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Oct 6- Nov 24
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MSDA Officers Visitation

Apr 5
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President's Message: August/September 2026



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is my honor to serve as President of the Southern Maryland 2026-2027. Thank you to Dr. Kristen Millender for her excellent leadership and commitment to our profession and SMDS. I have known Dr. Millender for over 8 years and have seen her grow and develop as a great dentist and great leader. She represents the best of our profession. While Kristen is exceptional, my goal is to identify and develop future doctors with early interaction and development. In the last few years we have seen new life and energy that will need to be maintained and grown.

To that point I will continue to focus my efforts to increase the number of younger dentists. With the decline in membership fees the society will face challenges. As a member organization if there is not a pathway of value added we will not meet our goals and commitment. We have to engage differently with the different generations and meet their needs. and expectations as an organization. We all take pride in the profession that we have worked hard for and the communities that we serve. Whether in private practice or being employed, the challenges remain the same. More than ever, Southern Maryland Dental Society is relevant and necessary to legislatively advocate, socially support and uphold the scope and standards of our profession. My call to action is that individually we take the responsibility to help grow and support the organization that we love. Recruit a colleague or two to join and be part of something greater. I hope to see everyone to attend the Chesapeake Dental Convention, September 18-20 in Ocean City, Maryland.

Thank you,
Dr. Maurice Miles
President, Southern Maryland Dental Society

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Empowering the Southern Maryland Dental Society

Immediate Past President's Farewell: Gratitude, Service, and a New Chapter



Greetings colleagues,

As I reflect on my time as President of the Southern Maryland Dental Society, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve this organization and our dental community. I sincerely thank our Executive Board for its dedication, guidance, and unwavering support throughout my term. I am equally thankful to each of our members who attended meetings, shared ideas, volunteered, and contributed to the continued success of our society.

Our organization needs the involvement of its members now more than ever. The strength and relevance of the Southern Maryland Dental Society depend on dentists who are willing to participate, lend their voices, and help shape our future. Whether through attending meetings, serving on a committee, joining the Executive Board, mentoring a colleague, or simply encouraging another dentist to become involved, every contribution matters. I hope each of you will consider how you can help our society remain strong, connected, and responsive to the needs of our profession.

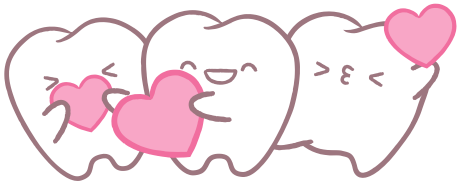
It is also my great pleasure to warmly welcome Dr. Maurice Miles as the new President of the Southern Maryland Dental Society. Dr. Miles has been a mentor to me for more than eight years, beginning during my junior year of dental school. His guidance, encouragement, and example have had a meaningful influence on my professional journey, and I am proud to see him step into this leadership role.

Dr. Miles, I wish you a successful and rewarding year as president. I know our society will benefit greatly from your experience, wisdom, and commitment to organized dentistry. I look forward to supporting you and the Executive Board as we begin this next chapter.

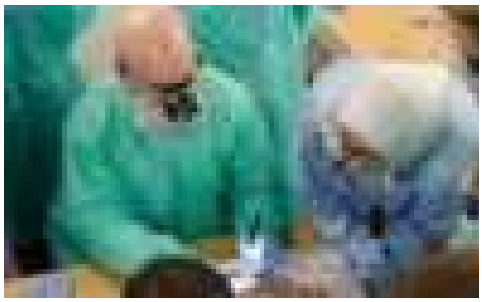
Thank you again to our members for allowing me the privilege of serving as your president. Although my title is changing, my commitment to the Southern Maryland Dental Society remains strong. I encourage each of you to stay engaged, become involved, and help us continue building a society that represents and supports every dentist in Southern Maryland.

