



# The ORACLE

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## Save the Dates

Oct 16

SMDS General Meeting  
(Zoom)

Oct 17, 19, 24, 31

DA Radiology Courses

Oct 26-28

Chesapeake Dental  
Conference

Nov 13

SMDS General Meeting  
(In- Person)

Dec 4

SMDS General Meeting  
(Zoom)

## President's Welcome Message

Greetings!

October has arrived with falling leaves, cool weather and bustling winds. My three kids are enjoying fall sports. I am most excited about attending the Chesapeake Dental Conference from October 26-28th at Maryland Live Casino and Hotel. Registration is still open at [msda.com](http://msda.com).

In the September edition of JADA, Dr. Esther Lopez, DDS, MPH wrote a touching commentary titled "Why representation in dentistry matters." She highlights 2020 data from the ADA Health Policy Institute that showed the racial distribution of dentists nationally was 5.9% Hispanic, 3.8% Black and 18% Asian. This article resonated with me because I am a minority dentist and grew up in a Hispanic neighborhood in Maryland. Witnessing first hand the medical and dental needs of my community shaped my interest in dentistry. In my time as a student at University of Maryland, I easily connected with my patients because I shared a similar background, understood their barriers but I also bridged a communication gap by speaking Spanish. As a community dentist my lived experiences have allowed me to be more empathetic to my patients and also to those who are experiencing trauma. Like Dr. Lopez, I am proud to be a part of organized dentistry but also proud that Maryland is one of four states with a Diversity, Equity, Belonging and Inclusion Committee (DEBI). As a member of DEBI, I am excited to have accepted the position of Vice Chair and look forward to supporting Dr. Francis Morgan who is President. If you are interested in learning about the awesome work DEBI does or if you want to join DEBI, please reach out to [smds.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:smds.newsletter@gmail.com).

As a woman in dentistry, I have found it important to serve as a mentor. This past year and a half, I was fortunate to welcome three enthusiastic American University pre-dental student volunteers, Batool Chaudhry, Brianna Peng and Kira Carr. They have helped support the office by unpacking supplies, organizing our supply closet, calling patients, and making dental hygiene bags. The benefits have been full circle for me as I have taught them lessons I learned as a dentist, dental student and applicant to dental school. If you are looking to find volunteers or create a workforce pipeline, reach out to local colleges or universities, or place an ad on Handshake ([joinhandshake.com](http://joinhandshake.com)). Looking back, I got my start in dentistry when I answered a dental receptionist ad on my pre-dental listserv to work with Dr. Philip Maiese in Washington, DC. The rest was history after that. Here are pictures of our volunteers hard at work:



Batool Chaudhry, DA & Brianna Peng, 4th year



If you have trouble coping with recent events in the news like I am, I found this Washington Post well being article "8 Ways to feel less anxious about things beyond your control" to be particularly therapeutic. The author, Lesley Alderman, touches on ways to refocus your anxiety and discusses hope fatigue.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next in- person meeting on Monday, November 13th at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Laurel. We are thrilled to welcome University of Maryland School of Dentistry faculty member, Dr. Chris Choi, DDS, MS, FACP who will be discussing Prosthodontics.

Take care of yourself and have a great week.

Sincerely,

Halima Karim, DDS, FAGD  
SMDS President  
She/Her





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## **Editor's Letter**

Greetings Colleagues,

Welcome to the October 2023 edition of The Oracle! Please join me in celebrating our new members who joined in September:



### **☀ New Members:**

- Dr. Natasha C. Barrow
- Dr. Daniel A. Frank
- Dr. David B. Levy
- Dr. Minhkhoei H. Nguyen
- Dr. Benise Nnawuihe
- Dr. Jihye Park
- Dr. Bhargav Patel

🌿 National Dental Hygiene Month: October is National Dental Hygiene Month, a time to honor and show appreciation for our dedicated dental hygienists. Let's recognize their vital role in our practices and patients' oral health. Consider ways to express your appreciation, such as sending a simple thank-you note or organizing a small token of gratitude.

🌺 Hispanic Heritage Month: Echoing Dr. Karim's remarks that representation matters, I want to extend our warm wishes for a Happy Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrate the rich contributions and culture of the Hispanic and Latinx community within SMDS.

Here's to a fruitful October, filled with appreciation, health, and the spirit of unity.

