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Dr. Kevin Doring

President's Message

SMDS Members,

As we step into February, I want to draw attention to an essential aspect of our children's well-being – their oral health. February is not only marked by the celebration of National Children's Dental Health Month but also features Dentist Day and the excellent initiative Give Kids a Smile.

Our children are the future of our nation, and ensuring their health and happiness is paramount. Dental health is a crucial component of overall well-being, and our responsibility is to instill good oral hygiene habits from a young age. National Children's Dental Health Month serves as a timely reminder to prioritize the dental care of our little ones. By promoting healthy habits such as regular brushing, flossing, and routine dental check-ups, we lay the foundation for a lifetime of strong and healthy smiles.

Dentist Day is on Tuesday, February 20, at the Calvert House in Annapolis, and it's the perfect opportunity to meet and speak with legislators on critical issues that matter the most! It is also the time for us to foster and maintain strong relationships with legislators who support oral health and to create new ones. These efforts let legislators know who to call when oral health issues arise. I look forward to meeting with elected officials to express my gratitude for their continued support in promoting oral health. If you are interested, it's not too late. Please register [here](#). There will be a pre-webinar on February 15th to discuss the topics and logistics of the day.

Give Kids a Smile is an initiative that resonates deeply with our values as a compassionate and caring society. It aims to provide dental care and oral health education to children who may not have easy access to these services. This February, let us support and amplify the impact of this initiative, ensuring that every child can enjoy the confidence and joy that comes with a healthy smile.

I encourage parents, educators, and community leaders to come together and raise awareness about the importance of children's oral health. By working collaboratively, we can create an environment that fosters healthy habits and ensures every child receives the dental care they deserve.

Let us use this month to celebrate our children's smiles and reaffirm our commitment to their overall health and happiness. Below is a picture from a Give Kids a Smile event that was executive and directed by past president and pediatric dentist Andrew Horng, DDS. This inspiring event motivated me to want to plan a GKAS 2025 at my children's elementary school.

We had a fantastic turnout at our first in-person General Membership Meeting of 2024, where Dr. Jeffrey Price spoke about Cone Beam Computed Tomography Interpretation. We successfully launched a new survey where members have expressed interest in joining the SMDS Executive Board and shared topics for future continuing education. Thank you again for your input. I can't tell you how meaningful it is.

In closing, I look forward to seeing you at our next in-person GMM on Monday, March 4th at 6 pm at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, where Dr. Vineet Dhar will speak about the New ADA Clinical Practice Guideline on Restorative Treatment for Caries Lesions, which was released in the June 2023 JADA.

Respectfully,

Halima Karim, DDS, FAGD
SMDS President





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Dr. Andrew Horng & staff, University of Maryland School of Dental Hygiene Students, and Dr. Halima Karim Wheaton Woods Elementary School, Rockville, MD
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7 classes will be held in our classroom and 4 will be held virtual

APRIL 9 – MAY, 2024

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DATES: April 9, 16, 18 V, 23, 25 V, 30, May 2 V, 7, 14, 16 V, 21, 2024 Tuesday & Thursday

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

Note: V indicates virtual classes.

APPLICATION – Please Print Clearly

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LEGAL NAME: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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Dentist's Signature _____ Date _____

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COVID-19 UPDATES

We have had all the room vents professionally cleaned and added a new medical grade air purifier. The classroom is cleaned after each use. Masks are not currently required but wear them if you feel the need.



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Failure to register at least one week in advance will result in a \$25.00 late charge.

To register **Please call** 301.345.4196 or
Email valerie@smdsdentists.org

Clear your calendars for Feb. 20 and join us once again at Governor Calvert House for Dentist Day in Annapolis 2024. We look forward every year to this convening of colleagues as we descend upon Annapolis and the Maryland State House to advocate for and against legislation that impacts dentistry.

Dentist Day is a wonderful way for all MSDA members to get involved in the legislative process. While getting to know our elected officials is essential every day of the year, Dentist Day is an important culminating event as dentists meet with dozens of lawmakers over the course of the morning. Our goal is to have an MSDA member meet with delegates and senators from all 47 legislative districts in the state.