With sincere gratitude,

Dr. Kristen C. Millender
Immediate Past President
Southern Maryland Dental Society



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Editor's Letter



Greetings Colleagues,

Please welcome our 2026-27 President, Dr. Maurice Miles and incoming SMDS executive board. I am honored to have served alongside my dear friend, Dr. Kristen Millender, and look forward to the efforts of Dr. Miles. Also for those unaware, this will be my last year serving as your editor, but I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to keep you informed and share highlights across our organization. In light of the CDC there will not be a publication for September.

Remember that our website serves as a valuable resource hub. It's consistently updated with details on upcoming events and training opportunities. Make it a habit to check in regularly, ensuring you don't miss out on any of the enriching activities we have in store. Check out the website here: www.smdsdentists.org

Welcome to our newest members:

- Dr. Tassos Sfondouris
- Dr. Kortnie Strother

Be sure to mark your calendars for the lineup of insightful seminars, meetings and engaging workshops planned. Our next virtual General Membership Meeting is on September 14th, where Dr. Jacob Dent will be discussing the topic "Inspiring Change to the World of Special Needs Dentistry". RSVP to valerie@smdsdentists.org. Fall is right around the corner so let's make the rest of this summer count!

Thank you,
Dawn Clarke, DDS
smds.newsletter@gmail.com

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.



2026

September 14, 2026 – GMM Live Webinar
October 5, 2026 – GMM Live Webinar
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Member Spotlight

Congratulations to Dr. Halima Karim, recipient of the Kendall Service Award for Outstanding Academic Program Leadership on June 10, 2026. "Her dedication to strengthening clinical education, supporting students, and enhancing patient care exemplifies the very best of UMSOD"



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Southern Maryland Dental Society

Member Spotlight

Spotlighting our incoming President, Dr. Maurice Miles, for taking leadership onto a global scale through his work with Right Now For Jamaica (RNFJ). RNFJ successfully delivered approximately $400,000 in vital medical supplies to Percy Junor Hospital. Also, special thanks to all members who supported and donated supplies during the previous hurricane recovery efforts coordinated by Dr. Miles.



Photo and caption adapted from jis.gov
Read full article at tinyurl.com/PJ-Hospital-article

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Member Spotlight

Spotlighting our SMDS member Dr. Aditi Priyamvara and her colleague Dr. Anam Khalid (Baltimore County Dental Association) for co-founding the EarlyDent Collective, a no-cost DC, Maryland, and Virginia-based study club created to bridge the gap between dental school and real-world practice.



Photo from earlydentcollective.com

Southern Maryland Dental Society

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Stronger Together. Better Dentistry. Healthier Communities.

Your SMDS Membership at Work

Membership in SMDS carries a defined set of professional benefits, several of which members use only partially or are unaware of entirely. This summary describes what membership includes and how to access it.



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EACH YEAR - INCLUDED WITH MEMBERSHIP

Maryland requires 30 CE credits every two years, including at least 13 live. SMDS typically offers 40 live credits across that same cycle - surpassing the total requirement and satisfying the live minimum without added live coursework.

Dental Team Training

DA

Dental assistant coursework - including Essentials and Dental Radiology training - helps practices advance clinical staff without sourcing outside programs.

Peer Review Mediation

PR

Professionally led process for resolving patient disputes over treatment or fees - usually before escalation to the Board or litigation.

Member Support & Communications

HELP

Reach SMDS staff by phone, email, or text.Stay informed through nine newsletters each year, the website, event notices, and member resources.

Advocacy & Public Health

VOICE

Representation on legislative and regulatory matters affecting insurance and reimbursement, plus timely notice of public-health developments in both counties, including fluoride supply concerns.

Leadership Opportunities

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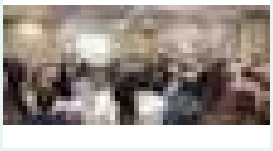
Join executive board calls,share ideas, support the Society, and strengthen dentistry's voice locally and statewide.

