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Mon., Oct. 28, 2024

Normandy Farms



“Diagnostic Dilemma: Differential Diagnoses of the Oral Cavity”

Presented by:

Roopali Kulkarni, DMD, MPH

The mouth is the mirror to the body. In this lecture, review common oral lesions and redevelop your style for developing differential diagnoses. Learn how to identify signs of mucosal diseases and implement an interdisciplinary approach to treating patients.

Course Objectives:

- Review common oral lesions and mucosal conditions for clinical practice
- Redevelop a strategy for differential diagnoses
- Explore the connection between oral and systemic health

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**Cocktails - 6:30 PM Dinner - 7 PM
Meeting - 8 PM
See page 16 for Registration form.**



President's Message

Dear Members,

Welcome to the first bulletin of the 2024-2025 year! Yet another summer has seemed to fly by and fall is upon us. It is personally my favorite time of the year; between the cooler weather, pumpkin everything and the birthday of yours truly. I am very excited to start my year as President of MBDS. I want to give a huge shout out to my predecessor, Dr. Danielle Teitelman for all the hard work and accomplishments during her tenure.

Before getting to the exciting updates with MBDS, I wanted to reflect on community service that myself and many of the MBDS community participated in this summer. The Mission of Mercy in Pennsylvania (MOM-N-PA) is an annual all-volunteer charity dental event started in 2013 that rotates through various communities in Pennsylvania. In June I had the privilege of participating again providing oral and maxillofacial surgical care in Reading, PA. It was an honor to volunteer alongside so many of my colleagues in the MBDS and our sister societies. I am already looking forward to next year's event in Wilkes-Barre.

Changing gears to the MBDS, over the summer we have already been hard at work making the MBDS a better organization to serve its membership better now and in the future. As a first step, the Executive Committee met in May for a special strategic planning session. First off, after careful deliberation and discussion we adopted new Mission and Purpose statements. Our newly written Mission statement is ***“To be the primary professional resource for our members in Montgomery and Bucks Counties by fostering opportunities for engagement, leadership, and education. To ensure that every member feels valued and connected, with ample opportunities for networking and involvement.”*** The Purpose is ***“To support the overall wellbeing of our members and foster a sense of community in the profession.”***

From this new framework, the roles of the MBDS Executive Committee have been streamlined and reorganized to better serve the committee and ultimately, our membership. I want to truly thank everyone who accepted the new positions and committees. If any of our general members have an interest in being involved with a leadership position, please contact me and I would be happy to elevate your involvement.

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Executive Council Meetings:

(held at Normandy Farms Conference Center)

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 (zoom)

Dinner Meetings: Cocktail hour beginning at 6:00 & dinner at 7:00

(held at Normandy Farms Conference Center)

October 28, 2024 – Diagnostic Dilemma:

Differential Diagnoses of the Oral Cavity, *Normandy Farms*

Friday Full Day CE Meetings: Courses run 9:00 to 3:30

(held at Normandy Farms Conference Center)

September 27, 2024 – Dr. Juan Yepes

AM: Pediatric Radiology - PM: New Frontiers in Dental Materials for Pediatric Patients

March 14, 2025 – Dr. Angela Stout, Dr. Michael Kaner, Karen Pass

Act 31: Child Abuse Recognition & Reporting

Pain Management Alternatives & Identification of Addiction

OSHA Safety & Infection Control Training

GPVFDC Course

October 25, 2024 – Dr. Joshua Austin, *Valley Forge Casino Resort*

March 28, 2025 – Michelle Strange, *Valley Forge Casino Resort*

Social Events

September 22, 2024 – Dinner at the Zoo, *Elmwood Park Zoo*



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2024

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Animal Show in the Canopy Gardens: 5:15 PM

RSVP by Tuesday September 13th

Registration required.

