

Baltimore County Dental Association

NEWSLETTER

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March Dinner Meeting to Feature Jeffery B. Price, D.D.S., M.S., on
“Cone Beam CT - Do You Need to Buy a CBCT Machine for Your Practice?”



The Baltimore County Dental Association March Dinner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at the Radisson Hotel North Baltimore, 2004 Greenspring Drive in Timonium. Our guest lecturer is Jeffery B. Price, D.D.S., M.S. speaking on “Cone Beam CT - Do You Need to Buy a CBCT Machine for Your Practice?”

The Speaker: Doctor Price is a Clinical Associate Professor of Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology and Director of Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. He is Board certified by the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology. In addition, Doctor Price is an Adjunct Associate Professor of Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry. Before entering Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology, he practiced general and adult restorative dentistry in Hendersonville, North Carolina for 24 years. Doctor Price completed the Continuum at the L.D. Pankey Institute in Key Biscayne,

Florida and attained Mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry as well as Diplomate status in the International Congress of Oral Implantologists. He is currently the North American Director for the International Association of Dento-Maxillofacial Radiologists, a Senior Editorial Board Member for the ICOI-sponsored journal, *Implant Dentistry* and a reviewer for the *International Journal of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery* and other journals.

The Lecture: Doctor Price will briefly review the principles of dental cone beam computed tomography (CBCT), radiation safety and the medicolegal and ethical obligations of owning CBCT machines. The lecture will cover considerations dentists need to contemplate when deciding whether to purchase a CBCT machine for use in private practice.

- Course attendees should be able to:
 - Describe the clinical procedures that can be improved by the adoption of CBCT
 - Describe how incorporating CBCT into their practice will add value to the practice
 - Outline the main features of dental CBCT units and develop a strategy for which types of machines may be a better fit for a particular practice style
 - Develop a plan for incorporating the principles of radiographic interpretation and report writing using dental CBCT into the practice

Check in, networking and cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Buffet dinner promptly at 6:30 p.m. Return enclosed reservation form with your payment, call the BCDA office at (410) 560-0064, fax your reservation to (410) 252-7289 or register online at www.baltimorecountydental.org by **NOON** on **Tuesday, March 20, 2018**.

The Presidents' Corner

Dear Colleagues,

Dentist Day in Annapolis may have come and gone, but the potential impact of impending dental-related legislation has not. For that reason, we are, once again, using this space to update you on what we've done and what we still need to do to protect the dental health of Marylanders.

Remember to sign up for Dr. Jeffery Price's lecture on March 27th.



Bill Martin 
President

Over the course of the last six months, Baltimore County Dental Association members have heard numerous times the concerns with legislation being pushed in Annapolis to create a mid-level provider that would create a two-tiered system of care where patients most in need see some of the least trained providers.

A number of BCDA members traveled to MSDA's Dentist Day in Annapolis to explain to lawmakers just why this legislation is bad for Maryland and to provide information about programs that are already working in Maryland that would actually help solve the access to care issue. Fortunately, Baltimore County's state legislators are open and willing to meet with local dentists and to listen to the issues important to the dental profession and the oral health care of all Marylanders.

The discussion around the mid-level providers, now known as Advanced Practice Dental Hygienists (APDH) or Dental Therapists, focused on the concerns with the bill and why access to care can't be solved by simply adding another level of provider. Statistics show that Maryland has plenty of dentists (8th highest per capita in the country) and the barriers to care have more to do with affordability, transportation and education.

Dentists countered that instead of creating an entirely new level of provider, lawmakers should look at a program in Western Maryland utilizing Community Dental Health Coordinators (CDHC) that could better serve Marylanders and help with what are the known barriers to care that Marylanders face. The program is having real results and could easily and quickly be replicated elsewhere in the State. Check out the webinar recently hosted by MSDA about CDHCs at <http://www.msda.com/cdhc-webinar.php>.

In the meantime, please take a moment to look up lawmakers and important committee members (Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee and Health and Government Operations Committee) and contact them about the concerns with SB 544 and HB 879.

The MSDA has set up an easy-to-use website that can look up lawmakers based on an address. The site also provides a platform to send letters to the appropriate local lawmakers as well as to the members of the relevant committees. The site can be accessed at www.cqrcengage.com/msda/home or through the MSDA website, going to the "Advocacy" drop-down tab and clicking on "Contact Your Legislator."

Despite the success with Dentist Day, contact with state lawmakers can't begin and end on one day with a few people. Hearing from local dentists from across the county can make all of the difference in how they approach and ultimately vote for this legislation and others important to the dental profession.

An Early Bird Worth Catching!

In the April edition of this newsletter, a money-saving "early bird" registration price for BCDA members only will offered for our Friday, November 16, 2018 All-Day Seminar with John A. Svirsky, D.D.S. BCDA will be returning to The Conference Center at Sheppard Pratt with a lecture double header featuring "Great Cases with New Faces" AND "Come In and Catch It: The Review That Sticks." Mark your calendars and stay tuned for details. This is one "bird" you'll want to catch!

