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SCDA Dental Access Days Survey

By Phil Latham, Executive Director

The South Carolina Dental Association's (SCDA) Dental Access Day's (DAD) Project has been a staple event for the past nine years. Over \$7.6 million of free dental care has been provided to more than 13,000 patients during those nine years.

The SCDA depends on a host of volunteers to help make each and every DAD project a success. One of those groups is the North Carolina Dental Society (NCDS) who has allowed us to use their dental equipment, personnel and all of its components over the last nine years. There are some changes on the horizon at the NCDS and those changes will affect the SCDA and future DAD projects the Association may host. The SCDA may have to secure dental equipment and resources from another source which would cost additional money and require more personnel and time.

Due to this, plus the fact that the SCDA has seen its own set of challenges, the Board of Governors decided to put a hold on future DAD Projects and allow 2018 to be a year to review past projects, explore opportunities and determine the future of DAD.

<u>Click here</u> to take the survey or you may complete the below and fax back to 803-750-1644.

We need an excellent return rate on this survey. This is your Association and your voice counts to the direction the SCDA will take on this and other projects in the future.

If you have any questions regarding the DAD project, do not hesitate to contact the SCDA office.

- 1. How many years have you volunteered for a DAD project?
- 2. Please select your age range:
 - a. Under 40
 - b. Age 41-55
 - c. Age 56-65
 - d. Age 65 or Older
- 3. Did you volunteer for the 2017 project in Columbia?
- 4. If you did NOT volunteer for the project in Columbia, why?
- 5. What was your experience and/or opinion after participating?
- 6. Would you be willing to assist in a future project, regardless of location?
- 7. What is the appropriate length of the SCDA DAD's event? 1 day or 2 days
- 8. What days of the week would you prefer the SCDA DAD event be held? Friday, Saturday or Friday and Saturday
- 9. Do you think August is a good time of year to have the project?
- 10. Would you consider a leadership position for a future DAD project?
- 11. In your opinion, what is the main value of the SCDA DAD event?
- 12. Do you see a real value in donating your time and services to the needy in your area or State?
- 13. Additional Comments, Concerns/Suggestions

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Macaulay Dental Museum Rededication

By Dr. Gene Atkinson, SCDA Historian

The Macaulay Museum of Dental History at the Medical University of South Carolina was rededicated Thursday, October 12, 2017 after a three year \$300,000 renovation. The South Carolina Dental Association has been a proud sponsor, along with many individuals, in helping this magnificent event become reality.

In an impressive ceremony at St. Luke's Chapel on the MUSC campus, many speakers touted the significance of this masterpiece of a museum. Former Interim Dean Patricia Blanton informed the audience that the Macaulay Museum is only one of two dental schools in the entire nation to house a dental museum.

This rededication took place in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American

Dr. Neill Webster Macaulay nsidered to be the Person Who Did the Most to Found the College of Dental Medicine

Academy of the History of Dentistry which was holding its annual convention in Charleston at the same time. The Executive Director of the Academy, Dr. David Chernin of Boston, gave the keynote address at the occasion. A large crowd attended this impressive ceremony. Among the speakers were: Dr. Staci Gaffos, an active member of the SCDA, a personal friend of Dr. Macaulay, and a past president of the American Academy of Dental History; Dr. Theresa Gonzales, president of MUSC's Waring Library Society and one of the individuals spearheading this project; Dr. Lynn Campbell representing the SCDA and a member of the Museum Renovation Committee; former Interim Dean of the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine, Dr. Patricia Blanton; and Susan Hoffius, Curator of the Waring Historical Library and Macaulay Museum of Dental History at MUSC.



L-R: Susan Hoffius, Dr. Staci Gaffos, Dr. Lynn Campbell, Judge Alex Macaulay, Dr. Patricia Blanton, and Dr. Theresa Gonzales.

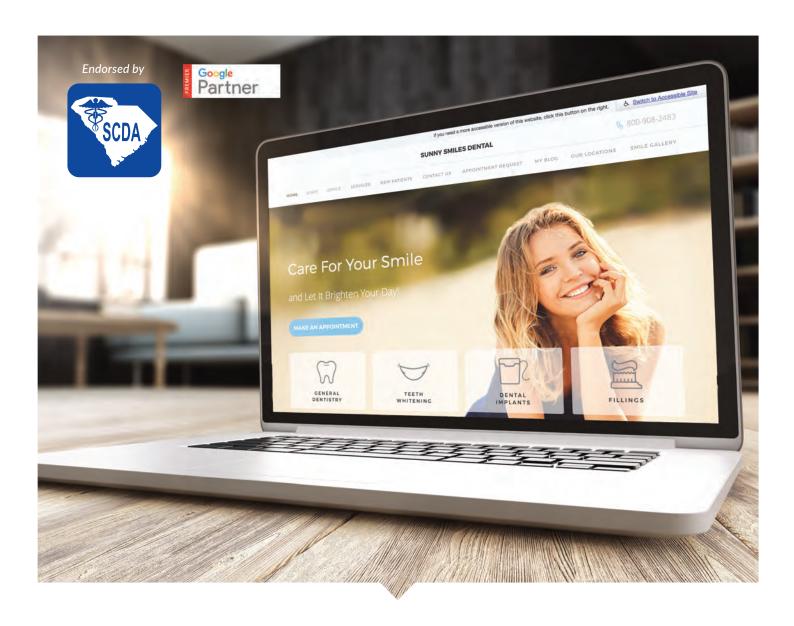
The Macaulay Museum evolved from the personal collection of Dr. Neill Macaulay, one of South Carolina's premier dentists. It includes over 6000 dental artifacts collected by Dr. Macaulay throughout his career, some of which came from his great grandfather, Dr. John Sharp's collection. Dr. Macaulay was guite a leader in the SCDA during his lifetime. He is the only individual to hold every office in the SCDA. Dr. Macaulay has been considered to be the driving force in establishing the College of Dental Medicine at MUSC. For many years prior to our College of Dental Medicine at MUSC, Dr. Macaulay, as the leader of the Southern Regional Education Board, helped place prospective dental students from South Carolina in dental schools across the southeast for their dental education. He did this job for the state of South Carolina for an annual salary of one dollar. Dr. Macaulay became very close to many of these

