in our mission. As a young dentist and private practice owner, I bring my enthusiasm and energy to our group. As one who speaks highly of our organization, and has written a handful of letters for potential participants, I plan to bring more of my peers into the organization so that we may carry on the torch of the amazing members who have come before us. I am extremely committed to organized dentistry. At Howard University College of Dentistry, I actively held numerous leadership and liaison positions in my class, along with being elected as chair of various organizations. I have also participated in several Mission of Mercy events, in Oklahoma, DC, and Maryland. Last month, I attended the ADA Dentist and Student Lobby Days and meetings, which has given me insight to different facets of our profession. I plan to take these experiences and insights and make an impact in our organization and the dental community as a whole.



My willingness to work for and alongside my peers will be an asset to the organization. I will also put forth the effort needed to get projects done efficiently. I was a committee member of the 2017 Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting planning committee and served as a volunteer for the 2016 Mid-Atlantic Dental Meeting. Most recently, I was a member of the 2019 Spring Symposium for Licensure Committee. These experiences have given me insight into our organizational strengths and challenges, and I am committed to focus on what makes us a better group. I am a team player, have the ability to listen to others, and constructively solve problems. I endeavor to make objective and fair decisions, and reach a consensus in a timely manner. I promise to continue to exemplify high ethical standards and integrity in all professional and personal interactions. I am honored to be running alongside so many qualified candidates, and thank each of you for your consideration.

Dr. Lucciola Lambruschini



Director of Dental Services at Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Washington, has over 20 years of both general and pediatric dentistry experience. Dr. L completed dental school at University of San Martin de Porres in Lima, Peru. In 2005, started to volunteer at Spanish Catholic Center, where she found her passion about the importance for everyone to have access to dental care.

After graduating from AEGD and GPR at Howard University College of Dentistry, Dr. Lambruschini moved to Shenandoah Valley, where she had the opportunity in establishing, growing, and managing a local community dental clinic. Through both national and international dental health initiatives, Dr. Lambruschini has been able to share her skills in dentistry in providing dental care to many different populations including underserved children and adults. She also has served as a faculty member to her alma mater Howard University by teaching and supervising the College of Dentistry's residents. As a bilingual Peruvian dental practitioner also holding a Master of Business Administration from Shenandoah University, Dr. Lambruschini continues to collaborate with various organizations to promote oral dental health as well as direct the dental services program at Catholic Charities that continues to impact the immense population that is in great need. Moreover, Dr. L is a fellow of International College of Dentistry. Dr. Lambruschini, serves on the board of the Maryland Dental Action Coalition as well as participates with MOM Mid Atlantic organization.

In her spare time, Dr. Lucciola enjoys traveling, cooking, long walks in the beach and spending time with family and friends.

May Virtual CE Event: “Bonding Dental Ceramics & Materials and Techniques to Improve Class II Composites” (Clinical)

Clinical CE Virtual Presentation by Nathaniel Lawson, DMD PhD
Monday, May 17, 2021

Business Meeting Begins at 5:45 PM

Educational Program Begins at Approximately 6:00 PM

CE Credits Offered: 2.5 CE Credits

Visit the [DCDS Registration Fees & Cancellation Policy page](#) for more details on registration.



Course Information:

Part One: Bonding Dental Ceramics

The ability to bond dental ceramics allows the practitioner to perform more conservative tooth preparations. As there are many different types of dental ceramics available (zirconia, lithium disilicate, porcelain, processed composite, etc), determining the correct protocol for each type of ceramic can be confusing. This lecture aims to simplify the process of bonding ceramics and provide the clinician with a protocol that can be used to bond any type of dental ceramic. Each detail of the bonding procedure is based on research performed at the UAB School of Dentistry.

