New Member Guide
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The Nevada Dental Association has been an important part of the community since 1969, providing a voice for the dental profession, advocacy, and social and charitable opportunities for its members. The society cannot be successful without the support and growth of our members. To advocate, in short, simply means to fight. The NDA understands that there is a war going on daily against you and your profession and no matter how it looks, a war doesn’t fight itself.

**Tripartite Membership**

As a member you are offered a tripartite membership which includes the American Dental Association (ADA), the Nevada Dental Association (NDA) and your local dental society. A tripartite membership allows you to take full advantage of services and benefits available from your National, State, and Local level. In Nevada there are three local societies:

- Northeastern Nevada Dental Society (NENDS)
- Northern Nevada Dental Society (NNDS)
- Southern Nevada Dental Society (SNDS)

**The Strength of the ADA**

The strength of the ADA comes from individual dentists. More than 159,000 dentists and 18,000 students are already members. There are 777 dentists in Nevada who have decided to be active members in our profession and ADA members.

A strong ADA means more resources for members and a powerful voice in Washington and Carson City, Nevada’s capital. The ADA and our state and local dental societies enhance your ability to achieve success and your excellence as a dentist, and ensure a strong future for our profession.

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Why being a member of the ADA is essential to the future of dentistry

I’m proud to be a member of the ADA. I’m honored to be a part of an organization that is 159,000 dentists strong. I know that if I need something the ADA is there not just to get me through, but also to make sure that I’m successful. And even when I don’t know what I need, it’s the ADA that is the first to inform me and provide me with resources so that I can spend my time doing what I do best: serving patients.

It’s not about discounts and offers, but rather the peace of mind I receive knowing that for the cost of a cup of coffee a day, I have someone looking out for the small business owner, the young professional, and the health care provider.

I’m doing my part to be a cohesive voice, active member and support an organization that works tirelessly so that I can succeed. Without truly understanding the benefits of organized dentistry and being an active member, organized dentistry will dissolve. But I hope in my lifetime, I never see that day. I hope that my colleagues see that without the ADA, without your state and local societies, there’s no network, no unified voice. I’d rather stand united with 159,000 ADA members than alone. Where do you stand? 🌟

— Emily Ishkanian, DMD., ADA New Dentist Committee Chair
Southern Nevada General Dentist

The American Dental Association

The American Dental Association (ADA) has many member benefits that are designed to assist dentists at every level. Financial services, publications, continuing education, discounts on products, and more can be found at the ADA website: www.ada.org

ADA advisors can be contacted Monday–Friday, 8am–5pm CST at (800)-621-8099.

ADA Find-A-Dentist
Updated profiles allow patients to search and find your practice.

Student Loan Refinancing
Refinance and save thousands on your student loans.

Publications
*ADA Morning Huddle* and *JADA*. Important cutting edge information sent daily

Advocacy
In Washington, D.C. the ADA works to promote public policies that will improve oral health. A list of advocacy issues can be found on the website. A unified voice in Washington, through the ADA, continues to improve the practice of dentistry.

Insurance
Group Insurance plans through the ADA allows members to save.

Contract Interpretation
The ADA provides contract interpretation to assist you with third party payers, management service contracts, and dental school scholarships and loans in exchange for future employment.

New Dentist Now Blog
Personal insights into new dentists throughout the country.

New Dentist Conference
Customized CE for new dentists that bring together your peers in a fast paced learning environment prior to the ADA conference.

ADA Conference
Be inspired with dentists from across the world that come together annually for great CE, the house of delegates, and camaraderie. 🌟
The Nevada Dental Association

The Nevada Dental Association is very active in Nevada politics. Along with a prominent contract lobbyist, Nevada has an Executive Director, Dr. Robert Talley, who was born and raised in Las Vegas and practiced dentistry there for 26 years. He works with the contract lobbyist as part of an effective team to attend legislative events, regulatory meetings, and to create relationships with and educate legislators on issues important to dentists and their patients. It is a true member value to have a dentist paid to give his full attention advocacy efforts when in most states this is done on a volunteer basis. Membership is important so we can continue to have this voice for dentistry.

