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# The Strength of our Profession is Not Only What We Do as Dentists, But Who Stands Beside Us as We Do It

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT: Robin Nguyen, DDS, MS



The landscape of dentistry is changing, the landscape of our association is changing. There comes a juncture when fundamentally we are asked: Will we shape what comes next, or will we let it be shaped for us?

This past year, that question has been in front of us — again and again. And each time, this community has answered the same way: by showing up.

We've shown up where it matters most, advocating for the integrity and future of dentistry. In Tallahassee, we continue to stand firmly against the dental therapy bill, ensuring that decisions impacting patient care are guided by those who understand it best. On the national stage, we've added our voices to the push for meaningful change — supporting the REDI Act to address the burden of dental education costs, and advocating for a dental loss ratio to bring fairness and transparency to the systems that affect how we practice and how our patients receive care.

But advocacy is only part of our story.

This year, we made a conscious decision to listen — to understand not just what we think our members need, but what you've told us truly matters. We heard your desire

for continuing education that is relevant and practical. We heard the importance of connection—not just as colleagues, but as people navigating the same challenges and celebrating the same milestones.

From that listening came action. I am especially looking forward to our inaugural Family Fun Day on May 9th, a day designed for connection. A day where we step away from the operatory and come together with the people who support us behind the scenes — our families. Because the strength of our profession is not only in what we do, but in who stands beside us as we do it.

We've also worked to meet you where you are, rethinking how we communicate, revitalizing our social media presence, and striving to engage in ways that feel timely, relevant, and meaningful. Communication is no longer just about sharing information — it's about building connection, and that has been our focus.

And perhaps what gives me the greatest sense of hope is this: more of you have stepped forward to lead. Not because you had to, but because you care. Because you believe in something bigger than yourself. That willingness to lead, to participate, to invest in the future of our profession — that is what ensures we will not stand still.

Because standing still is not an option.

We are in a time where dentistry is evolving, where practice models are changing, where perceptions are shifting, and where the pressures on our profession are real. But so is our ability to adapt, to unify, and to lead with purpose.

Organized dentistry exists for exactly this reason — to protect, to advocate, and to elevate the profession we love. No matter how or where you practice — whether in private practice, group settings, academia, or public health — you belong here. Your voice matters. Your role matters.

And our future will be shaped by those willing to stand together, not by those whose voice is the loudest.

So as my presidency term comes to an end, I leave you with this: what we've built together is strong. What lies ahead will require continued courage. But if this year has shown us anything, it's that we are more than capable.

Together, with unity, purpose, and hope — we will continue to shape what comes next.

Thank you for the honor of serving you this past year, and I know the future of our West Coast is bright in the capable and committed

## CE Biennium: Organize Your Records Your Way



The new continuing education biennium began March 1, 2026, and runs through February 28, 2028. In the past, the association provided a biennium folder to help members organize CE records. This year, we encourage members to create their own simple system—whether paper or digital.

If you prefer a paper system, simply use any file folder labeled “CE License Renewal 2026–2028” and keep copies of your CE certificates and related documentation inside.

If you use a digital filing system, create a folder titled “CE License Renewal 2026–2028”

and save your digital CE records as you complete courses.

You may also choose to log into CE Broker after each course and self-submit CE credits immediately for courses taken outside of Florida. Keep in mind that Florida CE providers are required to report your credits directly to CE Broker, so those courses should appear automatically.

Creating a system now can make license renewal quick and stress-free.

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AUG 21-23, 2026

The Ritz-Carlton, Naples

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colleagues, and plenty of time to enjoy  
the resort with family and friends



# SUMMER MEETING DETAILS

**Meeting Date:** August 21-23, 2026

**Location:** Lectures, meetings and exhibits take place at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. The hotel reservation link will be provided once you have registered for the Summer Meeting. Limit 2 rooms per registrant. Individuals not registered for the meeting will be charged the hotel rack rate instead of the group rate upon checkout.

## Meeting Registration Fees:

WCDDA, FDA or ADA Member EARLY BIRD:	\$295
Non-Member	\$445
Dental Student/Resident	FREE
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Dental Team Member	\$85
Guest (no CE)	FREE
Golf	\$195

**Register before August 7 to save:** CE fees increase by \$50.00 per registration category on August 7. Preregistered dentists receive a WCDDA amenity.

