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SC Dentistry Wins Twice!

SCDA WINS MERIT AWARD!

By Rocky Napier

The SCDA was recently notified that it was recognized as a Merit Winner in the 2009 Samuel D. Harris National Children's Dental Health Month State Program Award. The SCDA has been the First Place winner or the Merit winner for 15 of the past 17 years. This series of accolades speaks volumes for all of the volunteers and organizers that have made SCCDHM a success.



Once again, SCDA's collaborating organizations carried a heavy load. Special recognition goes to EdVenture and its entire staff and management; the SC DHEC Oral Health Division – Chris Veschusio, Dr. Rick McDaniel, and their staff; The State Department of Education, Lynn Hammonds and Cathy Young-Jones; and Head Start, Mary Lynn Diggs and all of its statewide centers.

SCDA and the SCCDHM Committee also extend sincere thanks to Georgia Familyliner, Ken Trogdon and Welvista (formerly Communicare) with its NPR broadcasts and other projects. The Marionette Theatre and its director, John Scollon, who now has two oral health related puppet shows touring the state. Crest Oral-B with an assist from Lisa Morris and Peggy Hamlin provided free toothbrushes. And three large participants, the Children's Free Dental Clinic, Greenville Technical College, and the Colgate "Bright Smiles-Bright Futures" dental van were a major part in our success. Thanks to you all!

This win represents a true team effort with the help of the SC NCDHM Committee, SC GKAS Committee, and the staff and leadership of the South Carolina Dental Association. Dr. Jim Mercer and SC DHEC worked to provide oral health training for the school nurses along with the second annual SCDA Community Water Fluoridation advocacy seminar.

Plans are underway for next year's Children's Dental Health Month and Give Kids A Smile Programs. Please make every effort to participate and spread the word about good oral health.

HARRIS GRANT KEEPS MUSEUM KIDS SMILING

By Mary Tablac

Dental care plays a major role in health programming and exhibits at EdVenture Children's Museum in Columbia, SC. It comes as no surprise, then, that as a recipient of

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the Samuel D. Harris Fund for Children’s Dental Health Grant, the museum is hard at work furthering the developing the use of Flo and Mo - two soft-sculpted, radio-controlled robots, who teach children about the importance of good oral hygiene. As Flo rides her tricycle and Mo zips around in his wheelchair, live actors guide them as they interact with children. Flo and Mo can “speak” via headset or prerecorded soundtrack and share valuable messages about the importance of teeth and how to properly care for them. Sample topics of Flo and Mo’s conversations with children include:

- How just a pea-sized amount of toothpaste, twice a day, makes a big difference;
- Why proper flossing is as necessary to dental health as brushing;
- The importance of regular dentist appointments for children and adults;
- How drinking fluoridated water helps prevent tooth decay;
- The connection between healthy eating and a healthy smile.



Photo courtesy of Kerry Johnston, EdVenture Children’s Museum

The \$5,000 Harris Grant is being used in part to design and construct modifications that will make the robots more approachable to children. A live theatrical production, utilizing sets, props, and a script, is also currently being planned. “Since this is such an important project, we’re receiving input from a number of professionals throughout the community, including dentists, educators, and child advocates,” explains Dr. Kathie Williams, the Health Education Programs Manager at EdVenture.

Ultimately, the museum hopes to develop Flo and Mo as outreach tools, in partnership with the SCDA, for rural and underserved areas of South Carolina. This would supplement EdVenture’s efforts to provide dental education to children whose socioeconomic status limits their access to preventive care. For more information on the museum and its health initiatives, contact Dr. Kathie Williams at the museum at 803- 400-1133.

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Dr. Phil Smith, Editor

Denture Wearers File Lawsuit

I was reading the paper a month ago and came across an article about a rather strange class action suit. Maybe you saw the article. It seems that a gentleman, Ronald Beaver, organized litigation for harm done by denture adhesives. The story goes like this:

Mr. Beaver, a 61 year old, began to feel weakness and assumed that it was a result of aging. Eventually, his problem was traced to a serious blood disorder. A work up by his physician acknowledged that he was low on copper and that a series of copper replacement medications might reverse his complaint. In conversation the doctor stated that too much zinc in one's system can trigger a copper deficiency. Mr. Beaver deduced that the only source of excessive zinc in his system was coming from his PoliGrip denture adhesive. It seems he has over used the denture cream for a decade to compensate for dentures that were loose.