Register at mbds.org click on “For Dentists” then “Special Events”

President's Message *Continued from Page 1*

MBDS is planning a lot of educational and social events for the next year. We are planning to have the traditional dinner meetings as well as all day CE courses. A brand new type of event for MBDS, the “**Tech and Toys in Dentistry**” should be a healthy mix of education and networking as there will be live demonstrations, special event-only discounts, and a raffle. The event is by registration and will be **November 14, 2024** at Montgomery County Community College (Blue Bell).

The event is open to doctors, hygienists, and staff, so bring the whole team!

As you can tell, this year is off to a great start already. I am looking forward to seeing my MBDS colleagues over the next year!

Mark Kienle

Mark Kienle, MD, DMD, MBA

Congratulations!



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Join us ~ from 6:30-8 PM for

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Thurs, Oct. 10th

Thurs, Dec. 12th

Locations to be determined.

Check www.mbds.org for details.

*Open to everyone, even the kids!
Let's just hang out and chat about
various topics relating to dentistry
and topics that affect our
members.*





EDITOR'S NOTE: The opinions expressed in the following article are the author's own, and are not representative of any one organization. This article has not been fact checked.

Respectfully, do you know your neighbour? Not the person next door at your home address, but your professional neighbour? The dentists, hygienists, and orthodontists who operate in the same locale as you, and service the same patients that you do? You would more likely refer to them as your competitors and, while they technically are, I think the time has come that we rethink the way we relate to each other as dental professionals if there is to be a bright future for any of us here.

The truth is that in the market for dental services, we aren't that different. We have similar goals of building our client bases, running strong practices, and thriving in our profession. But we sabotage ourselves by leading with divisiveness: when we refuse to communicate with each other, when we throw darts at one another, when we turn our clients against our neighbours, and treat our dignified field as though it is a cut-throat industry where hostility is the only way to survive.

In polling a sample of dentists, both general and specialist, a common experience expressed was having patients return with unreasonable and egregious criticisms levied against their work from other dentists in the neighbourhood. Harsh judgement in the absence of a conversation, without reference to their treatment plan, and without any consideration for procedural differences that understandably exist between practitioners.

When did we develop the idea that the only way to win a client was to denigrate the work of another? Why do we prefer to share our uninformed and rash judgments with the patient, before picking up the phone to first discuss our concerns with the dentist next door? Why are we allowing dental hierarchy to dictate the level of respect—or disrespect—we give each other? Where is our neighbourly courtesy? We are all members of the dental fraternity, but we are exposing ourselves to lawsuits with these acts of incivility.

While dental malpractice claims are considerably less than for physicians, these claims cost us tremendously in settlement/suit payouts, loss of productive work hours, stress, and reputational damage. We are creating a litigious neighbourhood because our lack of professionalism and communication is fostering an environment where patients distrust and second-guess our advice and our work. Do we really think this is in anyone's best interest? Are we still focused on maximizing successful patient outcomes or on maximizing the extraction of client funds? There are many ways to make our practices more efficient and financially sound without tearing each other down and tearing apart the gums and pockets of our patients.

The reality is that as practitioners in an already gruelling profession, we are operating in a time of great challenge. We are increasingly dealing with emotionally-charged patients with no shortage of tragic post-COVID stories; overwhelming demand and challenges being faced

by the support teams on which we rely; and the continual lowering of dental reimbursements from insurance companies; finally, add on unnecessary friction and potential legal action—at the hands of your neighbour? Aren't we in this together?

This is the time we should come together and support each other; to weather the storms and protect one another. Just as in dental school, we succeeded because we listened, shared, encouraged, and built up each other. Likewise, we could do so much better for our practices and our clients if we are mature about communicating, collaborating,

knowledge-sharing, and referring patients to your neighbours with expertise in an area that is not your strength. There will always be lines of differences between us related to our philosophies, specialities or techniques, but differences don't preclude the decency of speaking respectfully and professionally to and about each other. We can do better, together.