One Fee. Three Levels.

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One membership connects you to SMDS, MSDA, and ADA - bringing benefits and resources at local, state, and national levels.

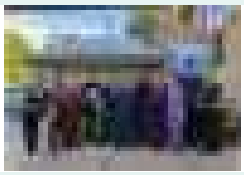
SMDS IN ACTION



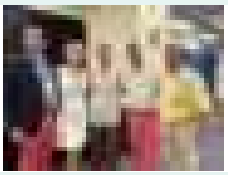
LIVE LEARNING



PRO CONNECTION



STUDENT LEADERSHIP



MEMBER LEADERSHIP



MEMBER OUTINGS

Use your benefits. Help shape your Society.

Questions, ideas, or ready to join an executive board call? Reach out to SMDS.

smdsdentists.org **301-345-4196** **valerie@smdsdentists.org**

To receive important announcements and CE updates, text "SMDS" to 55222.

Local connection | Statewide strength | National resources

SCAN FOR CURRENT EVENTS & RESOURCES

Member benefits and schedules are subject to change. Visit smdsdentists.org for current information. Updated August 2026.

Southern Maryland Dental Society

Call for Leadership

SMDS needs YOU to serve!

We are looking for dedicated members to step into leadership roles and help guide our society forward. Your involvement makes a difference in our dental community!

Positions Available

SMDS Treasurer

SMDS Membership Committee

SMDS Programs Committee

SMDS DELEGATE to the MSDA

5 open spots

SMDS ALTERNATE DELEGATE

7 open spots

Interested? Ready to serve?

Contact: **Valerie Fridley**

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Dates: Oct. 6, to Nov. 24, 2026 In classroom & 3 zoom TBA

Fee: $360 including books Total of 8 classes Time: 7:00-9:00 pm

This course is for people with little or no previous dental office experience who want to learn more about basic office dental assisting responsibilities. It will cover Infection Control, Dental Terminology, Basic Clinical Skills, Patient Education for Preventive Care, Patient Data Collection, Effective Communication, Treatment room, Common Medications, Dental Office Emergencies.

It is our responsibility to review didactic material as you read the information presented in textbooks. You will gain the understanding needed to be a successful assistant during the course of the office's daily routine. It will help you accomplish a positive interaction with staff and patients. He/she can accomplish more complex tasks as their abilities increase and permitted by Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners.

We feel this type of course fosters a positive learning experience for both new employees or anyone interested in a career in dental assisting.

The course requirements are good attendance, quizzes and examinations. This 8-week course should be of interest to the doctor and assistant to keep the office productive, dynamic, and cooperative.

APPLICATION

LEGAL NAME_____**AGE**_____

HOME ADDRESS_____

HOME/CELL PHONE_____**SS#**_____**HIGH SCHOOL GRAD**____**YES**____**NO**
(Last four # only)

EMAIL_____**AMOUNT ENCLOSED**_____

EMPLOYING DENTIST:_____**PHONE:**_____
OR
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:_____

August 2026

2026 CHESAPEAKE DENTAL CONFERENCE

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9.18~9.20.2026

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Expand your knowledge with a wide variety of CE courses.

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NEW DENTIST BOWLING (FRIDAY NIGHT)
Network, have fun, and show off your skills!

"EARLYDENT COLLABORATIVE" PODCAST RECORDING SESSIONS
Share ideas and insights with fellow dental professionals.

MEET THE PRESIDENT OF THE ADA
Dr. Rich Rosato

TALK WITH UMSOD NEW INTERIM DEAN
Dr. Gary Warburton

SATURDAY EVENING UMSOD REUNION
Reconnect and celebrate with colleagues and classmates!



SATURDAY NIGHT RETRO BEACH PARTY
Food, awards, music, games, root beer float station, bonfire & s'mores!

