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Dr. Ron Barrett

By Dr. Gene Atkinson, SCDA Historian



Dr. Ron Barrett died on July 28, 2021. He had a long and distinguished career in dentistry in Gaffney, S.C. Ron was the president of the South Carolina Dental Association from 1987-1988. Here is his biography below from the History of the South Carolina Dental Association, 150th Anniversary written by Dr. Gene Atkinson, SCDA Historian.

Dr. Ron Barrett was born in 1942 in Westminster, South Carolina to Frank and Sara Barrett. He attended the public schools in Westminster while growing up there. Dr. Barrett's college education was obtained at Clemson University where he graduated in 1964. This was followed by his dental education at the University of Louisville's School of Dentistry with his graduation in 1968. Dr. Barrett served in the United States Army Dental Corps from 1968 to 1972 where he completed an internship at Fort Jackson, South Carolina before being assigned overseas in Germany.

Dr. Barrett opened his practice of general dentistry in Gaffney, South Carolina in 1972 and practiced there for 41 years. Through the years he has served as president of the Spartanburg County Dental Society, the Piedmont District Dental Society, and the South Carolina Academy of General Dentistry. From 1987 to 1988 Dr. Barrett had the distinction of serving as the president of the entire South Carolina Dental Association. Among the issues facing Dr. Barrett during his term as president were conducting a search for a new Executive Director of the SCDA, and dealing with the beginnings of OSHA becoming involved in dentistry.

Dr. Barrett served on the South Carolina State Board of Dentistry from 1996 to 2001 and was its president in 2001. He also served as an Alternate Delegate to the American Dental Association's House of Delegates. Dr. Barrett was one of only a few dentists in South Carolina to achieve the Mastership level in the Academy of General Dentistry.

For his outstanding service to dentistry through the years, Dr. Barrett was selected to become a Fellow in the International College of Dentists, the Pierre Fauchard Academy, and the American College of Dentists. He served as the Regent for South Carolina for the ICD for a number of years.

In 2003 the South Carolina Dental Association awarded Dr. Barrett their most prestigious award, the George P. Hoffman Award, for his outstanding service to dentistry and the community.

Civically Dr. Barrett served as president of the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce as well as president of the local Salvation Army on two different occasions. Additionally he was on the Limestone College Board of Trustees where he served as its chairman. Dr. Barrett also served on the Cherokee County Foundation and the Board of Directors of the Cherokee County Heart Association. Additionally Dr. Barrett was president of the Cherokee County YMCA and the Sertoma Club.

At Buford Street United Methodist Church Dr. Barrett has served as the chairman of the Administrative Council and the Finance Committee. He has taught Sunday School for a number of years as well as served on the Day Care Committee. Later on he became an active member of First Baptist in Westminster.

Among Dr. Barrett's hobbies are playing golf, tree farming, and enjoying his grandchildren. As a long distance runner, he has qualified to run in the prestigious Boston Marathon and the New York Marathon on three occasions each.

Dr. Barrett married the former Mary Nell Grubbs, and they have two daughters, Meridith and Kristen.

The South Carolina Dental Association is most appreciative to Dr. Ron Barrett for his many years of love and devotion to the profession of dentistry and the South Carolina Dental Association.



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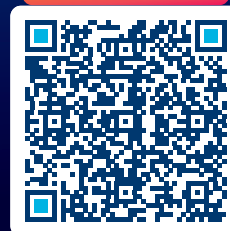
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Executive Director's Notes

By Phil Latham, SCDA Executive Director



Phil Latham

There have been several updates voted upon and approved by the South Carolina State Board of Dentistry (SCSBD) in recent months and to make sure everyone is aware of these changes, please review closely the below as it relates to: Home Sleep Test, Continuing Education Requirements and the use of Lasers in the dental office.

Home Sleep Test

At the recent meeting of the SCSBD meeting on July 9, 2021, the Board voted to approve the proposed policy regarding dental ordering of home sleep test:

"If screening suspicions dictate, a licensed dentist in South Carolina may order a Home Sleep Test (HST), which will be read, interpreted and a diagnosis be rendered by a South Carolina licensed sleep physician, with results, diagnosis and therapeutic recommendations provided by that physician as part of the dentist's ongoing care of their patients."