Admittedly though, I didn't enter the field to be a crusader for building up the dental community. I spent the last 20 years of my career, like most of you, working in my own silo, trying to figure out how to build a successful practice through

my own excellence and ingenuity. But I didn't need to reinvent the wheel, and neither do you. Through supportive mentorship, and amazing immersive experiences at the PA Leadership Academy, I have seen and grown so much. There is an abundance of expertise and resources out there waiting for you to tap into: simple solutions, better workflows, systems and methods you can employ to achieve more profit while doing less. Believe it or not there is enough for all of us to thrive, but it begins with knowing and respecting your neighbours as teammates, not competitors.

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Seminar #1: Friday, September 27, 2024

AM: Pediatric Oral Radiology: From Radiation Safety to Lesions

PM: New Frontiers to Use in the Pediatric Patient

Dr. Juan Yepes

Level: Entire Team

AM: Pediatric Oral Radiology: From Radiation Safety to Lesions

This seminar will provide the attendee the most common radiographic lesions that are presented in infants, children, and adolescents. The seminar will use case-presentation as the learning and discussion format and will cover the entire spectrum of oral radiology in pediatric dentistry. Topics such as radiation safety, digital radiology, CBCT in pediatric dentistry, radiographic interpretation and common radiographic lesions in children will be covered in this seminar.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the importance of “building” a differential interpretation in radiology
- Learn the most common radiographic lesions in infants, children, and adolescents.
- Learn the indications of CBCT within the frame of practicing pediatric dentistry
- Understand the importance of radiation safety in the practice of dentistry with children and adolescents

PM: New Frontiers to Use in the Pediatric Patient

This seminar will provide the attendee with the most up-to-date information regarding the fascinating field of restorative dentistry in children. The seminar will use case-presentation as the learning and discussion format and will cover the entire spectrum of restorative dentistry in the pediatric dentistry with special emphasis in new materials available for the dentist.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the indications and criteria for the use of dental materials in the pediatric patient
- Learn the most updated information about silver diamine fluoride



Dr. Juan Yepes DDS, MD, MPH, MS, DrPH is a full professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and the associate dean for graduate education at Indiana University School of Dentistry and an attending at Riley Children Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. Juan F. is also a clinical professor at the University at Buffalo. Dr. Yepes is a dentist (DDS) and a physician (MD) from Javeriana University at Bogotá, Colombia. In 1999, he moved to the USA and attended the University of Iowa and the University of Pennsylvania where he completed a fellowship and residency in Radiology and Oral Medicine respectively in 2002 and 2004. In 2006, Dr. Yepes completed a Master in Public Health (MPH), and in 2011 a Doctoral Degree in Public Health (DrPH) both with emphasis in Epidemiology at the University of Kentucky College of Public Health. In 2008, he completed a residency program in Dental Public Health at University of Texas, Baylor College of Dentistry. Finally, Dr. Yepes completed a residency program and a master in pediatric dentistry at the University of Kentucky in 2012.

Dr. Yepes is board-certified by the American Boards of Pediatric Dentistry, Oral Medicine, and Dental Public Health. He is an active member of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, American Academy of Oral Medicine, American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, Indiana Dental Association, and American Dental Association. Dr. Yepes is a fellow in dental surgery from the Royal College of Surgeons at Edinburgh. He is a member of the editorial board of Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, and Oral Radiology. Dr. Yepes is also the associate editor of the Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA)

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Seminar #2: Friday, March 14, 2025*Level: Entire Team***Session 1: Act 31 Child Abuse Recognition & Reporting****Session 2: Pain Management Alternatives & Identification of Addiction****Session 3: OSHA Review Post COVID****Session 1: Act 31 Child Abuse Recognition & Reporting - Dr. Angela Stout**

PDA's program, *Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting for Dental Professionals*, is approved by the Department of Human Services and the PA State Board of Dentistry and will fulfill Act 31 mandatory CE requirements for licensed dental professionals (dentists, hygienists and EFDAs).

