

Baltimore County Dental Association

NEWSLETTER

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Periodontal Disease and Systemic Implications

with Karl J. Zeren, D.D.S.

The Baltimore County Dental Association January Dinner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at the Radisson North Baltimore, 2004 Greenspring Drive, Timonium. Members from Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Carroll, Frederick, Harford-Cecil and Howard dental societies have been invited to hear Dr. Karl Zeren's presentation. Check-in and cocktails will begin at 5:15 p.m. and a buffet dinner will be available at 5:30 p.m.



Even in our dental practices, the Skeleton Song from childhood – the leg bone's connected to the knee bone and the knee bone's connected to the thigh bone and so on – still rings true. No human body system functions in isolation and neither do the diseases that originate within the body. Research has confirmed such for many illnesses and diseases. Periodontal disease is no exception. In that respect, periodontal disease is "connected" to many "bones," including cardiovascular disease, cerebrovascular ischemia (stroke), diabetes, exacerbation of existing heart conditions, Alzheimer's, osteoporosis and respiratory diseases, to name a few. As with most childhood notions, periodontal disease and its effect on the human system are far more complicated than simply being "connected to." At the BCDA Tuesday, January 24, 2017 Dinner Meeting and Lecture, Dr. Karl Zeren will speak to some of those systemic complexities in his informative and thought-provoking lecture, "Periodontal Disease and Systemic Implications."

Dr. Zeren received undergraduate and dental training from the University of Maryland. He served on active duty in the U.S. Navy at the Navy Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana and completed Postdoctoral Periodontic training at the University of Maryland in 1979. He is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Periodontics in the Periodontal and Periodontal Implant Prosthetics Residency Program at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry and Clinical Associate in the Department of Otolaryngology at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Dr. Zeren is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology, a Fellow of the American College and the International College of Dentists. He has lectured extensively, both nationally and internationally, and has authored articles in the field of Periodontics and Implant Surgery. He is involved with clinical research relating to dental implants, and tissue engineering. Dr. Zeren maintains a private periodontic practice in Baltimore County limited to Periodontics with emphasis on dental implants and reconstructive surgery.

Make plans to attend, bring your staff and invite a colleague to the Baltimore County Dental Association January 24, 2017 Dinner Meeting/Lecture at the Radisson Hotel North Baltimore, 2004 Greenspring Drive in Timonium. You don't want to miss Dr. Karl Zeren lecture! **Check-in and cocktails will begin at 5:15 p.m. A delicious buffet dinner will be available at 5:30 p.m. and Dr. Zeren's lecture will start at 5:50 p.m. Make your reservations TODAY!!**

Opioid Overdose Response Training

The Baltimore County Department of Health is offering a free, two-hour training course on how to recognize, prevent and respond to an opioid overdose by using intra-nasal naloxone (a prescription medication that is used to reverse an overdose). Due to limited seating, pre-registration is required.

Training in Baltimore County will take place on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at:

Drumcastle Government Center
Third Floor, 6401 York Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21212

Upon completion of this training, you will receive a completion certificate, a prescription for naloxone, and a kit containing the medication.

Register online at: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health/events/odresponse.html or call 410-887-3828 for more info.

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and have set their personal and professional goals for 2017. As BCDA President and General Arrangements Chair, my goal is to continue bringing quality, diverse speakers to our organization. I want to thank our members who have volunteered to present to our group. I have recently started to present lectures myself, and I know the countless hours it takes to prepare a one-hour lecture.



Speaking of lectures, please remember to sign up for Dr. Karl Zaren's upcoming talk on Periodontal Disease and Systemic Complications. Please include your team members, especially hygienists, as it is sure to be a highlight of our 2017 year. We are expecting a large turnout since we have invited members of many of our surrounding dental societies to hear this important and timely topic.

Please put Wednesday, February 22nd on your calendar. The MSDA needs us to spend the morning at our State's Capital for Dentist Day. For more information, please contact Peter Holmes at MSDA at 410-964-2880 ext.19.

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Mike Rostami, a BCDA member, will be presenting a lecture on Peri-implantitis at our February Dinner Meeting. Please be sure to register to attend since this topic covers a problem many of us see in our practices and we can gain some knowledge about diagnosing and treating peri-implantitis.

Joanne Block Rief 

President



Dentist Day in Annapolis Calvert House on State Circle, Annapolis February 22, 2017

Dentists' Day 2017 will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd in Annapolis, Maryland. For further information and registration, please contact Peter Holmes at 410-964-2880, ext. 19.

D4346 – New Scaling Procedure Code Effective January 1, 2017

It's here – Dentists may use "D4346 Scaling in the generalized presence of moderate or severe gingival inflammation — full mouth, after oral evaluation" as of January 1, 2017. This code reflects the procedure for patients with gingival disease and no attachment loss. Dentists who have delivered the procedure have not been able to document and report it with an appropriate CDT code until now.

This CDT 2017 addition has been the subject of two ADA News articles, a guideline document posted on ADA.org, and a webinar that has been accessed by thousands of dentists and practice staff. To learn more about this procedure and its new code, either for the first time or to refresh your memory, visit the CDT Code education page on ADA.org. Search for "Guidance on the D4346 Scaling Procedure" to watch the webinar and download the free publication "Guide to Reporting D4346. The guide, first published in May, has been updated and incorporates content and feedback from the webinar.

For questions, contact the ADA. Telephone: ADA Members, please use the toll-free number on the back of your membership card; Direct dial, 312.440.2500 or email dentalcode@ada.org.