Parties interested in further information regarding this policy may contact the State Board office at contact.dentistry@llr.sc.gov.

Continuing Education

Continuing education is a requirement of renewal per South Carolina Regulation 39-5(F). The current renewal continuing education cycle is January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

At the SCSBD meeting on April 12, 2021, the Board voted to waive the 50% online continuing education restriction for the current continuing education cycle. This means that for the current renewal, 100% of continuing education may be obtained online during the time period of January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2022. For the following renewal, the 50% online CE allowance will go back into effect.

In addition, all dentists and dental hygienists must have completed an approved CPR course within two (2) years of licensure or renewal. Thereafter, all dentists and dental hygienists must be recertified in CPR once every two years. This is a change from the CPR requirement of recertification every (3) years.

Laser in the Dental Office

Regarding the use of lasers in the dental office:

1. Prior to utilizing a laser, a licensee must first successfully complete training that covers, at a minimum, laser physics, safety, and appropriate use of the laser. A licensee must also complete an interactive training that addresses operation of the specific laser(s) utilized in the practice. The initial training must include a minimum of 12 hours of instruction and must be obtained through a course provided or recognized by any of the following organizations (or a successor organization):
 - (a) The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA);
 - (b) The American Dental Association (ADA) Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP);
 - (c) The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) Program for Continuing Education (PACE);
 - (d) The American Medical Association (AMA).A dental licensee who has more than three (3) years of experience using lasers is exempt from the training requirements set forth in Reg. 39-9 provided that the three (3) years of experience is obtained prior to January 1, 2021.
2. A licensee utilizing a laser, other than what is described in Section A, must maintain evidence of training as required herein and submit such evidence to the Board upon request.
3. All lasers must be used in accordance with accepted safety guidelines E. When utilizing a laser pursuant to this Section, the licensee must document the following information, at a minimum, in the patient's record:
 - (1) the type of laser utilized, to include the wavelength of the laser;
 - (2) the settings used, such as pulse or continuous wave, and the power setting;
 - (3) local anesthesia used, if any; and
 - (4) the procedure attempted/performed, including details as to whether hard or soft tissue was removed.

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President's Message

By Dr. Julia Mikell, SCDA President



Dr. Julia Mikell

The South Carolina Dental Association (SCDA) serves its members in numerous ways, but there is one arm of the SCDA that actually puts money in your pocket - SCDA Members Benefits Group (MBG) whose endorsed vendors create savings that add up to much more than the annual dues. SCDA MBG is a for-profit subsidiary of the SCDA that was established in 1997 for the purpose of managing the benefits for the members of the SCDA. Maintaining current endorsements and constantly pursuing further services advantageous to the members and two heir practices is the backbone of SCDA MBG. They offer a wide variety of services and benefits at significant savings to SCDA members only. The MBG Endorsed Vendors have changed over time and the SCDA staff is there to take care of us. Please click here for the list of all member savings that SCDA MBG has secured for you.

<https://www.scda.org/member-benefits/member-savings>

The newest addition to the MBG endorsed vendor list is a dental supply vendor that is getting excellent reviews, **SCDA Supplies**, part of Source One, has been in business for over 10 years, operating endorsed supply programs for 11 state dental associations and growing, with the Texas Dental Association being the flagship program.

SCDA Supplies offers discounted dental supplies for all members of the SCDA. The payoff is especially BIG for the solo and small group practices because SCDA supplies levels the supply pricing playing field. For years we've known that large groups can negotiate discounts from the big dental suppliers. With SCDA Supplies, all members pay the same low price, regardless of practice size or order volume. SCDA members can save up to 20% or more on dental supplies. More than 60,000 products from more than 500 brands (most available through dealers) are listed. SCDA supplies also offers:

- 100% Free Shipping on everything, regardless of order size, no exceptions;
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- Order accuracy through advanced warehouse automation and quality control;
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- NO gray market, expired or counterfeit items. All products are from direct manufacturers and authorized dealers.

