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From the Editor

By Kevin J. Hanley, DDS

As you read this, hopefully we are in the end game when it comes to reopening our practices so we can provide the essential care to all our patients. Many around the state have expressed disappointment in the leadership the ADA, NYSDA, and the Eighth District have shown in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. I assure you, all of the tripartite have been actively engaged in this effort of returning to a normal schedule in our offices and



returning dentistry to an "essential business" designation, which it deserves.

The NYSDA Board of Trustees have met virtually several times over the past two months to discuss what we can do to influence the powers that be to reestablish dentistry in its rightful place as an essential business. We have been in contact with the governor's office repeatedly to have the governor reverse his decision stating dentistry is a non-essential business, open only for emergency care. NYSDA has been working closely with the New York State Department of Health, the New York City Department of Health, the State Education Department, and several state leaders in our quest to get our members and all other dentists open and treating their patients.

The ADA has been continuing its fight on our behalf to get dentists back to normal. Of course, their mandate is a national one, so they are looking at it from that perspective. They have sent out numerous emails addressing the situation and giving guidance as to what to do when practices can start reopening. They recently sent out return to work guidelines on how to reopen safely. These guidelines cover what each practice should do to make sure their offices are safe for themselves, their staffs, and their patients. It is a comprehensive guide to the safe reopening of dental practices and has much important information for all involved. It is available on ada.org if you need a copy.

The ADA lobbied hard for dentistry to be included in the stimulus package passed by Congress and signed by the President. They urged members to apply for the loans and grants available as soon as possible so these small business owners could receive some of the aid proposed in the legislation. Of course, since it was a finite amount of money available, many didn't receive the needed funds. However, the ADA was there in Washington, speaking on our behalf. We had a voice.

The Eighth District has been active with timely emails about the pandemic and what our response should be. When Personal Protective Equipment was in short supply for first responders, the District put together a donation to help in the shortfalls.

From the President

By James C. Matteliano, DDS

To say this has been an unusual few months would be an understatement. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has been the prominent subject with its ramifications affecting every part of our lives. In addition to the 1.2 million cases of reported Coronavirus in the US, and with over 60,000 deaths due to COVID-19 infection, as I write this, we are also dealing with the economic, societal, and psychological aspects of this disease. This has not been easy for any of us, but fortunately, it appears as though there have been very few COVID-19 related deaths in our dental profession, most likely attributed to the Governor's Executive Order closing our offices on March 17, 2020. While this is the correct strategy to minimize the spread of Coronavirus and flatten the curve, as has been evidenced by the epidemiological data being collected, it has also been a long, frustrating, and demoralizing road over the last two months. While we consider ourselves part of the essential workforce, we have only been able to treat emergent dental situations due to the Governor's declaration dentistry is a nonessential business. Many ask when will we be able to return to work. This is a difficult question to answer. The data tells us the number of new cases are less than a few weeks ago, and the number of deaths, although less, are still too high to say we have turned the corner. The statistics will be affected by a return to work too early, and the consequential rise in cases again. It appears our Governor is being guided by the CDC, the Department of Health, as well as scientific data, and is looking at several criteria to be met before a particular region within the state can reopen. We must all remember this is an unprecedented viral pandemic, none of us has ever lived through such an event, and we are trying to proceed using science, common sense, and professional judgment in guiding us in returning to work.

Of course, a return to work by dentists must be accompanied by having all necessary PPE, as well as observing recommendations made by the CDC and the DOH, which were recently released in the ADA Guidelines to Return to Work. We all are aware of the limited supply of proper N95 masks, gowns, face shields, etc. needed to return to work. The supply at this time is reserved predominately for frontline healthcare providers, with very little reserve for dentists, further hampering a return. NYSDA reports very soon there will be more PPE available to those beyond frontline health workers, as more industries regionally ramp up production. This may, of course, be a process taking several weeks before sufficient amounts of PPE are available for

purchase. The Eighth District has purchased 2000 KN95 masks to be distributed to our member dentists for at least an initial return to dentistry, albeit for emergent care, at least at this time, until normal practice returns. KN95 masks produced in Asian countries. and are not NIOSH approved. as are N95 masks. However,



most are FDA acceptable for use during this initial and urgent phase of the pandemic. Soon all healthcare workers should be using N95 masks, as recommended, as production ramps up. The Eighth District is working hard to find local producers and vendors our members will be able to call upon for proper PPE, such as N95 respirators, face shields, gowns, (bonnets and booties, if required), etc.