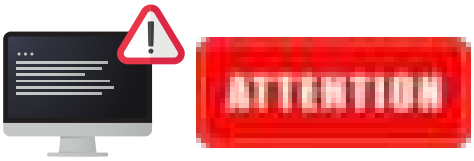
Let's Celebrate the MSDA Presidential Year of Dr. Charles Darling from DMSS!

FRIDAY & SUNDAY HOUSE OF DELEGATES
September 18th and 20th

Learn. Connect. Celebrate.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU IN OCEAN CITY!

PRINCESS ROYALE, OCEAN CITY, MD



Subject: A Real-World Reminder: Why Cyber Liability Insurance Matters

Dear Valued Client,

Cyber threats continue to evolve, and even organizations with strong security measures can become targets. A recent incident involving one of our clients highlights why Cyber Liability Insurance should be an essential part of every organization's risk management strategy.

What Happened?

The client was targeted by a growing attack method known as **Device Code Phishing**. Unlike traditional phishing attacks, this technique doesn't require attackers to steal a password. Instead, users are tricked into approving what appears to be a legitimate Microsoft authentication request. Once approved, attackers gain access using a valid authentication token.

In this case:

- An employee's Microsoft 365 account was compromised.
- The attacker accessed the account through Outlook Web Access (OWA).
- A malicious inbox rule was created to hide communications and maintain access.
- Mailbox contents were viewed.
- Malicious emails were sent to several internal users.

Fortunately, suspicious activity was detected quickly, and the client's IT team immediately took action by:

✅ Resetting the affected user's password
✅ Removing malicious inbox rules
✅ Scanning endpoints to verify device security
✅ Identifying and removing malicious emails from affected mailboxes
✅ Investigating for any additional signs of compromise

Because of the rapid response, the incident was contained before significant damage occurred.

The Financial Impact of a Cyberattack

While this incident ended favorably, many organizations are not as fortunate. A cyberattack can lead to substantial expenses, including:

- Business interruption and lost productivity
- Incident response and forensic investigation costs
- Legal, regulatory, and compliance expenses
- Data recovery and restoration costs

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- Customer and client notification requirements
- Reputational damage
- Cyber extortion and ransomware payments

In many cases, the cost of recovering from a cyber incident can far exceed the annual premium of a Cyber Liability Insurance policy.

Is Your Organization Protected?

Cyber Liability Insurance can help offset the financial impact of events such as:

- Data breaches
- Ransomware attacks
- Business email compromise
- Funds transfer fraud
- Other cyber-related incidents

While strong cybersecurity controls remain critical, technology alone cannot eliminate risk. Organizations need both effective security measures and the financial protection that cyber insurance provides.

Let's Review Your Coverage

If you're unsure whether your current Cyber Liability Insurance policy provides adequate protection—or if you don't currently have coverage—we encourage you to call us at 410.752.4008 or email at info@rktongue.com to speak with your insurance advisor and review your cyber risk exposure.

Protecting your business requires preparation, prevention, and a plan for recovery when incidents occur.

If you'd like to discuss ways to strengthen your cybersecurity posture, our team is here to help.

Sincerely,

TimothyAGirard, CLU®
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R.K.TongueCo., Inc.
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Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners
Bulletin

New License and Certificate Renewal Requirements for Dentists, Dental Hygienists, and Dental Radiation Technologists Implicit Bias Training Program and Structural Racism Training Program

As the result of House Bill 783 passed by the Maryland General Assembly in 2025, all applicants for renewal of licenses or certifications for health occupations, including dentists, dental hygienists, and dental radiation technologists, are required to complete a Structural Racism Training program approved by the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program within the Maryland Department of Health. The requirement applies to all dentists and dental hygienists whose licenses expire on June 30, 2026. It also applies to all dental radiation technologists who will be renewing their certificates after April 1, 2026. This requirement applies only to the first renewal cycle. You are required to complete the course one time only.

