

Baltimore County Dental Association

NEWSLETTER

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February Dinner Meeting to Feature Lawrence Wang, D.D.S., M.S. and Rick Redett, M.D. on “Current Principles and Techniques for Comprehensive Cleft Care - Improving the Outcomes”

The BCDA February Dinner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at the Radisson Hotel North Baltimore, 2004 Greenspring Drive in Timonium. Our guest lecturers will be Lawrence Wang, D.D.S., M.S. and Richard Redett, M.D. speaking on “Current Principles and Techniques for Comprehensive Cleft Care, Improving the Outcomes.”

About the Lecture: This lecture is designed improve dentists' knowledge in the management of patients with cleft lip and palate. Important time points for referral to specialist care and initiation of their restorative treatment will be given. The lecture objectives are:

- To become familiar with the treatment timeline for cleft care
- To understand the orthodontic involvement in treatment including expansion therapy and later orthognathic/orthodontic treatment
- To understand new techniques available for lip and palate repair
- To recognize current outcomes in regard to overall appearance, skeleto-facial development, occlusion and speech



About the Speakers: Lawrence Wang, D.D.S., M.S. is in the private practice of orthodontics with the Baltimore Orthodontic Group. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toronto and received his DDS from Northwestern University Dental School. After completing his orthodontic training, he received his Masters of Science in Oral Biology from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics and has served as President for both the Maryland State Society of Orthodontists and the Middle Atlantic Society of Orthodontists. Dr. Wang is currently the attending orthodontist for the Johns Hopkins and the UMD Rehabilitation & Orthopaedic Institute cleft palate teams.

Richard J. Redett, M.D. is an Associate Professor of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, where he also serves as Director of the Cleft and Craniofacial Center, Facial Pain and Paralysis Center and Pediatric Plastic Surgery. Dr. Redett obtained his bachelor's degree in biology from Emory University in 1987. After serving four years in the United States Peace Corps in Central Africa, he received his medical degree with honors from Dartmouth Medical School. Dr. Redett completed his residency training in general surgery and plastic surgery at the combined Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and University of Maryland Medical Center/R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center program. He went on to complete a fellowship in pediatric plastic surgery at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Dr. Redett served as the residency program director from 2007-2014. His clinical and research interests include cleft lip and palate, craniofacial differences, complex pediatric genitourinary anomalies and pediatric nerve injuries. Dr. Redett is the Director of the Johns Hopkins Genital Transplant Program.



This meeting is also the opportunity for BCDA members to meet the new MSDA Executive Director Greg Buckler. MSDA Officers will be updating us on important matters at the State level prior to the evening's lecture.

Cocktails will be available at 6:00 p.m. A buffet dinner will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. You don't want to miss this opportunity to hear from the *dynamic duo* of Wang and Redett, so register online today!! You can also return the enclosed reservation form with your payment, call the BCDA office at (410) 560-0064 or fax your reservation to (410) 252-7289 by NOON on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.



Dentist Day - February 21, 2018

Dentist Day 2018 will be held on Wednesday, February 21st in Annapolis, Maryland. If you have never participated before, are hesitant and think you don't know enough about pending legislation affecting dentists, you can be paired with a Dentist Day veteran. Handouts and talking points will be provided for your use. For further information and registration, please contact Peter Holmes at 410-964-2880, ext. 19.

Dear Colleagues,

We're devoting the majority of page two of this newsletter to an important current legislative issue with the "call to action" below from Dr. Charles Doring, MSDA Legislative Committee Chairman. Please take a few minutes to read and heed his message below.



Remember to sign up for Drs. Lawrence Wang and Richard Redett's lecture on February 27th.

Bill Martin 
President

The Maryland General Assembly session is underway. Legislators are assessing the more than 2,500 bills that have been introduced. In anticipation of legislation introduced by Delegate Bonnie Cullison to allow dental therapists to provide dental care in Maryland, MSDA is in need of assistance in making our voices heard and stopping the misinformation campaign. Nobody knows dentistry and our patients' needs better than Maryland practicing dentists, not those who think the Minnesota dental therapist model is best for Maryland.

What can YOU do as an MSDA member?

- 1) Become knowledgeable on the topic of dental therapy. Share your knowledge with your colleagues and patients. We are all voters in this democracy!
- 2) Reach out to the key legislators who sit on committees that hear bills related to dentistry. It is preferable to call, tell them you are a constituent and set up an in-person meeting. At a minimum, call them and e-mail them and tell them you oppose dental therapists in Maryland. Much better solutions to solving the dental "access to care" problem are reinstating an adult Medicaid dental benefit in Maryland, emergency department diversions of patients who present with dental issues, and increased utilization of Community Dental Health Coordinators (CDHC). After your discussion, send a handwritten note with your business card. Include a request to contact you should they need any additional information about dentistry.
- 3) Check your e-mail inbox and MSDA Facebook Page for alerts on legislative actions and potential MSDA Webinars on CDHC's and pre-"Dentist Day in Annapolis" information.
- 4) Most Important - Register and attend MSDA's Dentist Day in Annapolis Wednesday, February 21. It will be a great opportunity to learn all the legislative issues and an opportunity to meet with your legislators. Link to register: <http://www.msda.com/dentist-day.php>.

This issue is too important to have us say in April "If only I had done something." Don't forget that your practice may be in a different district than your home. If you don't know how to get in touch with your legislators, call MSDA and Greg or Peter can get you contact information. Don't be afraid to talk with these legislators. We elected them to office and now they represent us. It is imperative that they know what is important to us and our patients' oral health.

We are faced with outside forces who want to change the quality of dental care for our patients. Stand up and let your voice be heard!

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