students, checking on them often during their dental school years. As a result these students became known as the "Macaulay Boys."

Dr. Macaulay donated his extensive collection to MUSC in 1975, and the museum opened on October 11, 1975 with Governor James B. Edwards delivering the keynote address.

During the recent October 12 rededication ceremony, the American Society of the History of Dentistry presented its prestigious award, known as the Hayden Harris award, jointly to Dr. Ted Welsh and Mrs. Susan Hoffius for their dedicated efforts in preserving dental history through the years. Their efforts have been a mainstay in the Macaulay Museum for many years. This award is for the entire United States, and is not necessarily given each year.

Attending the rededication ceremony was Judge Alex Macaulay, the son of Dr. Neill Macaulay. He was one of those participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony for this outstanding newly renovated museum named after his father.



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"We hope the days of dentists submitting multiple credentialing applications are coming to an end," said Dr. Joseph Crowley, ADA President-elect. "This collaboration is a great opportunity for all dentists to simplify the business of dentistry through a smart, efficient solution that's currently in use by more than 1.4 million other healthcare providers and over 900 participating organizations."

Any U.S. practicing dentist can participate in this service by visiting ADA.org/godigital and then selecting the "My Credential" icon. By accepting the terms and conditions, the dentist will be redirected to the CAQH ProView Welcome Page. There, he or she will see certain prepopulated information from the ADA - or the information attested to previously - making it easier and quicker for the dentist to complete and attest.

Once a profile is complete and attested, dentists grant permission to the dental plans and other participating organizations they choose to access their data. The information can be used not only for credentialing, but also for provider directories, network adequacy and other business needs. A number of dental payers already participate in CAQH ProView; view the full list at CAQH.org/proviewdentalplans.

"Collaboration is a hallmark of all CAQH initiatives," said Robin Thomashauer, CAQH Executive Director. "Our alliance with the ADA will reduce the costs and administrative burdens for both dentists and dental plans alike, and further establishes CAQH ProView as the healthcare industry's go-to choice for collecting and sharing provider data."

Dentists can update their information any time. Automatic reminders will encourage dentists to review and

attest to their information every 120 days so that profiles remain timely and accurate. The system will also prompt users if their licenses or other documentation are about to expire.

Learn more about the ADA credentialing service at <u>ADA.org/credentialing</u>. Learn more about CAQH ProView at <u>caghproview.org</u>.

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Welvista Smiles for a Lifetime is Closing the Gap on Pediatric Oral Hygiene and Education to the Most Vulnerable in South Carolina

By Danielle St. Marie, Welvista & Welvista Smiles for a Lifetime

Smiles for a Lifetime (SMILES), a division of Welvista, is a non-profit, school-based pediatric dental program providing preventive and restorative services to children in grades K-12 in rural South Carolina counties.

SMILES opened its first pediatric dental center in Allendale County in 2001 with funding from The Duke Endowment Foundation and the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina.

The healthy outcomes achieved in Allendale County through SMILES community outreach, oral hygiene education, and preventive and restorative services exceeded high expectations, which led to program expansion within two years into Dillon Four School District. Through sustained funding, SMILES opened three additional centers; Clarendon Two School District in 2004, Clarendon One School District in 2005 and Hampton One School District in 2017. In its first 15 years of operation, SMILES provided services to 14,000 children and performed over 88,000 restorative services. SMILES partners with South Carolina licensed dentists and hygienists from around the state, many of who own their own practice, to be able to give children the highest quality of care.

SMILES recognizes that childhood oral disease has significant consequences on a child's long-term health and overall well-being. Barriers to care, such as transportation and financial resources, disproportionately affect children in poverty-stricken, rural counties. SMILES addresses these barriers by providing transportation to and from dental appointments during school hours and by providing services at no outof-pocket cost. SMILES treats the whole child through oral healthcare education and performs dental cleanings and examinations, x-rays, fluoride treatments, sealants, stainless steel crowns, extractions and fillings as needed.