Now Beaver, who has not fully recovered, and hundreds of other people claiming similar problems are suing Procter & Gamble Co., the maker of Fixodent, and GlaxoSmithKline, maker of PoliGrip. In response both companies claim that the products are safe when used as directed. The FDA has never issued any warnings about the inclusion of zinc in these products. Zinc is used in the denture creams to improve adhesion.

The legal action followed a 2008 report in the medical journal of Neurology about a possible link between denture cream zinc and nerve damage. No action has been resolved as yet.

This is a problem so far off my radar screen that I thought it appropriate for this column. It may not be my opinion, but it truly was interesting.

Pop Culture e-zines and Dentistry

Many of you probably have seen the multitude of ads, comments, promotions and warnings as you log onto your web server. These "pop-ups" or "news" articles are very common to the electronic age and cycle through the "e-zines" of the internet.

Recently AOL presented one that was titled, "Secrets Your Dentist Doesn't Want You to Know". It was written by a Mr. Dan Solin with assist from Drs. Levy, Hardin and Frey. The top ten secret list included short comments about: Your dentist may not be as educated as you think, Your dentist might be using mercury, Your dentist may not be as important as the lab, and How to avoid the root canal your dentist says you need. There are other topics, but you get the idea.

I compare these comments to the "throw-away" newsstand articles about celebrity divorces and weight loss (or gain). They are designed to unfairly represent a view that would lead one to read or buy the article. Usually it is not worth the price!

In fairness, the article did contain "truths" and appropriate opinions for consumers, but the dental pearls were hidden in speculative verbiage.

I am distressed by the trend toward commentaries that are designed to be deceptive about dentistry, whether these opinions come from the layman or the professional. Everyone gets hurt!

Till next time,
Phil

Master Calendar

- Nov. 6 Coastal District Meeting—Omar Shrine Temple, 8 am-3 pm
- Nov. 6 Radiation Safety Exam—Midlands Tech Airport Campus, 2-4 pm
- Nov. 13 Children's Dental Health Month Meeting—SCDA Office, 1-3 pm
- Nov. 14 Nitrous Oxide Monitoring Course—MUSC, 8:30 am-5 pm
- Nov. 16 Greater Columbia Dental Association Seminar—Embassy Suites, 6:30-8:30 pm
- Nov. 26-27 SCDA Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Please visit www.scda.org for more events.

President's Message



“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness...it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us...”

These words were written by Charles Dickens in the opening paragraph of his epic novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*. I read that book as a ninth grade student and was found “lacking” by my teacher. But now, a little older and hopefully a little wiser, I use this quote to share some of my thoughts with you. This message is more a “get it off my chest” message for me. It will probably do me more good to write it than it will do you to read it.



Dr. Charlie Maxwell
President

This above quote aptly applies to these days in which we live. The best of times... We live in freedom in the greatest country in the history of the world. We as a nation are richly blessed as even our poor are relatively well off compared to the poor in other countries. We have opportunity to work hard and enjoy the fruits of our labor. We can worship as we please. We have suitable housing for all who desire it. We have safe sources of food and water and abundant electrical power. We can live where we choose and relocate when we please. We can choose our own career path. We live in safety with adequate police and fire protection. We are blessed with many ways of travel and the freedom to do so. We dentists enjoy a profession that allows us much satisfaction as we help our patients and earn a good living in the process. This list could go on almost forever. Maybe I should continue to count my blessings as doing so helps correct some of my “stinking thinking.” Counting blessings helps when I am staring at uncertain times.

“Stinking thinking” dwells on the worst of times. There is no doubt, these are difficult and challenging times for all of us and our nation. We are involved in a war that appears to have no end. No amount of resources or manpower seems to bring it any closer to resolution. The United States, since the early 1970’s, has gone from the largest creditor nation in the world to the largest debtor nation in the world. In 1980 our total cumulative national debt, since 1776, reached one trillion dollars. That’s correct – it took us 200 years and numerous wars to amass a debt of one trillion dollars. In the almost thirty years since 1980, our national debt has exploded to over eleven trillion dollars. The question I ask myself is, “How could this happen on our watch?” The ones of you in your 50’s reading this ought to be shaking your heads in disbelief as I am. There is this gnawing sense in me that we have allowed our elected officials to spend our nation from what was “the best of times” into what could be “the worst of times.”