Please note that if you completed the course on Implicit Bias Training you are still required to complete the course on Structural Racism Training as a condition of license or certificate renewal after April 1, 2026. They are considered separate programs. You will be asked on the license or certificate renewal application to attest that you have successfully completed both an Implicit Bias Training Program and a Structural Racism Training program. If you do not complete both programs, you will not be eligible for license or certificate renewal.

Approved Structural Racism Training programs may be accessed through the following link: https://health.maryland.gov/mhhd/Pages/Implicit-Bias-Resources.aspx. Other courses are not approved.

If you are a dentist or a dental hygienist you may receive continuing education credit for completion of the course. The number of hours that you claim should equal the number of hours that it took you to complete the course. Keep in mind that a licensee may receive a combined total of no more than 4 continuing education hours for Board-approved courses on cultural competency, military culture, implicit bias training, and structural racism training.

In the past it has been reported that it was difficult to obtain a certificate of completion for some Implicit Bias Training Programs. You are therefore encouraged to take a screenshot once you have completed the Structural Racism Training Program. Please retain the certificate of completion, or the screenshot if a certificate of completion is not available.

Structural Racism courses have just recently become available. Therefore, the Board sincerely apologizes for the relatively short period to complete the program.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board's licensing unit at 410-402-8500.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dear Colleagues,

As many people are in the process of renewing their licenses, we have had several questions come into the MSDA, and I wanted to help provide guidance on a few key points and changes this cycle. As always, please check with the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners with questions.

1. The Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (MSBDE) has resources available regarding fees, continuing education courses, forms and frequently asked questions. Please click here for the latest bulletin from the MSBDE about CE requirements.
2. 30 hours of continuing education (CE) are required for renewal each cycle.
3. There are new requirements for licensure renewal for completion of **both** a structural racism training and an implicit bias training course that have been approved by the MSBDE. This requirement only needs to be met once upon renewal. When you take the courses, they will count toward your 30 hours of CE requirement.
4. 2 hours of infection control is needed this year, but future years will require those renewing their licenses a single 3-hour course of infection control training. This is required every year.
5. Proper prescription writing and proper disposal of prescriptions (2 hours) is required every other renewal cycle.
6. CPR is required each cycle, but it does not count toward your 30 hours of CE.

In addition, the Legislative Affairs and MARPAC committees met this past week to discuss the legislative session (past and future) and review requests for campaign donations. Thanks to the very successful MARPAC golf classic, we are in a good position to provide support to many candidates who are friends of dentistry. As a reminder, if you are interested in supporting a candidate for the Maryland General Assembly, please let us know. There is a good chance MARPAC may be able to assist.

Have a great weekend, and a very Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there!

Sincerely,
Steve
Stephen Dargan, DDS
Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee

Maryland Dental License Renewal: 2026–2027 CE Requirements

EVEN Renewal Years (2026)

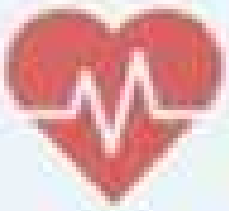
Submit CE credits earned between **January 1, 2024, and June 30, 2026.**

ODD Renewal Years (2027)

Submit CE credits earned between **January 1, 2025, and June 30, 2027.**

Mandatory CE Requirements

Total CE Hours:
30 hours
The total **Mandatory** hours required for every renewal cycle.



Required, but does not count toward **30 hours** CE hours.

- **Infection Control:** **3 hours** (**Required** every renewal cycle as a condition of license renewal.)
- **One-time Requirements:** Implicit Bias & Structural Racism training (Both must be completed once.) tinyurl.com/mdimplicitbiastraining
- **Biennial Courses (2 hours):** PANDA & Proper Prescription Writing (**Required** every other renewal cycle.)

Note: 2 hours Infection Control courses are accepted for 2026–2027 renewals.
PANDA Update: Monitor mdabantiopanda.org for courses or take a $35 paid **2 hours virtual course** at https://ilstraining.com/courses/abuse-and-neglect-prevention-for-dental-professionals/.


