



September Newsletter



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Conference Guide

OCTOBER 5-7, 2023

Renaissance Hotel - A Marriott Bonvoy Property
6300 Waterford Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK

EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION EXTENDED!!

To receive early-bird savings from now until October 5, 2023 [click here](#).

Click on the digital conference guide above to view the conference schedule of events, detailed information about continuing education programs, presenters, registration rates, host hotel, and more!

All registration rates include food and beverage and continuing education credits. Due to food and beverage commitments, all registration sales are final. No refunds will be issued once your payment has been processed.

RESERVE YOUR ROOM(S) AT THE RENAISSANCE WATERFORD!

The ADTA room block at the Renaissance Waterford has been extended for stays from **10/2/23 to 10/13/23**. This will give you more flexibility. To receive your special conference room rate, register by **Thursday, September 21, 2023**.

Need assistance with your hotel reservation? Contact Deborah Allen, Group Housing Coordinator at 405.858.2413 or email [**DAllen@WATERFORDOKC.COM**](mailto:DAllen@WATERFORDOKC.COM)

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Dental Therapists Can Help Improve Oral Health Equity: A Conversation with Frank A.

Catalanotto, DMD

JADE sat down recently for a discussion with Frank A. Catalanotto, DMD, professor of community dentistry and behavioral science at the University of Florida College of Dentistry, about the value of dental therapy in the United States. Dr. Catalanotto began by noting that “Any discussion of dental therapy in the United States must start with a shared understanding of the facts related to implementation in the United States over the past 20-plus years. When presented with opinions opposing dental therapy, I always say the following, 'Here are my conclusions based on this evidence; if you have other conclusions, let’s see your evidence.’



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An Act to Improve Oral Health for All Massachusetts Residents

SECTION 1. Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after Section 34H the following new section:-



Section 34I. A public school shall notify the parent or legal guardian of a pupil described in the second paragraph of section 57 of chapter 71 concerning the importance of oral health screenings. The department of public health in, consultation with the board of registration in dentistry, shall develop a standard form of notice containing at minimum the following: 1) information on the importance of primary teeth; 2) information on the importance of oral health to overall health as it relates to learning; 3) contact information for local public health departments; 4) information about programs and services to access affordable dental care.

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One Million Coloradans Lack Access to Dental Care

(Colorado News Connection) Just 49 percent of Coloradans are able to access the dental care they need, and health advocates say increasing the number of licensed dental therapists -- especially in low-income areas, communities of color, and rural parts of the state -- could help fill in the gap.



Kyle Piccola, vice president of communications and advocacy for Healthier

Colorado, said dental health is directly linked to overall physical and mental health. When people go for days or weeks with pain in their mouth, it can lead to a cascade of negative impacts.

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Lawmakers Propose Bill to Bridge Dental Care Gap

ALBANY, N.Y. (WTEN) — Over eight million New Yorkers receive Medicaid benefits, but their dental coverage is limited. State lawmakers are looking to bridge the gap between providers and patients. In New York, Medicaid is required to provide dental benefits to children, but states choose what's covered for adults.



Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner told Capitol Correspondent Amal Tlaige, about a year ago, many of her constituents reached out to her about the lack of dental care for Medicaid patients. That's why she proposed a bill to allow for the practice of dental therapy in New York. A measure that experts say has been helpful in states like Minnesota. "And so and what the bill does is it creates new professional credentials called dental therapists, and the dental therapists have a scope of practice that requires them to work under the direct supervision of a dentist," said Woerner.

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Global Perspectives



CANADA - Saskatchewan Polytechnic's new two-year Bachelor of Science in Dental Therapy program launched this fall, and it will soon receive new equipment thanks to a donation from GreenShield. [To read more, click here.](#)

NEW ZEALAND - Oral health therapists are the 'secret weapon' in any universal dental care proposal - NZOHA. [To read more, click here.](#)

UNITED KINGDOM - Plans to relax UK prescribing laws are "eminently sensible" and will improve efficiency within the dental healthcare system,

according to one legal expert. [To read more, click here.](#)

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Kari Kuntzelman
ADTA President-Elect

“The ADTA has allowed me to advocate for dental therapy on a national level. It has allowed me to grow professionally by giving me the opportunity to sit in a leadership role. Dental Therapy changed my life and being a member of the ADTA has given me an opportunity to do things I never could have imagined.”

Visit americandentaltherapyassociation.org/membership

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ADTA Member Benefit: Job Board Posting & Discounted Registration

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Non-Members can pay to post an ad at the following rates:

\$100 - 30-day listing

\$150 - 60-day listing

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Michigan Dental Therapy 2022 Survey Reports

Michigan Primary Care Association (MPCA) is the voice of 40 community health centers and four Native American health service providers that provide healthcare to 1 in 14 people across Michigan. Community health centers are community-based and patient-directed organizations that deliver comprehensive primary care and other integrated healthcare services, including oral healthcare. MPCA's mission is to support health center excellence in the delivery of equitable care. We see dental therapy as an opportunity to improve access within the communities health centers serve and advance health equity in Michigan.

To read this report, click
here



If you are in need of scholarship funding, continuing education, or are interested in becoming a dental therapist, click on the opportunities below.

- Michigan Community Health Centers are eager to hire dental therapists, and the Delta Dental Foundation will provide a \$5,000 Workforce Development Incentive to any dental therapist who accepts a position at a Michigan Primary Care Association (MPCA) member health center! **Watch MPCA's Career Center Page** for new career opportunities.
- Vermont in need to fill position for dental therapy director at Vermont State University, state has had dental therapy pass in the state, filling the position will allow the program to begin in the state. For more information, **click here.**
- American Indian and Alaska Native Oral Health: Challenges and Opportunities (1 CE credit). To view webinar, **click here.** To read the white paper, **click here.**
- Optimize Dental Teams with Dental Therapists: A free self paced 3 credit CE course. For more information, **click here.**
- Oral Health Equity for Hispanics: Unraveling Policy and Influencing



Below is a list of upcoming events in the dental industry. To learn more, click on the event.

- [Minimally Invasive Care in Dentistry: Healing Tooth Decay with Brush On Therapies \(On Demand Webinar\)](#)
 - [Caring for Individuals with Disabilities: Practical Considerations for Dental Providers \(On Demand Webinar\)](#)
 - [Providing Oral Health Care to Autistic Individuals \(On Demand Webinar\)](#)
 - [ADTA Annual Conference: Unity For Oral Health Innovation- October 5-7, 2023](#)
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