I mentioned in a previous message that now is the time to contact your elected officials. I’ll say it again – we can no longer sit back and just let things happen. Look what has happened for the last thirty years! We have allowed our politicians to give away the farm. Most of us know our state representatives and senators. We need to share our feelings with them. We need to make our national elected officials aware, also. We are hard-working, tax-paying citizens and deserve to be heard. We owe it to ourselves, our children and grandchildren to at least try to steer public policy away from economic disaster. This uncertain cloud of national healthcare certainly figures into the uneasiness we should all sense. I saw a bumper sticker that read: “If you think health care is expensive now, wait until it’s free.” That pretty well conveys my sentiment. Dentistry has long been referred to as “healthcare that works.” Most dental practitioners realize that you cannot get something for nothing. We have all studied

“We owe it to ourselves, our children and grandchildren to at least try to steer public policy away from economic disaster.”

hard in school and now work hard in our offices. The common sense values that our profession helps instill in us of fairness, hard work, honesty, integrity, and caring for others are ones that will stand the test of time. Whether you see these as the “best of times” or the “worst of times,” I know it is “high time” we all get involved and make our voices heard. If you do not feel comfortable making contact with politicians, join SC DenPAC and ADPAC! These two groups will advocate for dentistry on your behalf. Also, dentistry has a golden opportunity to help get one of our own elected to Congress as Dr. Paul Gosar from Arizona is running for US House next year. Paul would appreciate any amount of help in his campaign. If you are interested, let me know and I will get you the information.

Until next time,
Charlie

SCDA Mission Statement

The South Carolina Dental Association is an association of dentists organized to provide optimal oral health to all citizens in the State of South Carolina through the promotion and the improvement of the art and science of dentistry.

Tech Talk

By Christy J. Meador

Membership Dues

Keep an eye out for your **2010 Membership Dues**. They have been mailed out. The deadline for payment is **January 1, 2010**. A 20% Penalty (SCDA portion) will be added after **February 15, 2010**. Membership will lapse if no payment is received by **March 15, 2010**. If you have not received your 2010 invoice, please contact me so that I can see what we have on file. 800-327-2598 or meadorc@scda.org

Be sure to check over the **Membership Update Form** enclosed with the dues. Make any necessary changes and return it with the dues statement in the return envelope that we have provided for you. This is very important because we use this sheet to print the Membership Directory. If it is not returned we will assume that everything is correct.

SCDA Website

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Executive Director's Notes



Mr. Phil Latham
Executive Director

“What precautions should your staff take? What precautions should your patients take?”

In recent years, during the fall of the year, we have heard talk about the flu and influenza. This year, all of the talk has centered not only these topics, but also Swine Flu, H1N1, and the new nasal spray vaccine. As a medical professional, what should you do? What precautions should your staff take? What precautions should your patients take? Is there a right answer?

After a phone call the other week from a well respected member, I set out on a task to try to find some answers to some questions. One question I tried to find an answer to: since the nasal spray vaccine is a live virus product, is there a specified waiting period after one has received the vaccine before they should come into contact with anyone who may have a weakened or compromised immune system? I actually stayed on the phone one day last week for more than an hour with CDC on this one particular question. Finally, I was transferred to a group of three CDC employees who responded when I asked the question, “That’s a great question.” Problem was they had no answer.

After this, I set out on my own to find some simple answers to some simple questions. If you do a search for flu, H1N1, etc., you will have more websites to visit than you have time for, but I narrowed down the search and urge you to visit the following to learn more.

This website from CDC, **2009 H1N1 Flu: Situation Update**, provides a weekly update about the disease in the United States.

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/update.htm>.

This website from CDC, **Questions & Answers: 2009 H1N1 Nasal Spray Vaccine**, provides a good overview of the new vaccine.

http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/nasalspray_qa.htm.

Our own South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control have some good general information that can be visited at:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/flu/novel-h1n1-flu.htm>.