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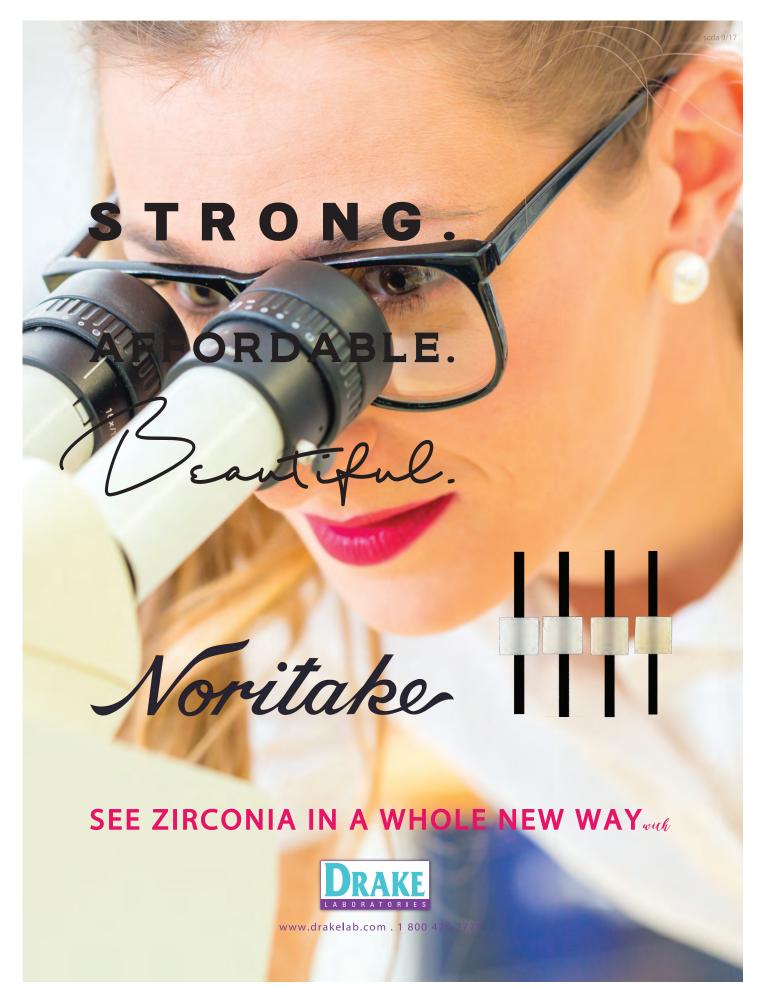
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The Master Mentor- Bringing Out the Best in Everyone to Preserve Our Profession By Dr. Rocky Napier, SCDA President



"It is not only for what we do that we are held responsible, but also for what we do not do." - Moliere (1622-1673) - French Playwright, Actor

Last month, I mentioned that I was writing to you during the midst of a hurricane over South Carolina. While the weather has calmed considerably, the whirlwind for me, your profession, and the SCDA continues. I never imagined that this time of year would still be filled with so many responsibilities and opportunities as we close out 2017. However, one of my most influential inspirations and mentors always reminded me that as a professional, to preserve a profession, there will always be something on the horizon to challenge us. This should not be surprising for what I believe to be the greatest profession in the history of man, and as I have mentioned before, what I believe to be

Dr. Rocky Napier

the first specialty of medicine.

The first weekend of October I was reminded once again at our ADA 16th District Pre-Caucus of just a fraction of the things for which we are responsible to preserve and sustain our profession and to deliver to the public the very best oral healthcare delivery system on the planet. But, what struck me the most was how our district welcomes, mentors, and involves the students, new dentists, and younger dentists in our organization. We ask for their opinions, we listen to their concerns, we have them be responsible for and perform some of the most important, difficult, and desirable parts of the meetings. For example, younger dentists are encouraged to chair pre-caucus committees and give various resolution and council reports as we consider our resolutions for the pending ADA HOD. Our elected SC Delegation Chair happens to be the youngest dentist in our group from SC. And, she does a difficult job in the most terrific manner! The highlight of the weekend is when we have the dental students representing the 5 dental schools in our district individually ask questions to the ADA President-elect candidates after they give their campaign presentations to our district caucus.

This reminds me of my greatest mentor, just one of so many great and patient mentors along the way. Undoubtedly, his service to our university, our state, our nation, and ultimately to our profession and fellowmen, has probably influenced more of us in dentistry than just about anyone will ever do. We lost our great friend and our great mentor almost three years ago. I will always think of him often. I hope you will too. Here's what I remember the most as a former student. I was honored to share the story with all our colleagues worldwide in the ADA News in February, 2015. I would like to share it once again with you.

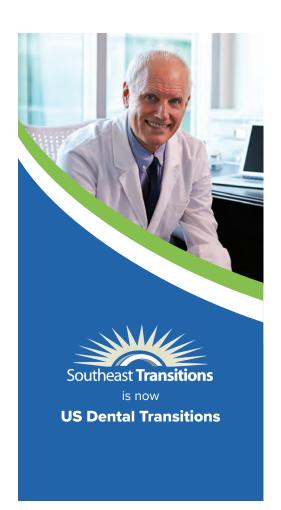
"I still remember how I was more excited when I learned that Jim was coming back to Charleston to be the President of MUSC than I was when I was later accepted into dental school. In addition to Jim's extremely diverse and dynamic background, talents, and people skills, I knew it would be a very interesting and learning experience to watch this man manage the entire Medical University. How little did I know at the time?



When he visited our class, he always told us that he adopted our class as the first dental class he would actually follow from initial applications to graduation as President of MUSC, and that he was expecting great things from our class in the future. Over the years he came to our class and talked to us several times. He shared so many stories and life experiences with us. Somehow, some way he always knew just what to say and how to say it to keep us focused, motivated, and proud to be a future member of the dental profession. He was always like your very best friend offering the most timely and sage advice. In many ways he pioneered student-faculty relations at MUSC. He wanted our experience at MUSC to be a most positive one that each of us would remember and cherish for a lifetime.