As always, remember to stay connected to our event calendar at [smdsdentists.org](https://smdsdentists.org).

Warm regards,  
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MEMBER SERVICES

PUBLIC SERVICES

MON  
16  
OCT  
2023

October General Membership Meeting - Virtual via Zoom- 2 CE  
6:30 PM Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
General Membership Meetings

**SMDS General Membership Meeting.** Join us Virtually @6:30 pm for Lecture/ 2CE !

Topic: Biomaterials and Biomechanics in Dental Implant Treatment Planning

Speaker: Dr. Shanker Iyer

Please call the SMDS office or email [Valerie@SMDSDentists.org](mailto:Valerie@SMDSDentists.org) to pre-register for the meeting (free for members). You will receive a meeting link via email. For learning objectives and more details, [please click here](#).

MON  
13  
NOV  
2023

November General Membership Meeting - In-Person CE Meeting  
6:00 PM Double Tree by Hilton 15101 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, Maryland 20707  
General Membership Meetings

**SMDS General Membership Meeting.**

Meet and Greet starts at 6pm. Meeting starts at 6:30pm.

Speaker: Dr. Price

Topic: Radiology/CBCT Reading

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MON  
04  
DEC  
2023

December General Membership Meeting - Virtual via Zoom- CE  
6:30 PM Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
General Membership Meetings

**SMDS General Membership Meeting.** Join us Virtually @6:30 pm !

Speaker: Drs. Turok, Dubai, & Samddar

Topic: Digital Smile Design

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MON  
05  
FEB  
2024

February General Membership Meeting - In-Person CE Meeting  
6:00 PM Double Tree by Hilton 15101 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, Maryland 20707  
General Membership Meetings

**SMDS General Membership Meeting.**

Meet and Greet starts at 6pm. Meeting starts at 6:30pm.

Speaker: Dr. Mazza

Topic: Digital Smiles

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MON  
04  
MAR  
2024

March General Membership Meeting - In-Person CE Meeting  
6:00 PM Double Tree by Hilton 15101 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, Maryland 20707  
General Membership Meetings

**SMDS General Membership Meeting.**

Meet and Greet starts at 6pm. Meeting starts at 6:30pm.

Speaker: Dr. Julius Hyatt

Topic: Medical Emergencies

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MON  
01  
APR  
2024

April General Membership Meeting - Virtual via Zoom- CE  
6:30 PM Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
General Membership Meetings

**SMDS General Membership Meeting.** Join us Virtually @6:30 pm !

Speaker: Dr. Maria Ginsinger

Topic: Dementia and Periodontal Disease

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## Upcoming Meetings

Please mark your calendars and save the date for these upcoming meetings and events below.  
Note: General membership meetings (GMM) dates are in **bold** and may be subject to changes.

SMDS GENERAL MBRSHIP MEETING

**KNOW THY PROSTHODONTIC PATIENTS (AND THYSELF)**

DOUBLE TREE BY MARRIOTT  
15101 SWEITZER LANE  
LAUREL, MD

2 CES (LECTURE)  
MEMBERS: **FREE**  
NON-MEMBERS: \$80

 **MONDAY**  
**13 NOVEMBER**

 **TIME**  
**6 PM**

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TO REGISTER

### 2023

**Oct 16 SMDS GMM (Zoom)**

Oct 26-28 Chesapeake Dental Conference

**Nov 13 SMDS GMM (In-Person)**

Nov 14 MSDA LAC/MARPC Joint Meeting

**Dec 4 SMDS GMM (Zoom)**



### 2024

Jan 3 MSDA Dental Leadership Roundtable

**Feb 5 SMDS GMM (In- Person)**

Feb 20 Dentist Day on Tuesday (Annapolis)

**Mar 4 SMDS GMM (In-Person)**

**Apr 1 SMDS GMM (Zoom)**

Apr 7-9 ADA/ASDA Lobby Day WDC

Oct 17-22 ADA Smilecon (New Orleans)

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## ***DENTAL ASSISTING RADIOLOGY AND BASIC ANATOMY - UPDATE***

***7 classes will be held in our classroom and 4 will be held virtual***

**September 19,- October 31, 2023**

This course prepares the dental assistant who is employed in a dental office to sit for the Dental Assisting National Board Exam in Radiation Health & Safety Certification. All clinical practice takes place at the student's place of employment (including bringing in x-rays). A total of 11 classes which is 33 hours of class time. If you have any questions, please call 301-345-4196.

