

Baltimore County Dental Association

NEWSLETTER

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"Posterior dental intrusion: New diagnosis and etiology for anterior attrition, deep bites and mandibular crowding"

with Gus J. Livaditis, DDS

The Baltimore County Dental Association January Dinner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at the DoubleTree by Hilton - Pikesville, 1726 Reisterstown Road in Pikesville. BCDA's own Dr. Gus Livaditis will be speaking on "Posterior dental intrusion: New diagnosis and etiology for anterior attrition, deep bites and mandibular crowding." Check-in, networking and cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m., a buffet dinner will be available at 6:30 p.m. and the lecture will begin at 7:00 p.m.

THE TOPIC:

This lecture will include the following objectives:

- To describe clinical signs and features enabling a diagnosis of Posterior Dental Intrusion (PDI).
- To identify when posterior intrusion is the cause of anterior wear, deep bites and mandibular crowding.
- To be able to distinguish PDI from other forms of worn dentitions, posterior bite collapse and compensatory eruption.
- To describe intervention and restoration of dentitions affected by posterior intrusion.

THE SPEAKER:



Dr. Livaditis attended Temple University for undergraduate education and then graduated from Temple's School of Dentistry. After a one year general practice residency at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, he became a full time faculty member at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. He soon returned to Temple for his prosthodontic training. In recent decades, he has maintained a full-time prosthodontic practice serving the Maryland and south-central Pennsylvania areas.

Dr. Livaditis is widely recognized for his development, along with Dr. V. P. Thompson, of the etching of metal for bonding known as the Maryland Bridge Technique. Dr. Livaditis expanded the application of the etched-metal technique in further transforming fixed prosthodontics from cemented restorations to bonded prostheses. He has also introduced several other concepts and techniques including: Precise bipolar electrosurgical hemostasis for dentistry; Matrix-formed pin or post retained cores; The Matrix Impression Technique; and, other procedures. Currently, he is introducing a new diagnosis for specific categories of worn dentitions and deep bites. He will identify the signs for diagnosis, provide interceptive suggestions and describe treatment procedures that differ considerably from traditional treatment.

Join your colleagues at our first meeting of 2020 by registering 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 21, 2020 at Noon!!

MHCC Dental Health IT Survey - Response Requested

The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) is asking for your contribution to the assessment of health information technology (health IT) among Maryland dentists by completing a brief online survey. The survey takes less than ten minutes to complete. Responses will be reported in aggregate and are needed to assess health IT trends and inform future initiatives. The MHCC is an independent State agency responsible for advancing health information technology among dentists and other health care professionals. Please go to surveymonkey.com/r/DentalHealthIT and complete the survey today!

The President's Message

Dear Members,

Another calendar year has come and gone and hopefully it was a great year for our members and families. Looking back, we had some outstanding meetings and finished the year strong with the OSHA Update in November. In the year ahead, we have well-known speakers starting with Gus Livaditis on January 28th and Andy Reff on February 25th (summaries of their lectures are on the BCDA website). Read below for information on an important March meeting!



I was reading the *ADA News* cover story about the ADA filing suit against Delta Dental for anti-competitive conduct and violation of Federal antitrust laws. We, as dentists, need to support our component, MSDA and ADA as combined they are the voice of dentists on Capitol Hill. For many years, insurance companies have enjoyed a limited exemption from the Federal antitrust laws by which every other profession must abide. Hopefully, with your support and lobbying, we can soon change that. I recently attended a dinner lecture given by a local dentist whose practice no longer accepts insurance and he is happier than ever. Maybe it is time that we all looked at that option.

Remember that in 2020 amalgam separators will become the law of the land and, unless you're in one of the excluded categories of practice, it's time to start looking at installing them. There is a wide range of options. Most of the systems are akin to buying a printer - might be cheap to buy, but the toner is where they get you - same is true for amalgam separators. Do your research on the long-term cost.

In closing, as we enter 2020 let us look back on 2019 - both the good things that happened to us and, for some, the negative things that happened. 2019 brought my wife and me the pleasure of our first newborn. He has been a bundle of joy and lots of work, but as many have said, "It has changed my perspective on life." After talking with friends, 2019 also brought some stark reminders about how one day someone can be with us and the next day they are tragically taken from us. Sometimes we get so wrapped up in our work and busy lives that we lose sight of what is important. We should all take a few minutes to simply reflect on what matters most to each of us and how we can make time to spend with *that* person or to enjoy *that* hobby or to escape to *that* place.

I wish everyone a great and successful New Year.

Mike Rostami

President

Ever wish you could ask the Dental Board to clarify a regulation?

BCDA's March 24th Dinner Meeting is *your* opportunity to do just that!

Leslie E. Grant, DDS, Arthur C. Jee, DMD, Grant Gerber, AAG and Board Counsel and the incoming Chief Dental Officer from the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners will be our guest speaker panel at the BCDA March 24, 2020 Dinner Meeting. The lecture portion of the evening will begin with "Getting to Know Your Dental Board: Essentials for Practitioners and Staff" in a panel discussion format. Audience participation (*that's you and your staff*) is encouraged. Start writing your list of questions today! This is the perfect opportunity for your entire office to get some clarity on a whole host of dental regulations - Which dental staff is permitted to perform what duty with and without supervision? What are the most common violations and how do I avoid them? What *is* the appropriate response to a Board inquiry? - If it's within the Board's purview, it's up for discussion! BUT, if you're not registered, you can't ask. Go to baltimorecountydenal.org to register today. Don't keep your staff in the dark. Register them too!

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