

Baltimore County Dental Association

NEWSLETTER

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"Endodontic Pitfalls: How, what and when to avoid them" *with* Bradley Trattner, DDS and Ali Behnia, DMD, MS

The Baltimore County Dental Association January Dinner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at the Red Lion Hotel North Baltimore (formerly Radisson Hotel), 2004 Greenspring Drive, Timonium. Drs. Bradley Trattner and Ali Behnia will be speaking on "Endodontic Pitfalls: How, what and when to avoid them." Check-in, networking and cocktails will begin at 5:15 p.m., a buffet dinner will be available at 5:30 p.m. and the lecture will begin at 6:00 p.m.

THE TOPIC:

Who has not had a bad day in Endodontics? We all have! Drs. Behnia and Trattner will examine some of the most common endodontic pitfalls that may lead to clinical mishaps. They will review clinical and radiographic techniques on how to minimize these mishaps and do better case selections.

THE SPEAKERS:



A Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics and a member of the College of Diplomates, Dr. Bradley Trattner received both his DDS and Certificate in Endodontics from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. He has maintained a full-time private practice in Baltimore for more than 25 years. He holds a staff position at Sinai Hospital and teaches Endodontics in the departments of Endodontics and Advanced Education in General Dentistry at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. He has been voted "Baltimore's Best" Endodontist by Baltimore Magazine since 2002. He is a past President of both the Maryland Association of Endodontists and Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity, as well as a member of the Pierre Fauchard International Honor Academy and a Fellow of the American College of Dentists. He is past president of the University of Maryland School of Dentistry Alumni Board. Dr. Trattner has lectured extensively nationally and is a Clinical Advisor and certified lecturer for Real World Endo

Dr. Ali Behnia holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering (Cum Laude) from Boston University as well as a Master of Science degree in Oral Biology from the University of Maryland. He attained his Endodontic certificate upon graduating from the University of Pennsylvania Dental School with honors. He has published and lectured extensively, both nationally and internationally and is an active member of numerous professional societies, including the American Association of Endodontists (AAE), American Dental Association (ADA), American Society of Forensic Odontology (ASFO), American Association of Dental Boards (AADB), and the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA). Dr. Behnia is a Governor-appointed board member to the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners for a second term, currently serving as the Parliamentarian. He was recognized as a Top Dentist (Endodontist) by the Washingtonian Magazine in 2009, 2015, and 2017 and has also been honored with Fellowship in the American College of Dentists.



In fulfilling his passion for Forensic Dentistry, he serves as a Forensic Odontologist (consultant) for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Baltimore, Maryland. Prior to opening his private practice, Dr. Behnia was an Assistant Professor and Director of Pre-doctoral Endodontics, Department of Endodontics at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry for four years. He is currently a part-time Clinical Assistant Professor (Dean's Faculty) at the Department of Advanced Oral Sciences and Therapeutics, Division of Endodontics, at the Dental School.

Check-in, networking and cocktails will begin at 5:15 p.m. A delicious buffet dinner will be available at 5:30 p.m. and the lecture will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. Register now! Return the enclosed reservation form with your credit card information or check, call the BCDA office at (410) 560-0064, fax your reservation to (410) 252-7289 or register online at baltimorecountydental.org. Registration deadline is January 15, 2019 at Noon!!

The President's Message

Dear Members,

I am pleased to report that our all-day seminar, "Fun with Oral Pathology," really was! Dr. Svirsky was entertainingly informative, the hot lunch was delicious and The Conference Center was a very nice facility. It seemed an appropriate way to close out BCDA's 2018 meeting lectures.

Our January meeting with Drs. Bradley Trattner and Ali Behnia speaking together about Endodontic Pitfalls will be an informative inaugural lecture to usher in our 2019 lineup.

Even as we celebrate the coming New Year, some things remain constant. For me it's my Monthly Compliance Topic!



The Top Ten "Fails" on CDC/OSHA Inspection

I asked Lori Pate, RDH, MSDA Infection Control presenter, to share her top findings when inspecting for the Maryland Board or for insurance companies doing spot inspections to certify compliance of participating offices or as a result of complaints. Here's her "Top Ten:"

1. Hand washing is not accomplished before and after gloving!
2. Improper use of PPE and disposal of same.
3. Improper use or lack of use of utility gloves.
4. Sterile areas not clearly organized with distinct work-flow - dirty to clean. (This one actually surprises me and is confirmed by several other supply company OSHA trainers!)
5. Weekly spore tests not being done, tests not logged and tests not kept for 3 years. (We use Mesa Labs and all of our tests are online).
6. Burs not "verified" sterilized in drawers and in a bag and the same for endo instruments (Throw out the glass bead sterilizer. They are non-compliant). ALL components of all handpieces sterilized.
7. Motors of handpieces left on the hoses between patients and not sterilized.
8. Disposable air/water syringe tips reused and not disposed of.
9. No written and implemented waterline policy.
10. Disposable tips either on resin or etch dispensers not being changed and contributing to cross contamination.

As dentists often in smaller practices, we bear the same responsibility as larger healthcare companies. We need to do a better job communicating and training for infection control compliance. I will consistently advocate for this kind of change. I'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and I hope that the compliance messages continue to be helpful. Call me directly with any questions at 410-258-7275.

Steve Kaywood
President

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