In my senior year, I was determined and fortunate enough to be the first dental student elected as President of the MUSC Student Body, since Jim came on board to be President of MUSC proper. When he found out I won the election, he was just as excited as I. From that point on, he treated me like I was his favorite nephew, and he mentored me like a true colleague. I soon realized literally everyone was his favorite. He always tried to help "open the door" of opportunity for anyone he possibly could. Some of his more important unspoken lessons were the "golden rule;" to treat everybody with the same level of respect; to serve others, especially those less fortunate than you; and to relentlessly give back to your school and your profession. He was a true master of leadership by example.

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At every official meeting and event he could find a reason to have a student representative present, he made sure I was there. He made certain I met, interacted, and dined with numerous local, national and international business executives, politicians, and/or other dignitaries that visited our campus. I was invited to all meetings and events of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Visitors, and other major administrative functions. As much as he possibly could, he made certain I was exposed to every facet of what it took to serve as President of a medical university and be an involved member of the dental profession.

In retrospect I now realize, that year included a most rare and unique educational experience that I will learn from and utilize forever. In his 17 or so years at MUSC, only 17 or so students participated in that year-long opportunity and experience, that "internship," out of the more than 10,000 students that graduated during that time period. In reality, I received two doctorate degrees from MUSC in 1987 that I can never fully repay, though I will always try. One was a doctorate from the MUSC College of Dental Medicine. The other was a "doctorate" from Jim, a true mentor, colleague, and friend."

As an aside, but it makes things even so much clearer to me now, I did not know the following until after Jim's passing. When he was in the school of dentistry at the University of Louisville before I was even born, he served as the university's student body president. I can only imagine, the university's president at the time made certain Jim had a final year in dental school, just like Jim eventually made certain for me.

In closing, here's how Jim testified at a 1981 U.S. Senate confirmation hearing for a Reagan administration Cabinet post. He said, "My life has been dedicated to serving my country, my neighbors and my friends."

Until next time, Docere, Doctor, Teach! Thank-you for always serving others!! Talk with you later. - Rocky

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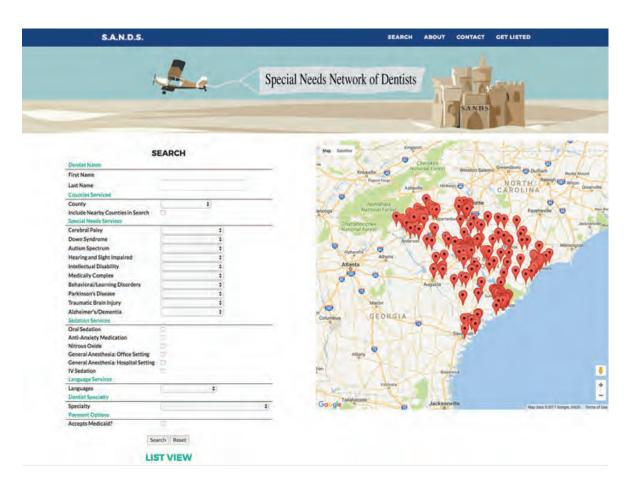
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This Special Needs Directory of Dentists is a product of a grant funded program named Project SANDs. Project SANDs (Special Adult Network of Dentists) is a program created through a joint effort between the <u>James B Edwards College of Dental Medicine</u> and the <u>Duke Endowment</u>. The goal is to increase access to dental care for all patients with special needs in South Carolina. Patients in need are identified and receive services at the Special Needs Clinic at MUSC or will be matched with a provider close to their home. Patients are provided with Concierge Care including follow services through a partnership with Family Connection South Carolina. This directory identifies dental offices and clinics who have reported that they are comfortable providing care to patients with special health care needs. Listings are identified by disability, severity, counties served, dental specialty as appropriate, languages spoken, sedation techniques available as well as whether or not the practice accepts Medicaid. This directory is intended to be used by families, caregivers, case workers or anyone concerned with locating dental care for a patient with special health care needs in South Carolina.

Co PI's for project SANDs are <u>Dr Elizabeth S Pilcher</u>, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Assessment and <u>Dr Michelle Ziegler</u>, Director of Advanced Education in General Dentistry and Director of the Division of Special Care Dentistry.

If you are a dental provider and would like to add or update your information on this website you may do so through the 'get listed' link located at the top of this website.

The SANDs program coordinator is <u>Joan McLauren</u> (843-876-0059) Please contact her or <u>Lisa Summerlin</u> (843-792-9474) if you need further information about Project SANDs. For problems with this website, please contact <u>Ashlina Chin</u> or call 843-792-9512.



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Employer Probation Periods

By Mark Brown

More times than not, I receive calls at the SCDA office from practices covered on the SCDA Group Medical Trust Plan that can't recall what probation period they listed with BlueCross for their new hires. This is important to keep in mind, because it's the one (midyear) window of opportunity for any new hires to join the office's plan, unless a life qualifying event has occurred. A life qualifying event is defined as a loss of other coverage, a birth, a death, marriage, etc. If a qualifying event has not taken place and the probation period has expired, open enrollment would be the only time to add the employee to the group trust plan.

Many regulations have spun from the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which was signed into law back in 2010. One such rule pertaining to probation periods came out in April of 2014. It stated no employer nationally, could have a probation period longer than exactly 90 days. Essentially, this means the longest probation period for our trust plan is the 1st of the month following 60 days, because not every month has a perfect 30 days and coverage must start on the 1st of a month. The three options are: 1st of the month following date of hire, 1st of the month following 30 days of employment, or 1st of the month following 60 days of employment.