– Robert Talley, DDS, CAE, NDA Executive Director

Nevada Dental Association Benefits

Advocacy

The NDA provides the best resource to keep you up-to-date on what exactly is the NDA doing for you! You’ll have access to resources like the NDA Journal Quarterly Publication. A new Member Access Page is now available on our website where members can login and get all of the latest updates from us and our lobbyist on the legislation, progress reports on meetings and conventions, business resources, and opportunities to be involved. Even better, we also provide a NDA Closed Member group at: www.facebook.com/NevadaDentalAssociation. Join Us!

Team

The NDA team is made of board members, ADA delegates, and volunteers to further serve you generously with their valuable time providing the absolute best in leadership as pillars in the community and as a part of this association. With their steady, grounded dedication there cannot be a better choice of support for our members, all the while providing exceptional care in their communities as well. www.nvda.org/membership

Resources

The NDA provides the best resources that keeps you up-to-date on what exactly the NDA is doing for you. Resources like the NDA Journal Quarterly Publication, a Member Access Page online where members can now get all of the latest updates from us and our lobbyist on the legislation, progress reports on meetings and conventions, business resources, and opportunities to be involved. www.nvda.org/advocacy.
Benefits

The NDA understands that it is your priority to provide quality care and your time is precious. With NDA’s 21-plus endorsed products the savings you receive amount to a great benefit, for example:

Insurance—TDIC, The Dentist Insurance Company. As a new dentist or a seasoned practicing professional you don’t have to worry about coverage, we’ve got you covered! Employment Practice Liability, Health Insurance for small groups, individuals and families, disability, and how about this, multi-lingual consent forms provided in nine different languages! With TDIC the savings are unmatched!

NDA Supplies is saving members up to 35% on more than 50,000 products from top manufactures! Login to your benefits at www.nvda.org/membership/benefits-of-membership and let your savings work for you.

Charities and Volunteer Services

The NDA understands the importance of our community and is dedicated to the awareness of it. Check out our opportunities to join us and our components in making great, longstanding impacts to ultimately change lives. The NDAPAC advocates the long-term interests and value of organized dentistry in Nevada. By supporting candidates who are committed to our profession, NDAPAC is the most valuable tool we have to accomplish our goals and ensure continued growth and success.

Receive continuing education credit hours when volunteering with programs such as Temporary Practice Support and Give Kids A Smile! www.nvda.org/charities.

Marketing

NDA not only provides you with a voice but a presence as well. Providing featured marketing on its website and not limited to Statewide Quarterly Publications, Patient Referrals using Find A Dentist Tab capable of over 50,000 trackable internet interactions, 20% member savings on Classified Ads post seen nationwide, and on social media sites averaging more than 2000 monthly interactions, all for its members. www.nvda.org.
New Member Benefits!

**ADVOCACY**
The NDA has a DENTIST who works diligently to represent you and the dental profession. www.nvda.org

**HEALTH INSURANCE**
TDIC Insurance Solutions
Personal and Professional Insurance Broker
www.thedentists.com

**FIND-A-DENTIST**
A nation-wide opportunity driving new patients to ADA member dentist.
nvda.org/patient-resources/find-a-dentist

**EMERGENCY KITS**
Rely on HealthFirst, the leader in emergency preparedness for over 40 years.
www.healthfirst.com/ad

**MESSAGES ON HOLD**
Save $300 on an InTouch System, an exclusive price for ADA Members only.
intouchdental.com

**LUXURY VEHICLES**
Save up to $3,500 on a new Mercedes-Benz! From over 70 models for purchase or lease.
www.adic.org/mercedes

**PAYROLL SOLUTIONS**
ADA members receive exclusive pricing up to 50% less than traditional payroll services.
www.SurePayroll.com/ad