As influenza activity continues to increase in the United States, more questions will arise. The CDC says that activity is now widespread in 46 states. Nationwide, visits to doctors for influenza-like-illness are increasing steeply and are now higher than what is seen at the peak of many regular flu seasons. In addition, flu-related hospitalizations and deaths continue to go up nation-wide and are above what is expected for this time of year.

My advice would be to visit these websites often for updated information and make sure you and your staff is protected.

SCDA Member Benefits Group

By Mark K. Brown

2010 Group Medical Renewal

The 2010 renewal for the SCDA group medical plan is complete. This information will be included in your December bill, which those practices on the plan should receive around mid November. We as an association will experience a 7.5% increase effective 1-1-10, which is yet again below the state and national average increase of 10%. This makes the 6th year in a row that our group plan has come in under the state and national renewals.

We will also experience an adjustment to prescription copays on preferred and non-preferred drugs. Retail drug copays on preferred and non-preferred drugs will be \$35 and \$55 respectively. Generic drugs on the retail side will remain at \$10. Mail order prescriptions (3 month supplies) for preferred and non-preferred will be \$80 and \$140 respectively. Generic copays on the mail order side will remain at \$20.

A sixth plan will be added in the new year to the medical plan offerings and it will be our second HSA plan with an individual deductible of \$3,000 and a family deductible of \$6,000. This HSA plan will operate similar to the current plan 5 (HSA plan) yet have higher deductible amounts therefore lowering the premium costs by 7.58% of the current plan 5 option. Should you want to change your current plan to plan 6 for the 2010 year or to any other plan for that matter, click [here](#) to print out the change form and fax or mail to the SCDA office anytime during the month of December to become effective January 1st. This is the time of year to make any changes to plans, office probation periods, adding employees, etc.

Other benefit changes such as the compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 will take place in the new year. Federal insurance law now requires removal of day, visit and dollar limits on mental health and substance abuse disorders. Our plan will also adopt Michelle's Law which allows eligible college students in treatment for debilitating conditions to continue their dependent coverage for a year without maintaining full-time student status or electing continuation coverage.

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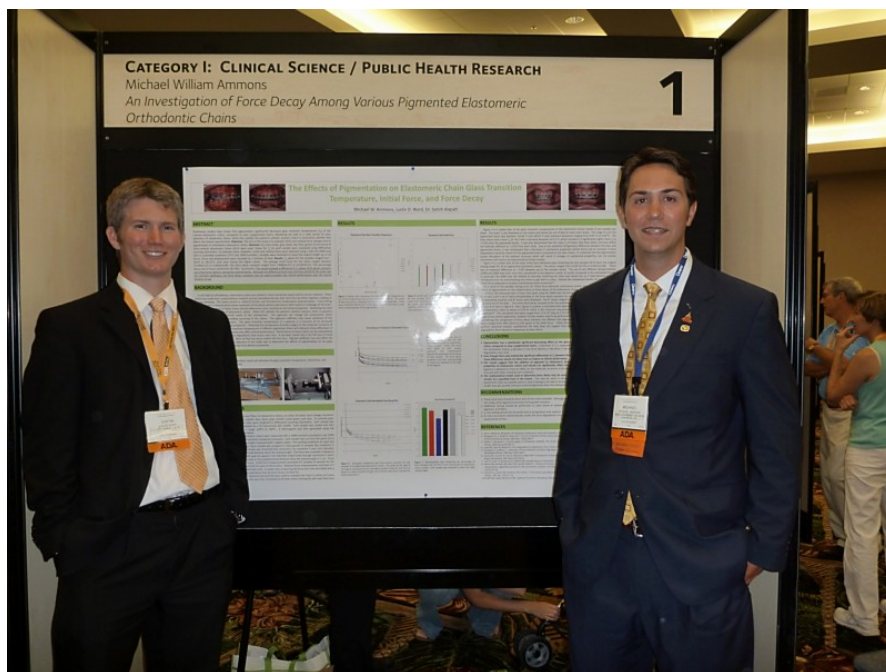
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MUSC Represented in Student Research Competition in Hawaii