DESIGNATED BENEFICIARIES

If you and/or your staff are covered on the SCDA Group Medical Trust Plan, then you also have a \$25,000 built-in life insurance benefit. I received some calls this year inquiring if this benefit was added during the transition to Capstone as BlueCross' new third party administrator, but it was actually put into the plan back in 2006. Having said all of this, are you aware of whom you listed as your beneficiary in the past? Circumstances change over time, so if you are not 100% sure, it's time to pick up the phone and call Diana Wilke or Angela Abbett with Capstone at 317-793-2927 or 317-793-2930 respectively.

OPEN ENROLLMENT - INDIVIDUAL MARKET POLICIES

This year, the open enrollment period for the individual health insurance market is shorter than usual. Open enrollment will run from November 1st until December 15th. This is the time of the year that anyone is eligible to sign up for health insurance. As it is only 45 days this year, we urge you to contact us if you need to sign up for an individual health insurance policy. In order to provide you with a quote, all we need is the date of birth (DOB) for everyone who would be covered under this policy, the county you reside in, as well as the zip code in which you reside. If you send this information to crowleyt@scda.org, you should receive your quote that same business day.

If you want to make any changes to your existing individual policy, you will have to make those changes no later than December 15th. After that date, you will be locked into your current plan for 2018. If you currently have individual health insurance through BlueCross/BlueShield of South Carolina (BCBSSC), you should receive a rate renewal packet in the next few weeks. Please review this carefully and let us know if you have any questions or would like to make any changes. This time frame does not apply to dental practices that have a group medical plan in place.



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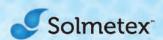
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November 10	SCDA Board Planning Retreat	Columbia SC	
December 1	SCDA House of Delegates	DoubleTree, Columbia SC	9:00 AM

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Fraud Prevention: How to Protect You and Your Finances

By US Bank

From credit cards and banks accounts, to computers and mobile devices, these days there are more ways than ever to leave yourself vulnerable to financial or identity fraud. A serious crime that can wreak havoc on your finances and credit rating, fraud is something everyone should be aware of—and protect against. While it's impossible to stay completely safe, there are several preventative measures you can take to safeguard yourself and your accounts, and reduce the risk of being victimized.

Credit card and bank account fraud

Credit card and bank account fraud can occur a number of ways—losing your wallet, having a card or account number stolen, and phishing or other scams. To protect yourself, follow these tips:

- Report lost or stolen checks, debit, and credit cards immediately
- Set up security alerts to notify you of suspicious account activity
- Limit the information printed on your checks to name and address only
- Review account statements regularly to look for unauthorized activity
- Don't give your personal and/or account information to any person or company you don't know and trust
- Only make purchases on websites that use advanced encryption methods
- Choose PINs wisely—don't use something obvious like your birth date or middle name
- Don't write down your PINs (especially on your card) and don't share them with anyone
- Cover keypads when typing passwords on public computers and ATMs

Identity Fraud

Identity theft is a crime in which your personal information is stolen and used to fraudulently apply for credit, access your accounts, or even obtain medical services. It can damage your credit rating and cost you heavily in time and effort to repair the damage. Often, the victim may not even be aware their information has been stolen until weeks or months later when they receive unexpected bills, calls from debt collectors, or are denied loans. To protect yourself against identity theft, you can take the following steps:

- · Check your consumer credit reports at least once a year for suspicious activity
- Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet or write your number on checks
- Never respond to unsolicited emails, phone calls, or texts that ask for your personal information
- Shred receipts, credit offers, account statements, and expired cards
- Store personal information in a safe, private place at home and at work
- Password protect your mobile devices
- Wipe all devices of personal information before selling or recycling
- Switch to online statements to avoid physical documentation that could be stolen

Online fraud

Along with our computers and mobile devices come certain security risks. Cyber criminals can do extensive damage to your computer or device, and steal your personal information and gain access to your accounts. That's why it's essential to handle your online transactions carefully and conscientiously. The following tips will help protect you against online fraud:

- Install firewalls and reputable anti-virus software on your personal computers
- Create complex passwords and change them regularly (especially if a company you do business with has a security breach)
- Delete personal information from shared computers after each session
- Only use secure websites to make purchases
- Do not open suspicious attachments or emails from unknown senders
- Be wary of websites that ask for excessive information
- Don't download anything from guestionable sources
- Avoid accessing financial accounts through public Wi-Fi networks
- Keep security patches, anti-virus and malware software, browsers, and plugins up to date

If you've been victimized:

In spite of our best efforts, thieves can still sometimes successfully attack. In those cases, it's important to take diligent action to get things back to normal, as well as report the crime to the proper authorities. If you're a victim of fraud:

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- Immediately contact all creditors associated with the affected account(s) to notify them of the theft and close the account(s)
- Change your usernames, passwords, and PINs for all your credit cards, banking accounts, and online store accounts
- Contact one of the three consumer reporting agencies to put a 90-day fraud alert on your consumer report. You can also request a credit freeze, which prevents identity thieves from opening new accounts using your personal information
- File an online report with the Federal Trade Commission
- Contact your local police and file a report
- Request a copy of your consumer credit report several months after you believe everything has been cleaned up—just to make sure things are the way they should be

While fraud can be a serious inconvenience, taking the right steps right away will minimize the damage and help protect against further incidences. With the right information and a little diligence, your accounts will be back to normal before you know it.