Learning objectives:

1. Review the indications for bonding dental ceramics
2. Classify dental ceramics based on their appropriate bonding protocol
3. Describe the available methods to clean ceramics prior to bonding
4. Present a protocol for preparing the surface of ceramic crowns (ie etching or sandblasting)
5. Review the primers used on ceramic restorations
6. Classify the types of cements used for adhesive bonding

[Register Here](#)

Part Two: Materials and Techniques to Improve Class II Composites

Class II composite restorations remain the bread and butter procedure of many general dentists. Although this procedure may seem trivial, there are many clinical factors which lead to a long-lasting restoration, including diagnosis, isolation, caries removal, cavity preparation, use of liner, matrix and wedge placement, bonding technique, composite placement, and finishing and polishing. This course aims to review the techniques for each of these steps based on current evidence.

Learning Objectives

1. Discuss treatment guidelines for interproximal caries and caries removal endpoints.
2. Discover materials and techniques to promote a long lasting adhesive bond and create a well-adapted restoration.
3. Analyze matrix utilization and contouring instruments to achieve a tight and well-contoured contact.

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Couldn't Attend the DCDS Symposium on April 17th? No Problem.

DCDS Spring 2021 Symposium for Licensure

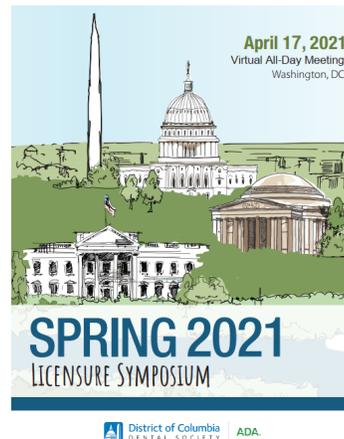
If you missed the Spring Symposium for Licensure on April 17th, you can still access the recordings of sessions. Be sure to act quickly as the recording will be available only until 5:00 PM Eastern on Monday, May 17.

CE Credits Offered: Up to 7 CE Credits

Symposium Session Recordings Available:

- Infection Control by Dr. John Molinari—2 CE Hours Offered
- LGBTQ Cultural Competency by Shannon Whittington—2 CE Hours Offered
- Ethics by Ms. Susan Gunn—1 CE Hour Offered
- Abuse and Misuse of Opioids/Prescription Drugs by Dr. Raymond Dionne—2 CE Hours Offered

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PPP Closes to Most Borrowers as Funding Dries Up

The Small Business Administration said Tuesday that nearly all of the \$292 billion allocated for the Paycheck Protection Program's second round of loans has been used, and almost all new loan applications will be rejected, according to The New York Times. There is still \$8 billion available for loans provided through community financial institutions, which typically prioritize underserved borrowers, as well as some money for lenders still processing pending applications. A recent [SBA report](#) shows more than 10.7 million loan applications had been approved as of Sunday, totaling \$780 billion in funds.

Full Story: [The New York Times](#) (5/4)

Regional Fund Offers Relief for Small Businesses

The [Southern Opportunity and Resilience Fund](#) opened last week with an initial commitment of more than \$50 million and a target of \$150 million to fund loans for struggling small business in 15 Southern and Mid-Atlantic states and the District of Columbia, according to the Houston Business Journal and San Antonio's KSAT-TV. The program offers loans of up to \$100,000 to businesses with as many as 50 employees that have experienced a direct financial disruption from the pandemic.

Full Story: [KSAT-TV \(San Antonio\)](#) (5/3), [The Business Journals \(tiered subscription model\)/Houston](#) (4/27)

Blood Pressure Drugs Help Lower Cardiovascular Event Rate, Study Finds

An analysis of 344,716 individuals in 48 clinical trials showed that medications to reduce blood pressure were associated with a lower risk of cardiovascular events, regardless of CVD history or baseline BP levels, according to Healio. Researchers said the findings, published in [The Lancet](#), suggest that the medications can be useful in primary and secondary prevention of major CVD events, even for patients with blood pressure levels that do not require treatment.

Full Story: [Healio \(free registration\)/Cardiology Today](#) (4/30)

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