Course Objectives:

- Understand categories of child abuse as defined by the Child Protective Services Law.
- Recognize universal child abuse indicators.
- Recognize clinical and intraoral pathologies of physical and sexual abuse.
- Understand the legal responsibilities as mandated reporters.
- Know when, how and where to report suspected abuse, and what happens after a report is made.
- Understand the protections for reporters and penalties for failure to report.

ATTENTION: Attendees will be asked to provide their full name, license number, date of birth and the last 4 digits of their social security number at the course.

PDA will transmit this information to the state to verify that you completed the course.

Session 2: Pain Management Alternatives & Identification of Addiction - Dr. Michael Kaner

The lecture will fulfill the Act 124 of 2016, CE requirement for dentists who have a current DEA registration or use another DEA number (as permitted by law) to prescribe controlled substances. Pain management, identification of addiction and the practices of prescribing opioids will be discussed. 2 CE credits required for dentists who hold a DEA registration or use another DEA number to prescribe controlled substances. 2 CE credits also appropriate for hygienists and dental assistants.

Course Objectives:

- Understand the pathology and physiology of pain and addiction.
- Suggest alternative therapies for pain management.
- Assess treatment programs and understand how to refer for treatment.
- Cite the history and politics of opioids.
- Be aware of doctor prescribing habits.

Session 3: OSHA Safety and Infection Control Training (2 hours) - Karen Pass

This seminar discusses several OSHA requirements: the Hazard Communication Standard, the Bloodborne Pathogen Standard, and the General Industry Standard (including COVID-19 updates, injury/illness management and reporting, fire and life safety/Emergency Response Plans, workplace violence, and other topics related to health and safety in the dental workplace), and the CDC Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Healthcare Settings.

- MBDS provides the CE that you and your team need for licensure and to provide the finest services to your patients.
- Course participation is first come, first serve. Don't be locked out of the best CE in town! Register Early!
- Courses held at Normandy Farms Conference Center, Blue Bell, PA, unless otherwise noted.

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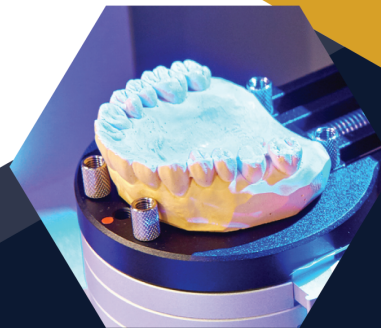
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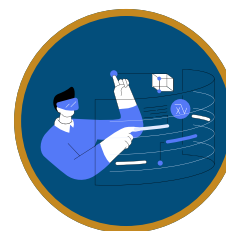
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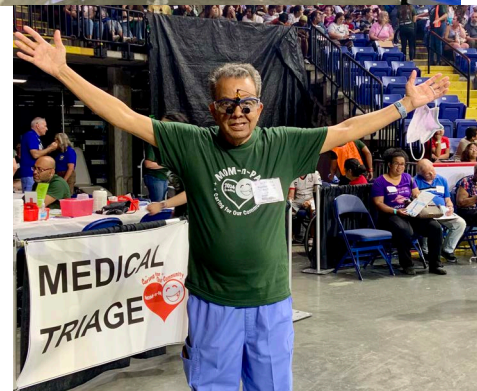


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Thanks again for your hard work and for making this year's mission in Reading so successful. You made a significant difference in the lives of many people.

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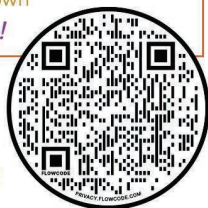
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Clubhouse is straight back and on the left.

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☐ Friday, September 27, 2024 -

AM: Pediatric Oral Radiology

PM: New Frontier in Dental Materials for Pediatric Patients

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Non-Member Dentist: \$450 • their staff member \$195

☐ Friday, March 14, 2025 -

#1: ACT 31 Child Abuse Recognition & Reporting

#2: Pain Management & Addiction Identification

#3: OSHA Review Post COVID

Registration open online early October

Special Reduced Fees:

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