**ADA CREDIT CARDS**
No annual fees, no travel blackout dates for more than 150 airlines.
adavisa.com/36991

**APPLIANCES**
Choose from hundreds of popular consumer products for your home.
www.whirlpoolinsidepass.com

**WEB PRESENCE MARKETING**
Website design and hosting, patient education and social media blogging.
www.officite.com

**CAR RENTAL**
Best selection and price on rental cars, save on your next rental today.
www.ada.org/car-rental-program

**SUPPLIES**
Savings of 3%+ on over 50,000 of the most popular dental products.
www.sourceonedental.com

**PRACTICE FINANCE**
25+ years of experience helping dentists start, acquire, expand, and refine their practices.
wellsfargo.com/ada_dentist

**AMALGAM RECOVERY**
Waste Stream Management has been educating and protecting clients for over 42 years.
HealthFirst.com/dental-waste/ADA/index.html

**SHARPS MANAGEMENT**
Receive 10% Off all Sharps Management Products Plus Access to Special Promotions.
www.healthfirst.com/ada

**APPAREL FOR STAFF**
Receive up to 10% off on products and another 10% off on embroidery—with no minimums!
ada.landsend.com

**HIPPA COMPLIANT EMAIL**
PBHS Secure Mail starts at $10 per month with options to add robust collaboration.
www.pbhs.com/securemail

**SHIPPING**
Discounts of up to 36% plus 50% off select services for up to four weeks after you enroll!
savewithups.com/ada

**ELECTRONIC ONLINE BACKUP**
The latest in paperless business optimization solutions for a dental office.
dentalrecord.com

**PATIENT FINANCING**
Get started with a one-time fee of only $25 a savings of $170.
www.carecredit.com/dental

**CREDIT CARD PROCESSING**
The average dental practice is saving $1,860 per year with Best Card, a 27% savings!
www.bestcardteam.com

**COMPUTERS**
From Lenovo’s entire line of technology products. Save up to 30% on PC Products.
www.lenovo.com/ada.
The Northern Nevada Dental Society (NNDS) is composed of many elements to better serve our members.

**Continuing Education**
From October to May, dinner meetings provide members with 2.5 CE credits a month. The topics of these meetings include information for the general dentist and specialist and allow all members to come together and learn while having a great meal. Two times a year there is an all-day course. NNDS brings in speakers from across the country providing a great opportunity for our members.

**Annual Open House BBQ**
An event for all NNDS members, new dentists, and families. There is a bounce house, friends, amazing BBQ, and family fun.

**Spouse/Guest/Family Night**
Each year the NNDS President picks a fun activity for members and family to enjoy. Past events include: mystery dinner bus, wine & dine, Nevada football game, and soccer game.

**New Dentist Welcome Event**
Before the annual open house BBQ, the Northern Nevada New Dentist Committee hosts a welcome to town event. The event is a great time to meet those new to town and catch up with colleagues.

**Charity Golf Tournament**
The Northern Nevada Dental Health Programs/Joel F. Glover annual charity golf tournament is held in the fall. The tournament has provided thousands of dollars to those in need in our community.
Member Benefits

Peer Review
Mediation by your peers to assist you with any dental complaints filed by a patient. This benefit can ensure a complaint does not become a part of the public record. This also saves you, the member, money regarding litigation costs and can prevent a complaint from going to the State Board for their adjudication. Peer review methods are employed to maintain standards of quality, improve performance, and provide credibility.

Insurance
Significant discounts on insurance products including Disability and Life Insurance. The NDA endorses TDIC Solutions; members may receive discounts on medical and office premiums. Additionally, Orgill Singer/ProAssurance Insurance is a regular NNDS sponsor with competitive quotes.

Networking
Monthly and annual meetings allow a member to build a community of colleagues, referrals, camaraderie, and friends.

Advocacy
The Nevada Dental Association works diligently to represent you and the dental profession in the state of Nevada. The NDA had another very successful legislative year in 2015 by building legislator relationships, its stellar lobbyist team, and its influence on oral health policy at the national and state level working to enhance and protect the profession for our members and patients. We plan on another successful session in 2017 with the help of you as a member and your membership dues.