## Refund and Cancellation Policy:

All requests for refunds or cancellations must be made in writing to the WCDDA prior to the preregistration deadline of August 7. A cancellation/processing fee of 15% will be charged. No refunds will be given if cancellation is received after the preregistration deadline. No refunds will be given on site.

**Questions?** Questions or requests concerning room reservations should be addressed with The Ritz-Carlton, Naples (239) 598-3300. Questions concerning meeting registration should be addressed with the WCDDA office (813) 654-2500.



# HOTEL RATES AND INFORMATION

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# WCDDA SUMMER MEETING AGENDA

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

### Registration and Exhibits

7:30 am – 12:00 pm



### Golf at Tiburón

Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Exciting times await as we prepare for a fantastic golf session at Tiburón. More details will be revealed soon, promising a memorable experience. Stay tuned for updates on the schedule, activities, and special features of this event. Prepare your clubs for a day of enjoyable golfing!



### Plug the Money Drain in Your Practice: Professional Financial Management for the Non-Financial Professional

Mr. Larry Guzzardo

8:00 am – 11:30 am, 3 CEUs

Have you ever wondered where all the money goes? Or why you don't keep more of what you've worked so hard to produce? Stop wrestling with the confusing steps to understanding where the money drains from your practice to gain financial control over your professional finances. Even if you don't like numbers. We'll teach you an easy way to track your break-even point, operating costs, and expense budgeting to stop profits from going down the drain.

This session will teach you:

- How to determine Operating Expenses vs Non-Operating Expenses.
- The difference between Production and Collection and how to stop the drain.
- The actual financial cost to you from write-offs and discounted dentistry.
- How to know if you can afford that next major purchase?
- How to easily calculate how much debt you can afford.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

### Registration and Exhibits

8:00 am – 11:30 am



### How to Extend the Warranty While Still Enjoying the Ride!

Dr. Betsy Board

8:30 am – 9:30 am, 1.5 CEUs

Nothing can be more frustrating than burnout, illness, and disability after giving so much to our professions. This presentation will teach you the science-based and practical concepts of functional medicine as it relates to enhancing and protecting our vitality as professionals but also as human beings with a desire for the fulfillment of what we want most from life. We have seen this happen; after working passionately to achieve what we want most we often neglect a minimum level of health and longevity required to enjoy the fruits of our labors. As professionals in the health care industry, we are at exceptional risk, but so is anyone who is overcommitted and overextended. It's possible to immediately improve the quality of your life. Join us as we start the journey to develop a lifestyle that will serve as the foundation for a healthy, balanced life.

In this presentation you'll learn to:

- Feed your passion while avoiding burnout. And if already burned out? How to rekindle the flame.
- Discover why diversity confers stability
- Recognize and weed out saboteurs that inhibit your ability to think.
- Learn how to create a healthy lifestyle that will last into your later years.



### Integrating Dental Sleep Medicine into Your Practice

Dr. Joe Grimaudo

10:00 am – 11:30 am, 1.5 CEUs

This practical lecture introduces general dentists to the integration of dental sleep medicine using mandibular advancement devices for the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea. Topics include patient selection, delivery and follow-up of therapy, management of common complications, fundamentals of medical billing, and strategies for collaborating with physicians. Attendees will gain actionable insights to confidently incorporate dental sleep medicine into their practice while improving patient care and expanding clinical opportunities.

### Executive Cabinet Meeting

11:30am

### Affiliate Round Table Meeting

2:30pm

### WCDDA Officer Installation & Beer, Wine & Cheese Reception

5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

See next page for fun details about the theme for this event!



# SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

## Registration and Exhibits

8:00 am – 11:30 am



### Medical Errors

Dr. Nicholas Grimaudo

8:00 am – 10:00am, 2 CEUs

The purpose of this course is to provide health care professionals with an overview of the problem of medical errors, factors contributing to the occurrence of these errors, and steps that can be taken by

institutions and individual care providers to reduce medical errors in key care settings.

At the conclusion of this course, the participant will be able to:

- Recognize common performance and diagnostic errors.
- Describe the elements of a root cause analysis.
- Identify risk management measures designed to prevent dental errors and increase patient's safety.

### Domestic Violence

Dr. Nicholas Grimaudo

10:30 am – 12:30pm, 2 CEUs

This lecture will provide current and specific information for the proper detection, reporting, and investigation of human abuse. Participants will gain an understanding of the importance of the unique position of the oral healthcare team in recognizing abuse, and the responsibilities of the oral healthcare team as mandated reporters according to Florida law and the FDA and ADA Codes.