By Michael Ammons

At this year's ADA annual session in Hawaii, Dentsply and the ADA sponsored the 50th annual SCADA Student Clinician Research Poster Competition. Each dental school across the nation participated in the competition and those posters, as well as 19 international student posters, were available for viewing as part of the CE curriculum at the ADA Convention. MUSC was represented by two students, Michael Ammons and Justin Ward. Their project titled, "The Effects of Pigmentation on Elastomeric Chain Glass Transition Temperature, Initial Force, and Force Decay," is on the forefront of research investigating pigmentation effects on orthodontic bands. They found that the pigments added to colored orthodontic bands do not have a clinical effect on the physical properties that dictate their performance. Michael and Justin received the honor of representing MUSC by winning the ASDA MUSC Table Clinics back in February 2009. Fast forwarding to Hawaii, the competition included two categories: basic science and clinical research. Following the competition, Dentsply and the ADA sponsored an award ceremony and luau to honor all the participants and announce the winners. During the award ceremony, a few of the student participants from the first competition in 1959 were recognized, including Dr. Gordon Christianson. Also, ADA President John Findley spoke about the importance of the program and how these students will make up the future leaders of the dental profession. The celebration continued at the luau as Polynesian dancers wowed the crowd with their rhythmic dances and fire show. All in all the experience was one that no one there will forget.



MUSC students Justin Ward (on the left) and Michael Ammons (on the right) at the Dentsply/ADA Student Clinician Research Poster Competition.

Doral Wins Contract for South Carolina Medicaid Dental Program

Doral Dental USA, the nation's leading multi-state administrator of government dental programs, received a contract award from the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) to serve as its Medicaid Dental Administrative Service Organization (ASO). Doral is owned by DentaQuest, headquartered in Boston, Mass. Doral will undergo a name change in December 2009 and assume the name DentaQuest.



This name change comes as Doral's parent company, DentaQuest, has consolidated all its government and commercial business lines under a single brand. Aside from the administration of dental benefits, DentaQuest's business components include DentaQuest Institute, which conducts oral health research; DentaQuest Foundation, which promotes oral health through philanthropy; and DentaQuest Oral Health Center, which employs evidence-based technology in the delivery of cost-effective dental care.

Doral was selected as the winning bidder for a multi-year contract to service the Medicaid dental program beginning April 1, 2010. Doral will be responsible for enrolling and maintaining the dental provider network, adjudicating provider claims and providing outreach services for more than 772,000 beneficiaries enrolled in the program. In addition, SCDHHS has charged Doral with reducing the administrative burden on dental providers, improving utilization management, and implementing fraud and abuse prevention procedures.

Rebekah Steen will serve as Doral's South Carolina Operations Project Manager for the state Medicaid dental program. She will maintain communications with SCDHHS staff and overall program management.

Prior to accepting the position as the Operations Project Manager, Ms. Steen worked with Doral as a consultant and lobbyist for three years. She has developed relationships with South Carolina's oral health stakeholders, and will continue to build on those relationships with advocacy groups, organized dentistry and other organizations which share Doral's mission of improving the oral health of underserved children and adults.

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Rebekah Steen, South Carolina Operations Project Manager

1 out of every 10 dentists will suffer from alcohol or drug abuse at some time in their lives.

If you or someone you know needs help, contact the SCDA's Dental Assistance and Advocacy Committee: 800.327.2598

Are You Retiring?

Please Notify the SCDA!

Call the SCDA office and ask for a retired affidavit so that you can continue to receive all the member benefits you've come to enjoy and expect, but at a quarter of the cost! You can also request a free copy of "Closing a Dental Practice" or click [here](#) to go to the SCDA's website to download a copy. Contact Christy Meador at 800-327-2598 or by emailing her at meadorc@scda.org.

COASTAL DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

FALL MEETING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH 2009

**OMAR SHRINE CENTER
176 PATRIOTS POINT BLVD.
MT. PLEASANT, SC 29464**

BREAKFAST: 7-8 AM

BUSINESS MEETING: 8-9 AM

SEMINAR: 9 AM-12 PM

James B. Jackson, D.D.S

**“Investing for the Long Run – Advice and Strategies for Dentists and
Dental Auxiliaries”**

Please return this form and payment by October 30th, 2009 to:

Dr. Geoff Steinkruger
1064 Gardner Rd. Suite 103
Charleston, SC 29407

Please list names of all staff members attending: _____

CDDS Member attending Seminar and Breakfast	no charge	_____
Auxiliary/Staff attending Seminar and Breakfast	\$25.00	_____
SCDA Member (non-CDDS) (including Breakfast)	\$50.00	_____
Non-SCDA Member (including Breakfast)	\$100.00	_____
	Total\$	_____

Please indicate how many will be attending breakfast _____

Make all checks payable to Coastal District Dental Society

The board members of the CDDS hope you will attend this meeting not only for education, but also camaraderie and reconnecting with friends. Please consider contacting a colleague and coming together. We look forward to seeing you!