Continuing Education
Multiple courses offered at the National, State and Local levels with significant discounts offered to member dentists’ as well as your staff for qualifying courses. NNDS offers dinner meeting courses at $35 for members as well as substantial savings on all-day continuing education courses. These local opportunities save you money on travel out of state/town, save you time, and reduce the potential loss in production by being away from your practice/office.

New Dentist Support
New dentist committee supports, holds events, and provides mentorship for all new dentists who practice in northern Nevada.

Women Dentists
At the NNDS, the Women Dentists group plans events also geared towards mentorship and support.

Volunteer Services
Members receive continuing education credit for ‘giving back’ to your community through volunteerism with the Northern Nevada Dental Health Programs (NNDHP).

Legal Support
For dentists’ rights in lawsuits with managed care plans, to maintain the dentist and patient as treatment decision makers. Contract analysis service review of unsigned dental benefit contracts.

Temporary Practice Support
NNDS offers a temporary dentist network of your colleagues to help you if you are suddenly disabled, sick, or unable to practice dentistry temporarily.

Financial Institution Discounts
Some banks offer discounts for business loans to ADA members only.

Tools & Tips
To help your practice thrive. Significant discounts on patient education and practice management products. Programs to help you improve your leadership skills and your community.

Find-a-Dentist
An opportunity on www.ada.org driving new patients to ADA member dentists.

Student Loan Refinancing
ADA is now offering student loan consolidation/refinancing program.

Free Subscriptions
Free subscriptions to ADA News, JADA, and the NDA Journal, as well as newsletters and updates from the State and Local levels of membership.

Recent Graduates
The ADA Reduced Dues Program allows recent graduates to become members with graduated payments, as follows: The first full calendar year following dental school graduation, the dues rate is $0. In the second year, it is 25% of full dues. In the third year, it is 50% of full dues. In the fourth year, it is 75% of full dues. Recent graduates who enter a graduate program within the five years following dental school graduation pay the graduate rate of $30 per year during the program and are eligible to either begin or resume the Reduced Dues Rate Program schedule upon completion.

Dues Reduction
The NDA and NNDS will follow any dues pricing incentives offered by the ADA throughout the year. We also offer dues discounts for any dentist working at a federal qualified health center. Special pricing incentives will be marketed to a targeted member audience. Federally employed dentists also qualify as Direct ADA members but still are entitled to all state and local benefits.
Southern Nevada Dental Society

Community Nights
We invite you to join us at our community and dinner meeting events where you can treat yourself to an evening of great food, good fun, and prizes. This is a great opportunity to meet and network with us and your peers. [www.sndsonline.org/calendar-of-events/dinner-meeting-schedule](http://www.sndsonline.org/calendar-of-events/dinner-meeting-schedule).

Match
Match is a service that allows dentists to post and find job opportunities and practices for sale within Southern Nevada. Members can post their listing on our website for free! To post your ad today contact the SNDS office at 702-733-8700 or email monica.rexius@sndsonline.org. [www.sndsonline.org/what-we-do/match](http://www.sndsonline.org/what-we-do/match).

Continuing Education
Whether you call SNDS home or are planning to travel to Vegas, earning our continuing education credits has never been easier. With a variety of CE options the SNDS offers dental education topics applicable for Dentist, Hygienist, and Dental Assistants. Our members receive a discounted rate as well as multiple continuing education opportunities.

Payroll, Human Resources, and Risk Management
Since 1995, ManagedPAY has successfully partnered with a broad range of clients in need of professional expertise in Payroll, Human Resources, Risk Management, and Insurance in order to keep their business running smoothly. By allowing ManagedPAY to cover these essential, yet time-intensive employer disciplines, clients become free to fully concentrate on growing their business, not merely maintaining it. [www.managedpay.com](http://www.managedpay.com).