Course requirements: 18 years of age, high school grad or equivalency, 3 months experience and the signature of employing dentist on the application verifying employment & commitment of clinical supervision. **Fluency in English is required.**

TUITION: Member/Staff \$565. or Non-Member \$625., Fee Includes Book Pkg.

DATES: Sept., 19, 26, 28, Oct. 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 31, 2023. Tuesday & Thursday

TIME: 6:00p.m. – 9:00p.m., LOCATION: College Park Classroom & 4 Zoom

### **APPLICATION – Please Print Clearly**

COURSE TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE/CELL: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

DENTIST'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYING DENTIST: This employee has been working for \_\_\_\_\_ months/years in this dental office and I agree to provide clinical experience under my direct in room supervision. I agree to evaluate the applicants' performance. Once the course is completed the assistant may NOT continue to perform these duties until the required boards are passed & state certification received. Dentist's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

July 2023

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See Additional Information



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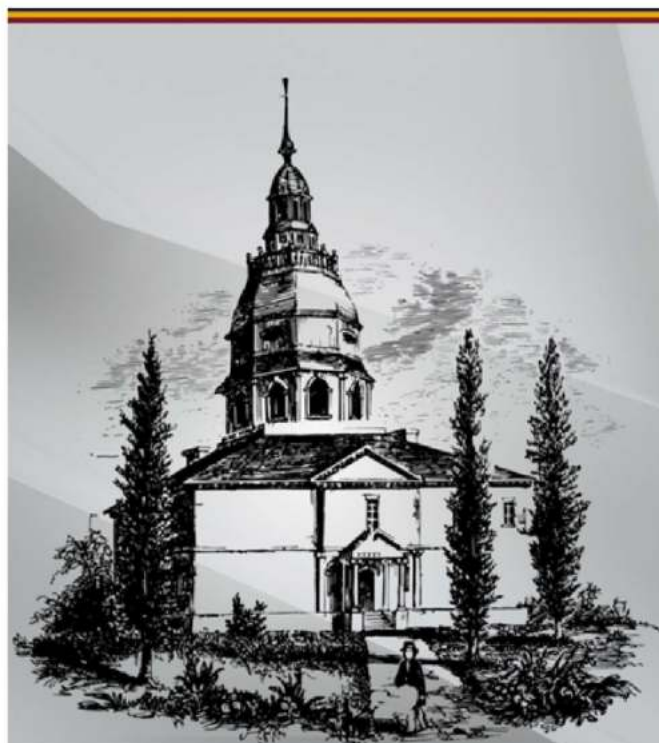
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**TO REGISTER** - Complete the information on the application and return it at least 10 days prior to the starting date along with payment to: Southern Maryland Dental Society, 4920 Niagara Road, Suite 306, College Park, Maryland 20740. **REFUNDS** can only be given if you withdraw 10 days prior to the first class. A \$30.00 administration fee will be charged for your refund or transfer. **BOOKS** can be picked Up during regular office hours once registration and payment is complete. Classes are held in Suite 300 At this same address unless otherwise indicated. **CHECKS** or Money Orders are to be made payable to the Southern Maryland Dental Society (SMDS). We do not take credit or debit cards. **Late Registration** Is possible based on availability. For additional information contact Janice Farber at 301-345-4196.

Other Location: Maryland State Dental Association, Columbia, MD., 410-964-2880.

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| Pathway I   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* 18 years of age</li><li>* 3 months (300 hours full time in clinical setting in a dental office</li><li>* Basic oral anatomy course</li><li>* Must be working in a dental office for direct clinical supervision</li></ul>  |
| Pathway II  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* 18 years of age</li><li>* Pre-test for acceptance into radiology course (basic oral anatomy and dental terminology)</li><li>* If student fails pre-test, must take basic dental assisting course</li><li>* Must be working in a dental office for direct supervision</li></ul> |
| Pathway III | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Basic Dental Assisting Course prior to Board approved Radiology Course (18 years of age for Radiology) Not taken concurrently.</li><li>* Must be working in dental office for direct clinical supervision, unless classroom facility offers hands on clinical.</li></ul>       |



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