Additionally, participants will:

- Study the various maxillofacial, oral, head, neck, and body injuries that are generally associated with human physical abuse, to include child, spousal, elder, and abuse of the disabled.
- Learn the various types of abuse that may present, including physical, emotional, sexual, and financial, as well as neglect.
- Understand the behaviors that are common among abuse victims and offenders and will learn how their examination can aid in a complete investigation.
- Gain an understanding of the psychological, patient management, and treatment considerations of both the abused patient and the abuse survivor.



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## I HAVE NOWHERE TO WEAR THIS

### Theme for our 2026-2027 WCCDA Officer Installation & Reception

Saturday, August 22, 5:00 pm–7:30 pm

Join us as we honor the incoming officers and their commitment to advancing the organization's mission. Now's your moment to wear that outfit you've been saving for "something special." Our "I Have Nowhere to Wear This" reception lets you wear something bold, elegant, or uniquely you, whether it's a ballgown, tuxedo, or statement piece. Let's toast new leadership and enjoy a stylish, memorable evening together.



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# The Power of Choosing Dentistry

## Spotlight on West Coast's Newest Officer: Dr. Barbara Quintero-Chong

"I chose dentistry twice, once in Venezuela and once in the U.S.," says Dr. Barbara Quintero-Chong, the newly elected Secretary of the West Coast District Dental Association. That path broadened her perspective on the profession and deepened her commitment to advocacy.

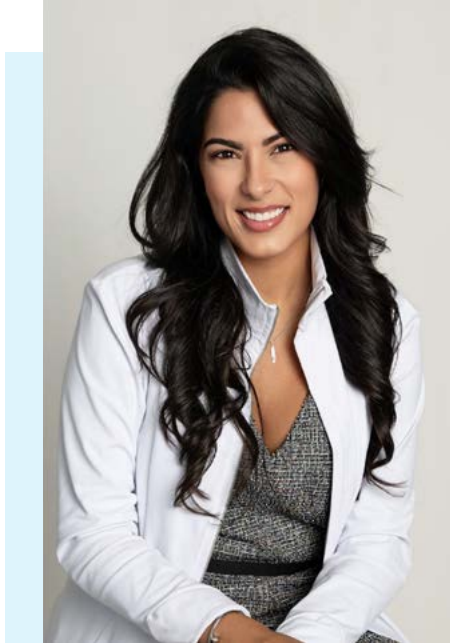
"Venezuela has extremely talented doctors, but because the country was so politically challenging it added pressure to the profession," she says. "In the U.S., we have the highest standard of care, and when we add professional advocacy to that clinical excellence, we enable them to work hand in hand, so that we can care for both patients and doctors."

When Dr. Quintero-Chong chose to move to the U.S. 12 years ago, she rebuilt her professional life by taking the boards and completing a two-year residency in Advanced Education in General Dentistry and two fellowships in implantology. Along the way, she also worked as a lead assistant, an office manager, and on the front desk. "Doing those jobs gave me a deeper respect for the entire team and what they do. It helped me to better understand what the team is feeling."

Now she's ready for her new role with West Coast. "I want to add my voice to the collective body to protect the integrity of what we do. I want to give back to this country and to the Tampa Bay area."

When she's not at one of the three offices where she practices, she's discovered another vantage point. "I have been taking flying lessons for about five months. And when I went for my first lesson, they told me that I would love my instructor. It turns out my instructor is a pilot and a hygienist!"

Dr. Quintero-Chong says flying feels familiar, because like performing dental surgery, it requires discipline and precision. "I love flying around Tampa. It gives you a completely new view." And since she moved to Clearwater three years ago, she likes what she sees. "I'm so happy to be here. This dental community has been so welcoming, and it's so vibrant and connected. It was the best decision to move to this area."



### MORE PERSPECTIVES FROM DR. QUINTERO-CHONG

- Thoughts on her upcoming term as Secretary: "I feel fortunate to be part of an association like the West Coast District Dental Association and am eager to learn from its leaders."
- Her practice philosophy: "We are humans treating humans. We start with clinical excellence as our baseline. Gaining patient trust allows us to succeed."
- Pet: Her 13-year-old pug, Pancho.
- What keeps her grounded? Family and faith.
- She loves...travel, experiencing varied cultures, and trying out different restaurants. "New restaurants can give the same perspectives as travel," she says.