Do you work for a Free Dental Clinic?

The SCDA gets calls every day from patients looking for Free or Reduced Dental Care.

We are trying to update our records with current clinics. If you know of any clinics in your area to help these patients, please notify Sue Copeland, copelands@scda.org or 800-327-2598.

Thanks you for helping South Carolina residents smile.

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Don't miss out on new patients! Update your NEW ADA Find-a-Dentist® profile.

The new Find-a-Dentist tool makes it easier than ever for patients to find you. Take 5 minutes to update your profile with the information patients look for most:

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Classified Ads

Dental Related Services

Palmetto Dental Personnel Inc. is owned and operated by a dental professional with 20+ yrs experience and has exclusively provided professional staff for Columbia and the surrounding areas. PDP has dental hygienists, assistants and front office personnel available for temporary and permanent positions. Contact Gail Brannen 800-438-7470, fax 866-234-8085, gbrannen@palmettodentalpersonnel.com or www.palmettodentalpersonnel.com.

Intraoral X-Ray Sensor Repair- We specialize in repairing Kodak/Carestream, Dexis Platinum, Gendex GXS700 & Schick CDR sensors. Repair & save thousands over replacement cost. We also buy & sell dental sensors. www.repairsensor.com or 919-924-8559

For all your real estate needs in the Charleson Tri County area. Retired Prosthodontist and Realtor Dr. Ken Barrack can make it one less thing for you to worry about. Buy/sell. Vacation or second home. Fractional ownership. 843-714-5165 trakzhometeam@gmail.com www.trakzhometeam.com.

East Cooper Community Outreach Dental Clinic (non-profit) is in need of a **surgical handpiece** (Hall). If you are willing to donate or have one available for a reasonable purchase price please contact lwhite@eccocharleston.org.

Ambulatory Anesthesia Associates has 35 years experience providing mobile office-based sedation and **anesthesia in dental offices**, delivered with patient safety and satisfaction first in mind. We provide a convenient and cost-effective service for both dentist and patient. Now serving SC, we look forward to working with you. Janielle@ambanes.com.

Planning for Retirement? - As a dentist, planning for retirement means more than just putting aside income for your future. Many dentists haven't considered what will happen to their most valuable retirement asset — their dental practice. PARAGON can help. Contact Kenneth Gudz, DMD at kgudz@paragon.us.com or 843-816-4801 today.

Locum Tenens/Positions Wanted

Since 1975, **Dental Power has been placing dentists seeking work!** We have clients in SC with fill-in/locum tenens needs, short-term assignments (mobile dentistry and school based programs), long-term contract work and associate position openings. You can learn more and view specific opportunities at www.DentalPower.com or 800-710-9720.

Matika Irons & Associates, LLC (formerly Forest Irons & Associates Inc.) is searching for several general dentists to work in private practices in **all areas of SC**, for a rapidly-expanding company. Please visit www.matikairons.com for more information. Compensation is based on an hourly rate or percentage of production or collections. All replies are held as strictly confidential.

Please contact the SCDA if you can **fill in short-term**. <u>Copelands@scda.org</u> or 800-327-2598, with your name, number, and area you would be able to travel to.

Positions Available - Dentists

Our Lady of Mercy's on Johns Island needs volunteer SC licensed dentists to provide er & basic dental. M-Th & Tue evenings. Contact Dr. Howard or Jakki at 843-559-4493. Volunteer at the Helping Hands Dental Clinic (Georgetown). Licensed SC dentist, to provide extractions. Thur 5:00 pm. Tracy at 843-527-3424 or acct.hhands@gmail.com.

Great Expressions has full-time opportunities for **Dentists in our metro-Atlanta** practices, including in: Newnan; Forest Park; Kennesaw; and Douglasville, GA. High Compensation Opportunity: Six-Figure Income vs. Percent of Production w/ large sign-on or relocation possible as well! Clinical Freedom and Treatment Autonomy! Defined career-path, health/dental, 401K, time-off, malpractice assistance, CE. Call 678-836-2226 or email ross.shoemaker@greatexpressions.com!

A busy multi-specialty practice is currently seeking FT Orthodontists—We have openings in Greenville/Anderson and Columbia/Sumter: 4 days/week. We offer competitive pay, flexible scheduling, sign-on bonuses, relocation assistance, 401k, paid time off as well as medical, dental, vision, life and malpractice insurance. Emily Platto (770) 508-6810, eplatto@benevis.com

General Dentist and Oral Surgeon, Charlotte, NC- Full time opportunity to join an established group practice. University Dental Associates offers our doctors a collegial environment, doctor leadership and mentoring opportunites, professional management team, and is accredited by Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). Minimum of 3 years of experience. Contact Kate Anderson: kateanderson@amdpi.com.

Endodontist needed once or twice a month in our busy Columbia office. Potential opportunities (days) at our other locations. Please contact Chad at tolbertc81@yahoo.com or 803-429-7058.

Pediatric Dentist needed for Hospital cases. We need one for Columbia, Lancaster and/or Greenwood to do 3-4 cases. Please contact Chad if you are interested in any or all locations tolbertc81@yahoo.com or 803-429-7058.