Cutting Through The Red Tape: Infection Control & OSHA Update

January 15, 2010 • 8:30 am-12:30 pm

4 CEUs

Midlands Technical College • Academic Center Auditorium

Speaker: Dr. John Molinari, Director of Infection Control, The Dental Advisor



This course includes:

- Infection control recommendations vs. OSHA regulations
- OSHA bloodborne pathogens standard
- Components of standard
- Bloodborne pathogens update
- Pos-exposure management protocols
- Hand hygiene
- Handwashing & Alcohol-based hand sanitizers
- Infection control techniques
- Personal protective equipment
- Instrument sterilization & reprocessing
- Environment surface asepsis
- Disposable covers
- Surface disinfectants—sprays vs. wipes
- Dental waterline asepsis

Dr. John Molinari

Dr. Molinari received a B.A. in Biology from St. Vincent College and a Ph.D. in Microbiology from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. He is currently Director of Infection Control for THE DENTAL ADVISOR in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Previously, he was a full-time faculty member at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry for 32 years, where he served as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Biomedical Sciences. He has published over 300 scientific articles, text chapters, and abstracts in the areas of microbiology and immunology, and lectures nationally and internationally on topics dealing with infectious diseases and infection control.

Fees:	Before 1/3/10	After 1/3/10
SCDAA Members	30.00	35.00
Non-members	40.00	45.00
Hygienists	40.00	45.00
Doctors	50.00	55.00
Students	5.00	10.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please make checks payable to: South Carolina Dental Assistants Association

Mail check and form to:

**Elaine Evans, CDA
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Dental office for rent or rent w/ option to buy; located at I-20 & Bush River Rd in Columbia; 1800 SF; ample parking; currently used as a dental office; available on June 1, 2009; call 803-732-2302 or 803-237-5552.

Available Dental Suite +1825 Sq.Ft for lease \$4,200/ month w/ long term options in Beautiful Mount Pleasant S.C. centrally located Dental Office. Right off Highway 17 just 5 traffic lights from The Gorgeous New Bridge and Downtown to the south and 4 traffic lights to the North is Mt Pleasant Town Center and the Isle of Palms Connector. This Dental office space is ideal. At 1051 Johnnie Dodds Ste B, MtP SC 29464. Right across 17 from the Mount Pleasant Post Office, Chick-Fil-A and Publix. We are a block from East Cooper Hospital and I-526 on ramp. Office space is plumbed for dental, painted, and has new flooring. It needs countertops and dental equipment to start producing. You pick countertops, install chairs, computers and staff means your ready to go. 3 weeks from signing lease to seeing patients. I am practicing in next office over suite A and can show it anytime. I started from scratch next door 7 years ago and have not looked back! Wonderful area to live practice and love. Easy commute, minimal traffic, and off to the beaches on those early afternoons. Call Dr. Joe Gillespie for viewing appointments and Start Your Dream Practice O 843-388-9690 M 843-817-6885.

#49103—General Dentist seeking to purchase a practice producing \$500K annually in the HHI area of South Carolina. Please contact Scott Carringer at Henry Schein Professional Practice Transitions at 704-622-7558 or 800-730-8883.

COLUMBIA: Well established practice located in a great area for over 30 years. On track to collect \$1.5M in 2009. The facility has 12 operatories. This would be an excellent opportunity for a purchaser to move his or her practice into a larger facility. For more information please call 678-482-7305 or email robin@southeasttransitions.com.

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CHARLESTON AREA: Practice grossing just under \$1M, in a very desirable location in Charleston. This 6 operatory facility has terrific growth potential. If you would like to be in Charleston this would be a great practice for you. For more information please call 678-482-7305 or email robin@southeasttransitions.com.