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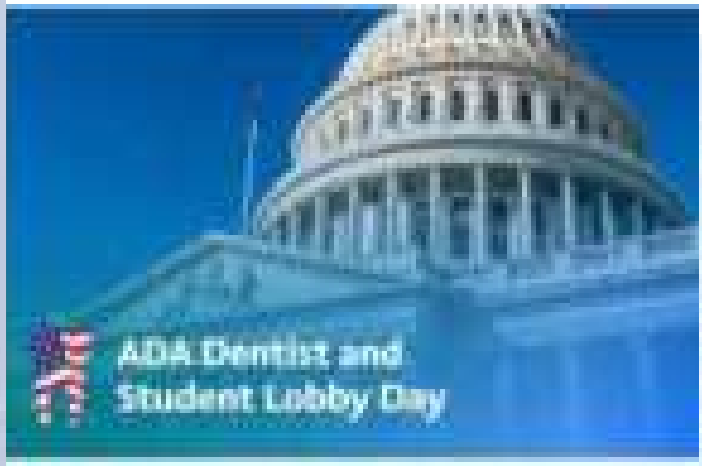


2026 MSDA Chesapeake Dental Conference

September 18-20, 2026

Princess Royale

Ocean City, MD



2027 ADA Dentist and Student Lobby Day

April 4-6, 2027

Marriott Marquis, Washington DC



2026 ADA Annual Scientific Session

October 8-10, 2026

Indiana Convention Center

Indianapolis, IN

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2: $1000, $750 1: $500, $250

STEP ONE YOUR INFORMATION

STEP TWO

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3. VOLUNTEER FOR FUTURE EVENTS

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EarlyDent Collective

- https://earlydentcollective.com/



- Drs Aditi Priyamvara and Anam Kalid started **EarlyDent Collective** out of a simple, honest place – a desire to help new dentists feel less alone as they step out of school and into the real world. Having recently graduated themselves, they knew firsthand how overwhelming that shift can be. Despite all the years of study, many fresh dentists find themselves without a clear path or support system.



National Museum of Dentistry

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Special Offer for MSDA Members!

Be a part of the story. Become a member.