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- No commissioned sales people; and
- No additional warehouse needed, all items are drop shipped directly from the manufacturer or distributor.

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<https://www.scda.org/scdasupplies>

We all know the scenario when it comes to sales, the last one in the door leaves with the gets the business. The same is true when we shop around for the best price on dental supplies. There is no doubt some of you will take the low prices from SCDA Supplies and ask your favorite supply rep to match the prices, and they will!

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How Do I Dispose of Old Computers and Devices?

By Robert McDermott, President and CEO, iCoreConnect, an SCDA Endorsed Company



You are an expert at disposing of amalgam waste, sharps, disinfectants and other dental waste. But disposing of old computers, servers, cell phones and even fax machines requires a different kind of expertise. Just as the biohazardous waste must be disposed of safely, it can be dangerous to your practice if data isn't removed or destroyed from your old technology.

Don't worry, there is no need to go "Office Space" on your machines and destroy them with a baseball bat. Here are three tips to safely dispose of your old technology.

Step 1: Backup your data

If your practice management system, HIPAA-compliant email, e-Prescribing etc. is cloud-based, your data backup couldn't be any simpler - because it's already done! Familiar with the term "cloud-based software" but not sure what it means? Compliant cloud-based technology simply means all of your practice records and files are stored and backed up on servers located in secure centers around the country. No data is stored on your computer or in your office unless you copy and save files directly to your computer. Many cloud backups are automatic and happen continuously to prevent any kind of loss.

Not in the cloud? You have a couple of options: Save all your files to an external hard drive or transfer your files from your old computer to your new computer. With your new computer or server, you'll want to back up your files using a fully compliant and secure cloud service every day. This offers greater protection of your data in case of a system or drive failure, loss, theft or cybercrime like ransomware.

Step 2: Don't just delete, "overwrite" your old hard drives

Let's start with possibly the most important point, don't just simply delete files from your old computer. Even though you can't see them, the computer can. With the files still there, a cybercriminal can find and steal the data. You can download software programs that will erase your hard drive for good using a method called "overwriting." You can choose varying degrees of overwrite protection.

A second option is to check your computer for a function or a program to "clean install" your computer. This reset installs the computer's original operating system and erases all files from the hard drive, provided you select an "overwrite" option.

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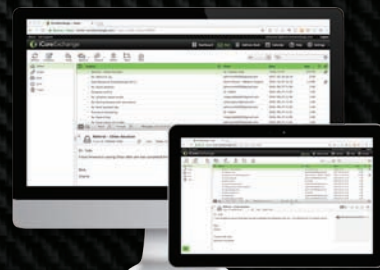
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Servers follow the same fundamentals as computers but can be more complicated with more storage devices. It would be wise to engage the services of an IT professional or Managed IT Services Provider to transfer data and destroy your server's old hard drives.

Step 3: Donate or Destroy

Once you have saved all your current records and properly erased or reset your old computers and smartphones, you can donate or recycle your machines and devices. Local governments often have electronic disposal locations and Goodwill is another great option.

There are also Managed IT Service Providers who specialize in dental IT infrastructure. These experts can help you safely and confidently say goodbye to the old, and make sure your new tech runs smoothly and is monitored for a longer, better performing and more secure lifespan. Cloud-based computing allows these experts to provide care for your practice with instant upgrades and updates handled remotely. Fortunately, with careful actions, your machines and devices may find new life, without the threat of stolen information.

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Large, Multi-Practice organization with strong mission to provide quality dental care to underserved families is seeking an Associate or General Dentist. **Multiple South Carolina** locations- Charleston, Rock Hill, Sumter, Orangeburg. Fantastic sign-on bonus- student loan repayment- multiple schedule options. Traveling dentists welcome to apply. rathomas@benevis.com.

Do you love children? Childrens Dental Group is seeking a motivated dentist to serve our community at our privately owned **practice in Irmo**, 1-5 days/week. Competitive & fair compensation. Come join the fun with our amazing team! Please send CV to tonia@childrensdentalgroupsc.com or 803-600-7211.

Dentist needed for school-based dental program in **Barnwell, SC** and other counties. Must work well with young children. Please call 305-972-7392 for more information.