She hopes more dentists will seek out that sense of connection through membership in West Coast. "It provides a vital sense of belonging, and our challenges are lighter if we carry them together. When we are united, we have a more powerful voice to protect what we do and be a part of the solution, part of how to make it better for the future."

She says recognizing the importance of organized dentistry depends on choosing the right perspective. "It's easy for us to develop tunnel vision, focusing on that half millimeter or what's happening in our operatories. But

when we widen our view beyond that, we see what our profession needs as far as us protecting it."

And while Dr. Quintero-Chong enjoys viewing life from many different perspectives, at work she focuses on the dignity of the profession. "When a patient looks in the mirror and recognizes themselves again, or we help them reclaim their ability to smile or speak, I see firsthand that our service can truly change someone's life." And for that reason, she says: "I'd choose dentistry again — a million times."

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# Membership Milestones

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Dr. Thomas Hale  
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Dr. David Pascia  
Dr. Nirav Patel  
Dr. Dan Prasatthong  
Dr. Maher Rashid  
Dr. Alan Rembos  
Dr. Gilberto Rivera  
Dr. Anthony Schweiger  
Dr. Gary Selby  
Dr. Brian Thomas  
Dr. Toan Tran  
Dr. Chandeev Weerasooriya  
Dr. Geary Yamashita

## 30 Years

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Dr. Debra Bowers  
Dr. David Burch  
Dr. Edson Bustamante  
Dr. Jay Cagata  
Dr. Amy Creech-Gionis  
Dr. Kimberley Daxon  
Dr. Adam Diasti  
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Dr. Neeraj Grover  
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Dr. Siuhung Fan  
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Dr. Cesar Keathley  
Dr. Vicki Lindauer  
Dr. Luis Martinez  
Dr. Linda May  
Dr. Julio Maya  
Dr. Mark Mitchell  
Dr. Stephen Morris  
Dr. Edward Paikoff  
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Dr. Rose Rosanelli  
Dr. Kenneth Schweizer  
Dr. Lance Seberg  
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Dr. John Yavorsky

## 50 Years

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Dr. Leo Durrett  
Dr. David Ferry  
Dr. Frank Giunta  
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Dr. David Neal  
Dr. James Pyle  
Dr. Richard Rogers  
Dr. Thomas Roth  
Dr. Mitchell Strumpf  
Dr. David Thompson  
Dr. William Truax  
Dr. Todd Wiener

## 60 Years

Dr. George Boring  
Dr. Thomas Garrett

## Longest Member

Dr. Ralph Baker – 75 years

## In Memoriam

We are deeply saddened  
by the loss of our  
beloved colleagues.

**Donald Herbert  
Wadsworth, DDS**  
of Tampa, FL passed away on  
January 14, 2025

**Michael P. Collins, DDS**  
of Tampa, FL, passed away on  
March 24, 2026

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# Updates from the 2026 Dentists' Day on the Hill

SHARED BY FIRST TIME ATTENDEE:

Dr. Jignesh Navin Patel

Attending Dentists' Day on the Hill (DDOH) was a valuable and rewarding experience that reinforced the importance of advocacy in our profession. As dentists, we are deeply involved in patient care every day, but DDOH provided a meaningful opportunity to step outside the operatory and engage directly in conversations that shape the future of dentistry.

The event offered an excellent platform to connect with colleagues from across the state and to meet with legislators and their staff to discuss issues that directly impact dental practices and patient access to care, especially the introduction of dental therapists in the dental workforce across the state.

In addition to that, various topics such as workforce challenges, insurance concerns, and the overall sustainability of private practice dentistry were thoughtfully addressed. Having the chance to share real-world experiences from my own practice helped bring these issues to life and underscored how policy decisions affect both providers and patients.

In addition to advocacy, DDOH was a great opportunity for networking and professional growth. Hearing diverse perspectives from fellow dentists highlighted that, while our practices may differ, many of the challenges we face are shared. The sense of unity and collaboration at the event was encouraging and motivating.

Overall, DDOH was an insightful experience that strengthened my appreciation for organized dentistry and the role it plays in representing our profession. I would strongly encourage colleagues, especially those who have not previously participated, to attend future DDOH events. Being involved makes a difference, and our collective voices truly matter.

I truly thank the Florida Dental Association to offer me this wonderful opportunity to be amongst the stalwart of the dental profession.