Help Wanted

WANTED: Dental Assistant (full time) in Pawleys Island. Seeking an experienced assistant with a warm, caring personality and excellent communication skills. Salary and benefits based on experience and abilities. Emphasis on professional and personal development through continuing education courses. If you are career-minded, personally stable, and health-centered in lifestyle, email your resume to pawley-sendo@hotmail.com or mail your resume to PO Box 4776, Pawleys Island SC 29585.

- Classified advertising is \$35 on a per issue basis. There is no charge for Help Wanted/Job Wanted (Job Bank) ads for members. The public can place ads for \$35 on a per issue basis. Ads are posted to the SCDA website during the month(s) of publication at no additional charge.
- All ad copies and cancellations must be received no later than 7 business days prior to publication, which will occur on the first of the month, with remittances accompanying the ads.
- Job Bank ads can be kept confidential if so desired. If you are interested in receiving information from or submitting information to the Job Bank, please call the SCDA office.
- If you have registered with us previously and have found work or filled your position, please let us know so that we can take your name out of our files.
- Contact: SCDA Bulletin, ATTN: Communications Coordinator, 120 Stonemark Lane, Columbia, SC 29210; call 800-327-2598; fax 803-750-1644; email haworthj@scda.org

Experienced expanded duty dental assistant. Must have excellent computer skills; put patient care FIRST; be a TEAM player. FLEXIBILITY is a must as well as the willingness to make changes. State of the art facility in North Myrtle Beach. Send your resume to 2188 Eastwoods Drive, Conway SC 29526. All resumes held with complete confidentiality.

Wanted: General Dentist as associate in Growing Lowcountry practice. Call 843-549-2121.

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Certified Dental Assistant wanted for NE Columbia general office. Looking for a caring, friendly, experienced assistant who works well in a team oriented environment. Great place to work, competitive salary and benefits. Please submit resumes to 803-462-9688.

Help Wanted - Front Desk Person for North Strand Area of Myrtle Beach, SC. Must be experienced, courteous, work well w/ coworkers and can handle the challenges of the front desk and helping patients. Send resume to: 2188 Eastwoods Drive, Conway SC 29526. All resumes held with complete confidentiality.

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The South Carolina Department of Corrections is seeking qualified applicants for Director of Dental Services. Location: Office of Medical & Health Services, Columbia (Richland). Salary: \$71,775-\$96,119. Benefits: 15 days annual leave, 15 days sick leave, medical and dental insurance, paid holidays, deferred compensation, police retirement, flexible scheduling. To apply for this position contact: SCDC Employment Office 4502 Broad River Rd, Columbia SC 29210 800-332-5627 <http://www.doc.sc.gov/> (To download application) Fax completed applications to 803-896-1671 or email in an attachment to employment@doc.state.sc.us. This position will remain open until filled. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

An orthodontic assistant is needed for a progressive and reputable practice in Duncan, SC. Prior orthodontic or dental experience is preferred, but not a requirement if you have good hand-eye coordination and enjoy working with kids and adults. If you are interested in becoming part of our team, we encourage you to fax us your resume and a letter stating why you feel you would be an excellent addition to our office to 864.486.8688.

Full or part-time dentist needed in Murrells Inlet or Georgetown area. 5 years or more experience preferred. Fax resume to 843-215-0650 or call 843-215-0579 and ask for Linda.

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Dentist needed two days a week in our Columbia practice. Call 803-252-8101 or fax resume to 803-779-7721.

Help Wanted - Chairside dental assistant with x-ray certification wanted for established dental practice. Be part of a great dental team. Please send resume to: Office Manager, PO Box 513, Newberry SC 29108. You may contact our office at 803-276-8087.

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Dentist available for locum tenens. Available weekly or monthly. General Dentistry. 20 years plus private practice, 8 years contract dentistry. Private practice, city and county dental clinics. Dr. Garland L. Slagle (843) 837-4126.

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Conscientious, general dentist available on a short-term, as-needed basis. I am a 1990 MUSC graduate, Furman alumnus, and native of Spartanburg, South Carolina, who enjoys treating children and adults. Please contact Randy Johnson at 864-764-2951 or rjofsc@nctv.com.