It is also important to know the Eighth District is advocating, on behalf of our members, with our legislators and the Governor's office for a sooner return to work. Of course, these decisions are still based on metrics surrounding the spread of the COVID-19 virus, which reflect our maintenance of social distancing and responsibility. If the metrics show a continual downward trend in the numbers of infected people, it seems dentists, considered phase two of the workforce, may be able to return to work following the return of phase one workers, provided regional parameters have been met. Optimistically, we are looking at early June as a potential starting date. Additionally, the Eighth District, in conjunction with NYSDA, is also strongly advocating for the development and use of appropriate and adequate Coronavirus testing and Antibody testing. This may be available as a "Point of Care" model. Again, this is all new, and we, as a collective group, are learning and moving forward with science as our guide, with responsible, professional consideration for our patients and staff, as well as the well being of the community in mind.

At the local level, the first quarter of 2020 was very busy. We have hired Mr. Chris Klimecko as our new Executive Director. He returns to Western New York after three years in Rhode Island as their State Executive Director. He brings a great deal of knowledge, lobbying experience, a great work ethic and confidence to our Society. The Executive Director search committee worked tirelessly finding the right person for this position. We interviewed

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The veterans outreach team created this initiative because sadly, there is a vast majority of veterans who need dental care. They are limited by finances, waiting periods and limited benefits at VA dental clinics, and putting their families first. For more information on the programs scope, mission and/or to volunteer, please contact AJ at: ajfelli@buffalo.edu



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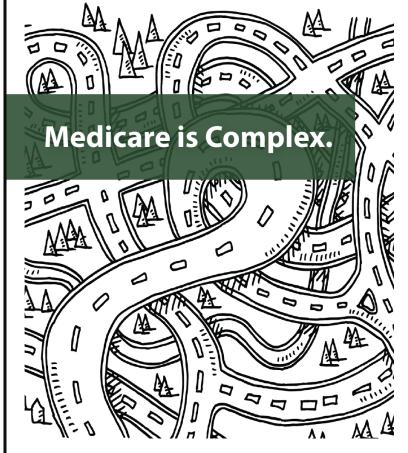


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From the Editor

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Imagine what it would be like if we didn't have these organizations working on our behalf. We would have no voice in any of the discussions occurring on Capitol Hill. We would have no voice in Albany. We would have no voice in Western New York. This is why membership in the tripartite is so important. This is why we pay dues to belong, so that we will have that voice in the halls of power. It is probably the most important reason to belong to organized dentistry, so our voice will be heard.

We must get this message to our younger colleagues, as they seem not to understand the dentistry in importance of organized professional lives. When a student graduates from dental school, they become a member of the ADA for free, as their first year in private practice has no dues assessed to them to belong. Their second year

out, their dues is one-half normal dues. They don't pay full dues until their third year from graduation. If the student goes into a residency of some sort, they become full members of the ADA, but no dues is assessed until they finish with the program. Then the dues is as stated above. Studies have show many of these members drop out when dues become reality.

We need to counter that trend. An organization is only as strong as its membership. We must convince the recently graduated of the importance of organized dentistry to their professional lives and the professional lives of all dentists in the United States. Without a strong voice in the corridors of power, we become a fractured, disorganized group of professionals. I urge all members to meet with their younger colleagues and speak with them about continued membership in organized dentistry. They are the future of the profession and if they don't continue membership, that future is very cloudy.

From the President

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five other highly qualified candidates from a pool of 47 applicants. Chris's level of experience, energy, and knowledge exceeded all other candidates.

We are very confident the Eighth District is in good hands. Throughout this search, I would like to thank Ms. Cyndy Bellinger for continuing to work efficiently and professionally, in the midst of interviewing candidates, as well as carrying on remotely during the COVID-19 crisis. The entire Executive Council truly appreciates her efforts to make this transition as seamless as possible. I would also like to thank Ms. Dana Skinner, and Ryan Lamb, who left for North Carolina to embark on a new career, for their continuous efforts in keeping the District office functioning smoothly during this transition.