Seeking a **full time Dentist** to join our practice in Historic Georgetown SC. Contact brightondental15@yahoo.com

Signing Bonus Offered for Lexington, SC pediatric dental office: Excellent Opportunity for **Pediatric Dentist** at established Pediatric Dental office; two opportunities and two locations in Lexington, SC now hiring! Opportunities also available in the Charleston area for Pediatric, General Dentists and Orthodontist.www.smilesforlifenetwork.com

Kool Smiles Associate **Dentists needed** - **FT/PT** opportunities in Columbia and Orangeburg, SC as well as for Traveling Role (Charleston, Rock Hill, Greenville, Anderson, Sumter). Earn daily guarantee up to \$800/DAY + sign-on/relocation! The top half of our dentists earn more than \$200k/year. Contact Renee Baron (404)862-9685 or rbaron@benevis.com.

General Dentist needed FT - Columbia, SC. Are you a quality oriented General Dentist who is looking for a good opportunity in a nice practice in the Columbia area? If so we have a wonderful opportunity in a state-of-the-art facility with the support of a great team around you. Please send your CV to dentalwise@yahoo.com.

General Dentist needed FT - Murrells Inlet Beautiful office with wonderful team to support you. Clinical autonomy, great compensation in a practice perfect for an experienced GP or new grad that desires clinical mentorship. All are welcome to apply- even New Grads. Send resume to: dmahiring3@yahoo.com

Large group dental practice looking for associate dentist to join expanding team. Positions available in Indian Land and Rock Hill. Competitive/excellent pay for qualified candidate. Experience preferred. State of the art facility. Candidates must have great work ethic, excellent skills and good chair-side manner. Interested candidates email CV to smillingdds1@gmail.com

Associate Dentist needed in Florence/Darlington area. This is an established family practice seeking an enthusiastic & talented Dentist. Our office features 2 operatories & a hygiene room with a highly skilled staff. Please email resume to centerforsedation@yahoo.com.

Doctor needed for childrens dentistry practice. 2 Saturdays per month, hygiene and exams only. Contact <u>resumes@</u> carolinastaffingsolutions.com.

Doctor needed for Saturday Dentistry. Hygiene and exams only (2 Saturdays per month). Contact <u>resumes@carolinastaffingsolutions.net.</u>

Need highly motivated **Associate Dentist** for two clinics in Fort Mill/Rock
Hill, SC. 15minutes from Ballantyne (S.
Charlotte); State of the art offices; Skills
of General Dentistry; Independent; Able
to perform Endo, Restorative, Crowns,
Bridges and Extractions; Full/Part time
with future partnership; Excellent earning
potential with benefits; Interview today.
riverwalksmiledentistry@gmail.com.

General Dentist needed for parttime leading to full-time position. Comprehensive and Family oriented FFS practice in Lugoff. Please email CV to info@watereefamilydentistry.com.

General Dentist Needed in Murrells Inlet, SC- \$10,000 Bonus! At Heartland Dental, we are committed to supporting dentists as they provide high-quality, lifetime patient care in a state of the art environment. Our goal is simple-advance the financial and professional growth of supported dentists by providing the strongest non-clinical dental support model in the country. Contact jhaywood@heartland.com.

Large office in growing area in search of **full time general dentist** with potential to buy in in future. Experience with extractions & implants preferred. Office is in new building with up to date and modern equipment. Contact rjrennerdds@yahoo.com.

Associate positions available in Columbia and Lexington locations. State of the art offices, digital & CEREC. Opportunity for ownership if desired. New grads welcome! Guaranteed pay. Relocation bonus available. Contact: russellch@pacden.com.

Associate Dentist needed ASAP. Bread and butter practice visit www.ridgelandsmiles. org. Compensation 35% of collections. Located near Hilton Head, Charleston and Savannah. Contact arlthprl@hargay.com.

Greenville area dental office is looking to add Friday hours and is searching for a new or experienced dentist. Please contact <u>blue.jmoon14@gmail.com</u>.

Lexington/Richland **full or part time dentist** opportunity. Modern facilities with established patient base. Call 803-785-9991 or email pgooose@gmail.com.

Associate Needed- Greenville, SC focused on providing comprehensive quality dentistry. Prefer experience placing implants, IV sedation, 3rd molar extraction and endo. You will provide excellent dentistry while working a great schedule and maintaining a good work/life balance. Please call 864.688.9468 to discuss joining our great team!

Associate GP Dentist needed in Sumter, SC – Nice practice/nice area with new technology, experienced team, and busy schedule. Good % Production based compensation where your success is in your hands and good benefits. Email CV to dmahiring3@yahoo.com to be considered for this good opportunity.

Department of Corrections is in need of a dentist licensed in SC to serve our inmate population. This position is located at our **Broad River Campus in Columbia**. Schedule is from 7am-3pm. Great state benefits. To join our team, please contact Lindsey Mitcham: 803-896-8532.

General or Pediatric Dentist needed for fast growing, high-tech, fun environment. Part-time or full-time positions, flexible hours. Competitive compensation. Email CV to totonia1014@yahoo.com. The next phase of your career starts right here!

Dentist Needed - ReGenesis Community Health Center is looking for a motivated and compassionate dentist dedicated to providing quality dental care in a community based setting. Ideal candidate would have a passion for working with underserved populations. Competitive salary, full benefits and opportunity for possible student loan repayment through NHSC available. Contact jcokley@myrhc.org.