Growing family dental practice is seeking a highly motivated **Primary Dentist** to provide quality, comprehensive dentistry, work with a seasoned staff without the headaches associated with practice management. Fully digital with CEREC in office. Top compensation, health benefits, minimum daily guarantee, re-imburement for Malpractice Insurance, CE's and Training. daoe0414@gmail.com.

Looking for an **associate dentist** to join our fee for service state of the art cosmetic practice in North Myrtle Beach SC. Fully digital practice with great staff focusing on quality cosmetic dentistry with a personal touch. smile@yourcarolinasmile.com.

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Well established practice with a new facility in the SC side of the greater Charlotte area looking for an **insurance and billing coordinator/office manager**. Experience with dental insurance a must. Competitive pay with a full benefits package. Please send resumes to scresumes123@gmail.com.

Help wanted: **Dental Hygienist** Looking for a passionate Registered Hygienist Tuesday-Thursday 2-3 days a week may turn into fulltime Dentrix software, Dexis call ask for Ashley 864-233-4166.

Greenwood- Full time, part time Registered Dental Hygienist needed. Ability to communicate periodontal and oral health, as well as treatment needs. Email resumes to gracestreetdental@gmail.com.

Full time hygienist needed in **Aiken SC**. Working 4 days a week. Offer competitive pay and benefits. Email resumes to northaikendental@att.net.

Dental Hygienist needed full time in **Irmo/Ballentine**. Hours 8-5 Monday-Thursday. 401K profit sharing program. Contact Mary 803-749-6072 or acm5765@aol.com.

Full/Part time **hygienist** needed at Happy Teeth in Myrtle Beach, SC. Monday-Friday 9-5 optional occasional Saturdays. Must work well with young children and be able to communicate treatment needs. Competitive pay and benefits. Email resumes to happyteethmb@gmail.com.

Experienced **Hygienist** needed full time for well established practice. Benefits include sick days, vacation, holidays, retirement plan and bonuses. Email resumes to reception@lowcountrysmiles.com.

Irmo dental office needs full time registered **dental hygienist** to complete our patient-focused team. Monday-Thursday, 8-5. Paid vacation and holidays, insurance stipend, 401k. 2+ years experience. Half day Friday optional. Sherryrauchdds@gmail.com.

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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. \$25,000 OBO call 803-617-8701.

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Well-established general dental practice for sale in **Newberry, SC**. loyal and consistent patient base. 5 ops in 2,177 sq. ft. of space. 2020 collections were approx. \$600,000 with the selling doctor seeing patients 4 days per week. Matt.kosciewicz@mcgillhillgroup.com.

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Real estate available **Aiken County** area: 2019 collections of \$584K on a 4-day workweek. Digital PAN, digital x-ray, 3-ops, and a loyal patient base. Great as a main office or satellite; an easy commute from Aiken or Lexington. Package deal for purchasing practice and real estate. SC-6700 Contact: AFTCO 800.232.3826

\$1M Metro Columbia: Huge opportunity for a clinical dentist to own two practices collecting over \$1M. Both are FFS/PPO, no Medicaid with a large active patient base. They have a robust hygiene program and an excellent recall system. The seller is willing to stay on post-sale. SC-6608 Contact: AFTCO 800.232.3826

Columbia, SC Implant-centric Merger Opportunity Desirable community, minutes from downtown-12 operatories with expansion opportunity for 2 additional ops. Large office building real estate for sale. Collections of \$1.34 million & EBITDA \$132,000. 3,700 active patients & 50 new patients/month. Contact Professional Transition Strategies to learn more: sam@professionaltransition.com or 719.694.8320.

Savannah, GA Periodontal Practice for Sale-Six operatories with an expansion opportunity for an additional op. The current doctor is interested in a partnership with another dentist. 75 new patient referrals/month (with no marketing)! Collections \$1.4 M & EBITDA \$335,000. To learn more, contact Sam Schoenecker with Professional Transition Strategies: sam@professionaltransition.com or give us a call: 719.694.8320.

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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 professionally de-installed. \$35,000 contact charles@mstxs.com or 843-697-7567.

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