ID Theft Protection
SOUTHERN NEVADA DENTAL SOCIETY

Member Benefits

**PRACTICE VALUE**

SNDS LEADERSHIP IS EXCITED TO BRING OUR MEMBERS NEW BENEFITS FOR YOUR PRACTICE

- More than $1000+ Savings on Solemetex Amalgam Separator bundle!! Talk to Henry Schein or Benco Dental for your SNDS Install Discount!
- Wish you could provide health benefits to your team and also get a great payroll service company, save 5% with Managed Pay
- 10% Member Savings for Small Business’ with Liberty ID; Identity theft protection and restoration, coverage extends to team and patients!

**Continuing Education**

**CE CAFE OFFERS 8 FREE CE CREDITS A YEAR! A $400.00 VALUE!!**

**MIX AND MATCH A CE PROGRAM THAT FITS YOUR SCHEDULE AND YOUR BUDGET.**

**CE ON DEMAND: SCHEDULE AND VIEW CE AT THE SNDS OFFICE WHEN IT IS CONVENIENT FOR YOU!**

**PEER REVIEW**

Mediation by your peers to assist you with dental complaints filed by a patient. This benefit can ensure a complaint does not become a part of your public record. Free service to SNDS Members, Non-Member fee $2500.00

**Leaders in Community**

16th Annual Give Kids a Smile: February 3rd Volunteer with your colleagues and help the underprivileged kids of Clark County

SNDS Angel Program. New Benefit of Members supporting Members through Temporary Disability Assistance to keep your practice running in the event of an emergency.

MATCH Employment: List or Find job opening in So. NV. Complimentary posting by members.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BENEFITS VISIT

HTTP://WWW.SNDSONLINE.ORG/MEMBERSHIP/BENEFITS-OF-MEMBERSHIP
Congratulations,
You Have a Dental License!
Now what?

NV Pharmacy Controlled Substance License
www.bop.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/bopnvgov/content/Services/newapps/CS_Application.pdf
- You will need this license prior to submitting for a DEA license
- $80.00 money order or cashier’s check
- Form is available online, but must be submitted via mail
- This is renewed with your dental license biennially

Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)
www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/index.html
- Once you have a pending NV CS license, you can apply for a DEA number
- After you receive your DEA certificate, you must fax a copy to (775) 850-1444
- Renewed every three years

Bioterrorism
- Within two years of obtaining your dental license you must take 2 CE Bio-Terrorism courses from either of the two online sources: Manhattan Consultants, Inc. and Biologix Solutions LLC

Infection Control
- A dentist must have 2 CE annually or 4 CE biennially in the clinical subject of infection control
- The society provides an annual course satisfying all infection control and OSHA requirements

Continuing Education Credits NAC 631.175
- Each dentist must have 40 CE biennially
  - 30 of these CE’s must be based on clinical subjects
  - CE’s do not transfer or carry over between licensed years
  - 6 CE’s can be obtained from non-profit volunteering as approved by the Board

CPR
- Each dentist must be certified in CPR and hold a valid card
- For specialists with sedation licenses this must include Advanced Life Support

Specialty Licensure
- Nevada requires specialists to obtain specialty licenses
- Two options to apply for a specialty license:
  1. Obtain a general license first and later apply for a specialty license
     - Favorable for those graduating from residency and desiring to begin practicing immediately, as a specialty license will not be approved until after the applicant has completed residency
     - Practitioner cannot advertise himself/herself as a specialist until specialty license is obtained, but can legally complete all procedures specific to his/her specialty
  2. Apply initially for a specialty license
     - Must become a diplomate of the appropriate specialty board within six years of obtaining license
     - Must maintain diplomate status for license to remain active
- This link provides specific information and the application for licensure: www.dental.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dentalnvgov/content/Licensure/Specialty%20Licensure%20by%20Credential%20Application.pdf

General Anesthesia Permit
- You must have completed an Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery or Dental Anesthesia Residency prior to applying for a General Anesthesia Permit
- You also have to have a license to apply for the permit
- The licensure process requires that you obtain a permit for yourself and one for each site you will be administering general anesthesia
  - There will be an oral evaluation that requires a patient present for the practitioner permit
  - There is also a site inspection that evaluates your equipment and emergency protocol for the site permit
- This process takes some time, so it is important to contact the board to schedule these evaluations early so you can start when you expect to
- The applications are found in the “Licensee Resources” section of the board web site
Insurance