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Meet the Instructor



**Kevin R.
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Dr. Kevin Doring is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins

University and earned his D.D.S. degree at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. He then completed a general practice and anesthesia residency at the Charleston Area Medical Center. He holds Mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry, is a Fellow in the American College of Dentists, the International College of dentists, the Pierre Fauchard Academy, and the International College of Oral Implantologists. Dr. Doring has been published in numerous dental journals and has lectured throughout the U.S. and internationally. He currently maintains a comprehensive general dental private practice in Edgewater, Maryland.

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Course synopsis

This one day course is designed for all dentists who wish to consider incorporating cosmetic facial enhancement treatments into their practices. The course will include 4 hours of lecture and 4 hours of participation credit for a total of 8 hours of continuing education. The latest cosmetic enhancement techniques utilizing Botox and Juvederm dermal fillers will be discussed and demonstrated. Participants will have the opportunity to perform these techniques on their own live patients.

Topics covered will include:

- The science of Botox and Dermal Filler treatments
- Review of facial anatomy
- Processes of aging and their effects on facial appearance
- Indications and contraindications of treatments
- Informed consent and legal considerations
- State Board guidelines
- Malpractice Insurance and your protection
- Incorporating cosmetic facial therapies into your practice
- Marketing cosmetic procedures

Course schedule

8:00 - 8:30	am	Breakfast and registration
8:30 - 10:15	am	Theory and practice of Botox therapy
10:15 - 10:30	am	Break
10:30 - 12:00	pm	Hands on Botox exercises
12:00 - 1:00	pm	Lunch
1:00 - 2:45	pm	Theory and practice of dermal fillers
2:45 - 3:00	pm	Break
3:00 - 5:00	pm	Hands on Juvederm dermal filler exercises

Participants are encouraged to bring patients on whom Botox/Juvederm procedures will be performed during the hands on portions of the course. Botox and Juvederm products will be available for purchase to use at the course.

Tuition

SMDS Members:	\$895	Non SMDS members:	\$995
Residents:	\$425	Staff/Patient:	\$225

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Dear Colleagues,

As we ramp up for the 2024 session of the Maryland General Assembly, the MSDA annually holds the Maryland Dental Leadership Roundtable discussion with the many other dental organizations in the state. During the meeting, we each provide an update on our work and discuss our priorities for the upcoming session.

The goal of the roundtable is to learn the general issues we all are interested in for the session, and then determine if there are ways in which we can help each other on our priorities. We all want to help better Marylanders' oral health, and where we can align on our issues, we should!

On Wednesday evening, MSDA hosted representatives from the Maryland Dental Society, the Maryland Dental Action Coalition, Maryland Academy of General Dentistry, the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners, the Maryland Academy of Pediatric Dentists, the Children's Oral Health Institute, the Office of Oral Health, and the Maryland State Society of Orthodontists to participate in the roundtable. Other organizations involved in dentistry were invited, including the Maryland Dental Hygienists' Association, but did not have a representative at the meeting.

Discussions focused around dental benefits, both Medicaid and private insurance, workforce, expanded function dental assistants, and access to care. We also heard an update from the Office of Oral Health on the progress being made on the implementation of several pieces of legislation that were passed last year.

We also had the opportunity to discuss the topic of CE credits for license renewal. Things you should know:

- 1) Stating with 2025 renewals, a 3 hour Infection Control Dental Board Approved CE Course will be required. It must be a single course, not cumulative over several courses.
- 2) The Dental Board has PROPOSED regulations to eliminate the CE grace period from 1/1 to 6/30 to get all your required courses starting with the 2025 renewal period. Please get your coursework done early. Do not wait until the last minute!
- 3) The Dental Board audits 5 percent of the renewal CE listings checking for compliance. Many renewal applications only list the 30 hours required. Please keep track and list ALL your CE courses taken. I know most of you take 100+ hours of course work every 2 years. Please list all courses so if a course is not Board approved, you have plenty of other courses completed to fill in. The good news is very few of the audited CE applications are found to be deficient! KEEP UP THE LIFETIME OF LEARNING!!
- 4) The Dental Board will now accept the AGD PACE CE Transcript as an easy way to document your course work.

I appreciate the camaraderie of all of our organizations as we head into session and look to better the oral health of all Marylanders.

Stay tuned next week as we recap the opening day of the 2024 Maryland General Assembly and begin outlining MSDA's priorities for the year.

Sincerely,

Charles Doring DDS MAGD
Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee

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