The Next Dentists Day on the Hill  
in Tallahassee: **MARCH 2027**

# 2025 advocacy highlights

BY OLIVIA ANDERSON

In 2025, the ADA drove major insurance reforms nationwide. Federally, the ADA pushed back on questionable insurer practices and sought greater payer scrutiny. The Association had legislation introduced — H.R. 1521, the Dental Optometric Care Access Act of 2025 — and secured 93 co-sponsors. In the states, the ADA supported 40 successful state-level reform campaigns, and secured key changes to the National Council of Insurance Legislators *Transparency in Dental Benefits Contracting*

*Model Act*. The Association advanced tax relief for small dental businesses and helped restore the pass through entity tax deduction, guaranteeing tax parity for small business dental practices. The ADA supported key provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act to strengthen military dental care. A number of states saw meaningful Medicaid changes across the country. Additionally, ADA advocacy helped protect community water fluoridation and prescription fluoride supplements. Here is an infographic sampling some of the Association's 2025 wins. For a full breakdown, visit [ADA.org/Advocacy](https://ADA.org/Advocacy). ■



## ADVOCACY MILESTONES

- The ADA pushed for the extension of crucial small business tax provisions in the budget reconciliation bill. Due to ADA advocacy:
  - **The pass-through entity tax deduction was restored, guaranteeing tax parity for small business dental practices and protecting dentists from a 1.5%-5% tax hike.**
  - The bill includes a permanent 20% small business income deduction, restoration of 100% bonus depreciation, new domestic research tax incentives, the preservation of a 21% corporate tax rate, and a \$40,000 individual state and local tax deduction.
- The ADA defended critical oral health funding for the CDC, HRSA, NIDCR and IHS to pass a bill with strong investments in programs essential to dentistry, funding for dental research and oral health efforts.
- Congress passed the National Defense Authorization Act, which included an ADA-supported provision, sponsored by Rep. Brian Babin, D.D.S., R-Texas, to strengthen accreditation standards for military dental treatment facilities to help ensure the highest standard of care for service members.



## DENTAL INSURANCE REFORMS

- The ADA has successfully encouraged 93 co-sponsors of H.R. 1521, or the Dental and Optometric Care Access Act of 2025.
- **With ADA support, both strategic and financial, state dental societies were successful in 40 dental insurance reform campaigns in 2025.** Thirty-nine new laws passed and one legislative effort was successful in preventing the loss of an important, long-standing claim payment statutory protection.
- The National Council of Insurance Legislators made two ADA-supported changes to the Transparency in Dental Benefits Contracting Model Act, first adopted in 2020. Should the new language be adopted in a state, the insurer must first get dentists' express permission prior to using virtual credit card payment methods that require dentists to pay a fee to collect claim payment. Second, dentists' election on payment methods remains active until the dentist changes it or a new contract is executed.



## WORKFORCE

- Twelve states have enacted legislation to join the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact. The states are Nebraska, Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Ohio, Kansas, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.
- The ADA authored the Dental Access Model Act, which supports the expansion of access to dental care, as a roadmap to help upskill dental team members.
- **The ADA has advocated to protect more than \$50 million in appropriated federal funding for workforce recruitment and development initiatives.**
- ADA advocated for bill introduction and secured 80 bipartisan cosponsors in the House of Representatives and Senate for the Resident Education Deferred Interest Act (REDI Act) to allow medical and dental students to defer payments on federal student loans and delay interest accrual until after completing their residency programs.



## MEDICAID REFORMS

- **At least 15 states adopted Medicaid changes significant for those providing or seeking dental care.**
- Twelve states enacted laws or policies that adopted meaningful changes for Medicaid dental care, resulting in higher reimbursements or other advancements such as increased annual spending limits for adults.
- At least three states improved program offerings such as extending post-partum dental care for enrollees and expanding the number of adults eligible for dental care.



## COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION

- **ADA-led efforts averted an FDA ban on the use of prescription fluoride supplements.** Instead, the FDA took the lesser action of telling companies to restrict use in children under age 3 or older children who were not at high risk for tooth decay.
- The ADA convinced the Trump Administration to continue the Biden Administration's appeal of the EPA lawsuit and filed an amicus brief in support of the Environmental Protection Agency's appeal of the court order directing the agency to further regulate the fluoridation of public water systems.
- **Of 23 governments proposing to end or limit fluoridation, 16 states rejected the idea. Some states filed several bills, all of which were rejected.**

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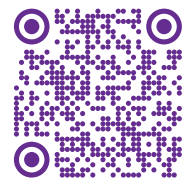
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