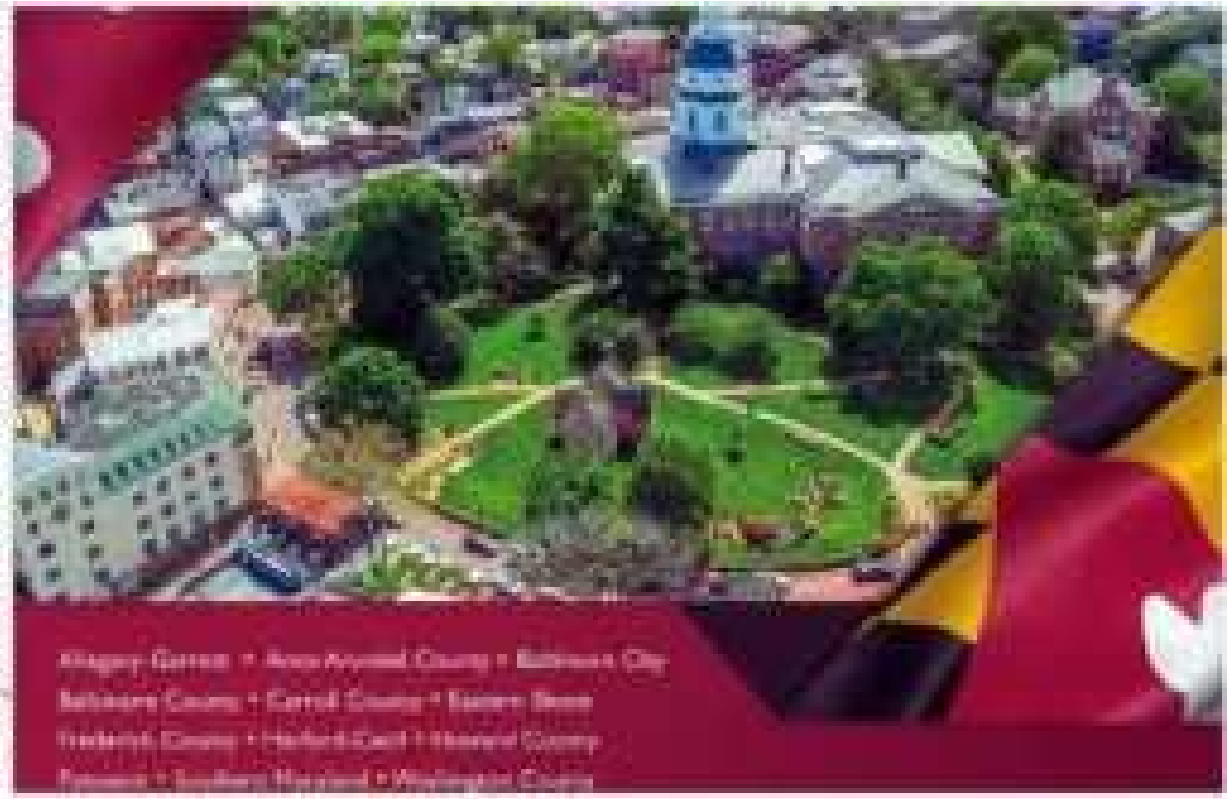
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- Join committees and engage in leadership opportunities.
- Access tools to help you succeed in the dental field.

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- Advocate for dental healthcare at local and national levels.
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Bridging Gaps in Oral Care Accessibility - Assessing Knowledge of Provider Preparedness in Serving the Deaf Community

The **purpose** of this study is to evaluate oral health practitioners' experience and preparedness in caring for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community and highlight awareness for ADA legal obligations

By joining the study, you will complete a short survey (1-2min).

No incentives will be given for participation and no penalties will be given if you choose to opt out.

By scanning the QR code above, you consent to participant in the survey and confirm you adhere to the following criteria:

1) Are 18 years or older

2) Serve in one of the following professional roles: dental assistant, dental hygienist, dental therapist, dentist (including dental specialties), dental hygiene students, and dental students.

All responses will be submitted **anonymously** and are **voluntary**. Please answer honestly. Any questions can be directed to the principle investigator (contact information below)

Principal Investigator: Suzanne Burgee

Email: sburgee1@umaryland.edu

Protocol Number: HP#-00116688

HEALTHY VOLUNTEER RESEARCH STUDY

You May Qualify For This Study If You:
Are 18 years or older, have a minimum of 20 natural teeth, and are willing to allow genetic testing.



Study Details:

- 1 hour screening visit
- 2 hour out-patient visit
- An oral exam, medical and dental history
- Dental X-rays and photos
- Provide a blood, urine and saliva sample
- Gum Biopsy

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Theoral cavity is a unique environment. Researchers seek to further understand the immune systems in the oral cavity by looking at environmental triggers that may cause a higher chance of gum disease.

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THE STUDY

Researchers are interested in looking at the oral bacteria and genotypes of people that present with periodontal disease at an early age (before age 35) or have a persistent decline in their periodontal status despite consistent and adequate oral hygiene care and treatment.

ELIGIBILITY

You May Qualify for This Study If You Are:

- Atleast7 yearsof age
- Have been diagnosed with the disease periodontitis (gum disease)

You May Not Qualify If You:

- Havea history of anautoimmune disorder (such as lupus or rheumatoid arthritis)
- Are pregnant or breast feeding
- Have a bleeding disorder
- Have had radiation therapy to the head or neck

Study Visits Include

- 1-hour screening visit
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