Professional Liability Insurance
• Malpractice coverage for individuals, corporations, or employees

Disability Insurance
• Coverage to protect loss of income due to a disability

Workers Compensation Insurance
• All Nevada employers who employ one or more persons must carry this insurance

Personal Property Insurance
• Coverage for damages or lost items in your practice

Data Breach/Cyber Security Policy
• Protection against a data breach at your office or virus transmission

Opening a Practice

The ADA provides many benefits to assist you in the transition to practice ownership. Wells Fargo offers financing options and a workbook is available here: wellsfargo.com/projectkit

Depending on if you are buying a practice or starting from scratch there are many licenses and forms required. Below is a list of departments and licenses in the order needed. More information is available here: www.reno.gov/home/showdocument?id=49209

State Business License
• www.nvsilverflume.gov/home

Nevada State Department of Taxation
• www.nvsilverflume.gov
• State Industrial Insurance
• You must have proof of workman’s comp insurance

Fictitious Name
• Doing Business As (DBA) must be registered with Washoe County Clerk’s Office. 1001 E 9th Street Bldg A, in Reno. Additional information may be found by calling their office at (775) 784-7260

City Business License
• City of Reno/Sparks/Washoe County http://www.reno.gov/government/departments/community-development-department/business-license-division/application-process
• Clark County
• www.blepay.clarkcountynv.gov

Planning Division
• Planning review is required for every business license application with a physical address in Reno. The Planning Division will review the address provided to ensure that your business description meets zoning code requirements for that location. For questions, contact Community Development–Planning Division at (775) 321-8309

Building Division
• Building review is required for businesses that are making any construction changes to the business location or changing the use of the previous business (if any) in that location. If building permits are still required or open permits exist, the business license application will not be approved until the permits have been completed and signed-off. For questions, contact Community Development–Building Division at (775) 334-2063

Fire Inspection
• Fire prevention review is required for all businesses at a commercial location which are not considered a shared use space. Contact the Fire Prevention Division at (775) 334-2300 to schedule a fire inspection or with any questions.
• Annual renewal of $25.00 can be submitted online or via mail

District Health
• Contact the Washoe County Health District at (775) 328-2434 or visit www.washoecounty.us to apply for a health permit or with any questions

Environmental Control
• Contact Public Works–Environmental Control Division at (775) 334-2350 with any questions

Taxes

Quarterly Taxes: www.nevadatax.nv.gov
• Modified Business Tax
• Use Tax
• Bond Tax—must be mailed in
• Unemployment Securities

Payroll Taxes
• www.eftps.gov
• Done after each payroll

Commerce Tax
• Tax imposed on businesses who gross more than $4,000,000
• Regardless of gross revenue this tax must be filed

www.nvda.org
Testimonial

My general dentistry practice recently opened in March of 2016 in Henderson. As a new provider to the state of Nevada and relatively young in the profession itself, I knew I would have a lot to learn from my colleagues and peers within the community. The practice is a family-based practice, offering general services to all ages including basic pedo, endo, oral surgery, and implant dentistry. I found that the specialty network in the community was easy to find, and I love how easy it has been to make a seamless transition of care for all my referred patients.

On one occasion, I was able to utilize the Southern Nevada Dental Society’s Peer Review Committee service and couldn’t be happier with the entire process. My practice had been treating a particular patient for a large case, but unfortunately this patient wasn’t 100% satisfied with her treatment and requested a refund of her treatment costs. Because the case was complex and involved several disciplines, it was difficult to determine what resolution would be appropriate, and this is where the Peer Review Committee helped the most. A member from the committee was assigned to me to mediate the issue. I felt very comforted knowing that I could explain the treatment, provide clinical notes, and explain our office procedures to another dentist that understands the industry. Also, it was nice to have a mediator so the patient would feel confident that her concerns were being addressed. In the end, the committee member worked out a reasonable solution to both of us and we were able to quickly resolve an issue without the stress that I imagine it normally would be if I were to do this process alone.