While our lives and professional careers may never look quite the same due to the pandemic, I would like to remind our members the officers, Executive Director, and staff have been continuing to work remotely through the use of Zoom teleconferencing. This may be the new normal for a while, and we are thankful to be able to be connected in such a manner. Our Executive officers have been working on issues discussed at the monthly Executive Council meetings, which have been temporarily suspended. We are considering having Zoom teleconference meetings for the next several months for greater participation and input. The prominent topic of discussion has been COVID-19, from how do we keep informed, how do we notify and continue to advocate for our members, how do we locate PPE, how to educate on the potential use of testing modalities, as well as communicate when do we resume work. Additionally, we have been working on other Eighth District issues, which unfortunately pale by comparison. These new issues are somewhat difficult to predict during the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of us are able to keep up with the daily news releases from the President, Governor, CDC, DOH, ADA and NYSDA, and the information trickling down through the Eighth District. Please know we are all trying our best to advocate for our members, and relaying the most up to date and accurate information we have to you, our members.

Please stay informed, patient, and deliberate in your zeal to return to work. Moving too guickly may have devastating consequences affecting us for longer than expected. Let's be smart, safe, and informed as the professionals we are in serving our community.

Hopefully, the next Bulletin will have much better news to convey. Stay healthy, safe, and educated.

Staying Healthy and Fit- During the Corona Virus Outbreak

By Dave Weinman

During this global pandemic, with most of us confined to our homes, staying healthy and fit is very important. We should do everything possible to avoid contracting the virus and potentially spreading it to others. I would like to suggests ways we can accomplish staying fit and healthy during these trying times.

I won't address diet in great detail as I'm no poster boy for healthy eating, but I do believe that primarily we should be eating plants, water should be our favorite drink, and we should limit our intake of processed foods. However, healthy eating is only half of the equation during this pandemic. How do we stay fit when our favorite gyms or fitness centers are closed? I hope this advice will help you with this.

I am motivated to do this because I am a serious softball player and fitness is very important to me. I was inducted into the Western NY Softball Hall of Fame in 2018, and I play on a team of men over the age of 50 who represent the United States in annual tournaments played in various cities in Europe. With no games being played, even those ballplayer friends of mine in warm weather states can't stay fit by playing. I'm certain many of you have activities you wish to resume when possible.

An important consequence of remaining fit, and extremely important now, is being fit is beneficial to our immune system. Being fit strengthens the immune system, helping us fight off infection.

There are many things we can do to maintain our fitness with little or no equipment. Let's begin with cardio-vascular fitness. One interesting fact discovered by physiology researchers is that, in general, the more hours per day a person spends on their feet the longer they are likely to live, and the more hours per day a person spends sitting the sooner they are likely to die.

For those who like to run, there is nothing stopping you from continuing to enjoy this sport. However, if you have issues with your hips or knees, running may not be possible. Instead of running, get outside and walk. The idea is to get moving! Try walking on a local bike path or just around your neighborhood. Stay safe while you are out there!

Biking is another activity you can do to keep fit. Biking is gentler on your joints while it is a good cardiovascular workout. Remember to wear a helmet!

What can we do indoors? There are many exercises you can do indoors. The most important muscles to all of us, but especially as we age, are our quads, our thigh muscles. Why is this?

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If senior citizens become ill and are hospitalized for an extended period, once they are discharged, they may find themselves unable to stand and may become wheelchair bound. Our legs are our ticket to freedom, literally. Someone who enters the hospital with strong legs is more likely to be able walk out later, and is more likely to survive a serious illness.

We can strengthen our quads by doing lunges. Step forward, alternating legs, bending your front knee on each step to where the knee is at about a 90-degree bend. Do them until fatigued, rest, and then do another set or two. If you have stairs and are able to climb and descend them comfortably, go up and down the stairs for a while. Be careful, though, you don't want to fall and injure yourself.

Our core muscles are the next most important area to keep fit. We can strengthen these muscles by doing crunches. Lie on your back, put your hands at your sides, then lift your shoulder blades off the floor enough that your hands move about 6 inches forward. You don't have to sit all the way up.

Leg lifts are another exercise you can do to increase your fitness. Again on your back, put your hands under your tush, keep your legs straight, and lift your feet up off the floor a few inches and then back down, doing as many as possible until fatigued.

Push-ups help increase your arm and torso strength. Do them with a straight back, if possible. If necessary, you can do them from your knees rather than feet if you can't do a traditional push-up.

Finally, do a web search for other "bodyweight" exercises. There are many possibilities. Yoga is another option and there are many instructional videos on YouTube. Keep in mind certain exercises require a level of flexibility some of us no longer have. For instance, people with knee issues may find it painful to bend their knees greater than 90-degrees. Do what you can, but remember your goal is to get up and move!

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