Pediatric Dentist needed ASAP in Columbia SC- Full Time position available immediately. Full patient load immediately. Income potential is great. Benefits- relocation fee, health insurance, 401k plan and paid malpractice. CE/professional membership stipend. We are not a corporation. Contact ellis3dmd@gmail.com

Orthodontist needed in our growing practice. We are looking for someone to work twice a week. We offer a daily rate plus a bonus system. Please contact Chad Tolbert at tolbertc81@yahoo.com or 803-429-7058.

Morrison Dental Associates in Savannah is seeking a full time **pediatric dentist**. Income is robust with a \$16,000 monthly guarantee for 9 months and 40% of collections thereafter. A candidate that signs a 3 year contract will receive an annual bonus of \$25,000 for a total bonus of \$75,000. Relocation and Georgia licensure assistance available. aminish@mdadental.com.

Associate Dentist needed in Macon/ Warner Robins, GA. \$10,000 sign on bonus. Fully staffed private practice with multiple doctors seeking a full-time associate 4 days per week. Great opportunity to step in and contribute immediately while earning a good income. Full benefits available, 401K, malpractice, life insurance. Contact Zac zrhinesmith@benevis.com or 770-710-3042.

Positions Available- Staff
Full-time dental hygienist or assistant
needed for established pediatric dental
practice in Columbia, SC. Applicant must
be a team player who loves/has patience
for children, great communication skills
and thrives in a positive work environment.
Contact spencer.collins@gmail.com.

Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach on Johns Island is seeking a **part-time dental assistant**. Three days a week position (maximum of 22 hours per week). Must have associates degree or accredited program, CPR certification, and exemplary customer service skills. Submit a resume and cover letter to jennifer.meshanko@olmoutreach.org.

Dental Assistant with degree from an accredited college or other training program; current state of South Carolina licensure/ certification as a dental assistant. Work independently and part of a team. 1-2 years experience as a CDA. Knowledge of Eagle Soft dental software, bilingual and/or fluent in Spanish a plus. Contact mmccauley@wellpartners.org.

Full and part time **Dental Assistants** needed. Contact <u>infocarolinastaffingsolutions.net</u>.

Teach dental courses, advise/recruit students, oversee curriculum faculty schedules, program budget, maintain compliance with accreditation standards; supervise assessment procedures. Master's degree in related field; 3 years work experience. Must be a licensed registered dental hygienist. Contact 843-661-8320.

Practices/Office Space Available

Satellite dental office; 52 foot trailer. One operatory fully equipped white coastal chair. One operatory plumbed and ready. Lab, reception, business office, 1 full bathroom and HVAC included. Ready to move to your location. \$30,000 OBO call 803-648-3251

Large, established practice for sale in Central, SC 45 minutes from Columbia. Over \$1.5 million in collections last 12 months & still growing. Practice is well equipped with latest technology and is located in free standing building in prime location. Selling Dr. desires to stay and continue working. Contact dental.encompass@gmail.com.

Perio practice #SC-1338: Spartanburg County. 5 operatory perio practice. Well established practice in phenomenal area, free standing building in gorgeous setting. Avg. collections \$657,871. Contact National Practice Transitions 877-365-6786 x230 a.christy@nptdental.com, www.nptdental.com.

Established **general practice for sale near Columbia**. Great staff, FFS practice collecting over \$650k. 5 operatories in owned facility, expandable, and available for sale. Doctor will stay for short transition.More information, please call 678-48207305 or email info@southeasttransitions.com. Listing ID SC1073.

Dental Practice for Sale near **Columbia**, **SC** Beautiful, 5 operatory practice in free standing building. Collecting \$750,000 a year with plenty of room for growth. Doctor will stay on. Building also for sale. For more information please email info@usdentaltransitions.com or call 678-482-7305. Listing ID SC1075.

Busy **Greenville dental office** has 3-4 operatories to rent. Ideal location, near Greenville Tech. Please contact Alexis at Creekside Dental 864-242-0496 or alexis@creeksidedentalsc.com.

Colleton County- 50 miles from Charleston, SC located for growth. Seeking a quiet lifestyle in the low country? 2016 Rev., \$640,000. Four ops with Dentrix, I/O cams, digital x-ray, pano. Loyal patients / great staff. For details contact Henry Schein Professional Practice Transitions Consultant Krista Butler, 919-622-8339, Krista.Butler@henryschein.com. #SC115

For Sale

For Sale: Dental equipment chairs, units, lights, cabinetry, x-ray, vacuum, compressor, sterilizers and handpieces. Any and all things dental call 843-697-7567.

For Sale: **I-CAT- 2008 Gendex GX-CB500**. This unit is in good working condition and was recently pulled from service and professionaly de-installed. \$35,000 contact charles@mstxs.com or 843-697-7567.

For Sale: Instrumentarium 200 PAN/TOMO. Great machine that takes great images. \$4,000 or best offer. Buyer responsible for installation. Please contact periothree@sc.rr.com or call 843-272-2536

For Sale: **2 Sirona Orthophos 3 digital panoramic x-rays**. One is fully functional and the other is only missing a timing circuit board. Offering both as is for \$12k obo call 864-229-4813

For Lease: Dental Office in Bluffton, SC. This free standing building with plenty of parking has been a dental office for 30 years! This building offers excellent visibility and promises immediate patient flow. Adjacent to a Pediatric Dentist. Contact Dr. Shane Harpham for more information 989-415-3397-Cell Shanedmb41@hotmail.com

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