I was also able to walk through my treatment plan with the committee member and it was great to have him offer his input and suggestions. As a new practice owner, learning from a seasoned dentist was the best education I could have received, and it was very beneficial from a learning standpoint to go through this experience with the Peer Review Committee.

– Grace Chung, DDS, General Family and Implant Dentistry
Southern Nevada General Dentist

Give Kids a Smile

Each year across the nation, dentists, hygienists, and volunteers come together to provide free dental care for children in “Give Kids A Smile.” NNDS and SNDS both host GKAS events that organize the community to treat the underserved. The event coincides with the national GKAS program through the ADA and provides children much needed dental care. In both Northern Nevada and Southern Nevada, thousands of dollars are donated in treatment to help those less fortunate. If you are interested in volunteering your time or donating supplies, contact your local state representative and they will make sure your talents are utilized!
Lobby Day

The Nevada Legislature meets every other year and during that time the Nevada Dental Association hosts a day in Carson City where dentists and dental students from UNLV are invited to participate in and learn about the legislative process. This includes meetings with individual legislators, having the chance to sit with a legislator on the floor of the Assembly or Senate, and having a group lunch with legislators, staff and your colleagues. If the timing is right, participants may even see the dental lobbying team in action during a legislative hearing. Membership is vital so these type of events can take place.

– Robert Talley, DDS, CAE, NDA Executive Director

Peer Review

There may be no greater benefit to being an ADA member for the new dentist than peer review. Peer review is available to members at no cost. Whether the practitioner is solo or in a group setting knowing that they have peer review as a resource can be a tremendous asset. Conflict resolution will be a part of every dentist’s practice as a business owner or simply as a health care provider. Understanding that the dentist has the capability to have their conflict reviewed and potentially mediated by their peers to resolve patient conflict is a tremendous value.

The dental profession has assumed both a special obligation to the patients it serves and a responsibility to itself to maintain its high standards and professional integrity. No activity in organized dentistry demands as much of a commitment to this obligation and responsibility as peer review.

Peer review challenges the committee and the dentists it serves with a sense of fairness and objectivity, sound judgement, and clinical skills. It also demands a commitment from the dental society—efficiency, expediency and responsiveness. Most importantly, however, peer review provides the most tangible opportunity for the dental profession to demonstrate its overriding concern—the provision of quality dental care to the patient.

– Paul Brosy, DMD, Northern Nevada Peer Review Chairman
  Northern Nevada General Dentist
Advocacy & What the NDA is Doing For You

Dentistry is one of the most regulated industries in the state of Nevada. Dentists are regulated as a provider of health care, as a prescriber, as an employer and as a businessperson. The NDA is the voice of dentistry in Nevada, legislators seek our counsel and regulators request our advice. We have a highly qualified team who look out for the interests of Nevada Dentists and who try to make sure we have a place at the table on every issue.

The NDA meets with legislators as well as Congressmen and Senators expressing our concerns and interests. Right now, our main concern has to deal with third party intrusion, meaning the insurance industries never-ending interruption with the Doctor/Patient relationship, the controlling of our fees as well as determining which treatment modalities are acceptable and those which are not.

We keep a close eye and intervene when necessary with the Nevada Board of Pharmacy, Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners, the state Medicaid Division, the Legislative Commission, the Legislative Interim Health Committee, the Legislative Interim Finance Committee, the Department of Health and Human Services as well as the Governor’s office.

All these activities require time, dedication and financial support. Without our members who support us these activities would be significantly diminished or even abandoned.

Thank you for your time and consideration of being a part of the ADA, the NDA as well as your local dental society.

We are organized dentistry working for the benefits and well-being of our members and the patients we serve.

— Richard J. Dragon, DMD, President-Elect NDA
Northern Nevada General Dentist

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